

**CANADIAN LEGION PILGRIMAGE**

to

**VIMY RIDGE**

for the

**UNVEILING OF THE**

**CANADIAN NATIONAL**

**WAR MEMORIAL**

by

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on

**SUNDAY, JULY 26th, 1936.**

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**THIS TELLS YOU ALL ABOUT  
YOUR JOURNEY.**

## A PERSONAL MESSAGE

You are proud to be a member of this wonderful Pilgrimage of Remembrance. Will you please help in making it a complete success by observing punctuality in carrying out the arrangements outlined in this programme? Thus you will assist the organisation, and contribute to your own comfort and that of your fellow pilgrims.

Thank you.

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**THE FACE OF THE CLOCK.** Continental railway timings are on the 24-hour system, which has been adopted for the timings shown in this programme. For example, 6.0 a.m. is shown as 6.0, but 6.0 p.m. is 18.00; midnight is 24.00.

### SATURDAY, JULY 25th.

**DISEMBARKATION AT ANTWERP** will be early in the morning. You are advised to make a hearty breakfast, as luncheon will be a late meal to-day.

**BAGGAGE.** You cannot take any baggage with you to-day. You have been given a haversack in which to carry necessities for the two nights you will be away from the ship.

**ENTRAINING.** You will travel by the **YELLOW** train, i.e., the train and its compartments will bear labels printed "**CANADIAN LEGION PILGRIMAGE**" on **YELLOW** paper.

Please make your way to the **YELLOW** train as quickly as possible after disembarking, and take your seat. You will find your seat number marked on your membership card.

**TIME-TABLE.** This is the scheduled time-table:—

Leave <b>Antwerp</b> (Sud Quai)	...	...	...	7.45
Arrive <b>Arras</b>	...	...	...	12.08

(The train may stop occasionally on its journey to Arras, but on no account should you get out, as it may start again without warning, and you would be left behind).

**AT ARRAS.** Please detrain quickly. Outside the Station you will see two groups of motor coaches marked:—

“**BATTLEFIELDS CIRCUIT**” for the Battlefields drive,  
**Drive No. 5** leaving at 14.00 (2.0 p.m.)

“**WAR BILLETS**” ... for the War Billeting Areas drive,  
**Drive No. 105** leaving at 14.00 (2.0 p.m.)

Kindly take your seat quickly in one of the coaches for whichever drive you have selected. You will be driven to the Restaurant Tre Fleuri for luncheon, and will leave at 14.00 (2 p.m.) for the drive. Here are the itineraries:—

**The Battlefields Drive.** When the drive commences please refer to the map in your Legion handbook, then you will not miss any points of interest on the way. Short halts will be made at Canadian Memorials. So that there may be no delay to other coaches, please take your seat again as quickly as possible after visiting the Memorial. Don't wander away, as the coach cannot wait for you.

The drive includes Bapaume, Courcellette (Canadian Memorial), Pozieres, Cambrai, Bourlon Wood (Canadian Memorial), Dury (Canadian Memorial), Vitry en Artois, Douai, thence to LILLE, where you spend the night. (Your membership card tells you the name of the establishment where you will sleep).

The **War Billeting** Areas drive is via Anzin, Mt. St. Eloi, Camblain l'Abbe, Estree Cauchy, Rebrenve, Ranchicourt, Houdain, Divion, Buray-les-Mines, Bethune, Noeux-les-Mines, Bully Grenay, Aix Noulette, Souchez, Lens, round to LILLE, where you spend the night. Your membership card tells you the name of the establishment where you will sleep. Short halts of 10 minutes only, will be made at each of the Billeting villages. Please rejoin the coach at the end of that time, so as not to cause delay. Don't wander away, as the coach cannot wait for you.

## SUNDAY, JULY 26th.

**TIME OF DEPARTURE.** The motor coach will leave LILLE at 8.00 via Seclin, Caroin, and Lens, and reach Vimy Ridge about 9 o'clock.

**LUNCHEON BOX.** Before you leave for VIMY RIDGE make sure you get your luncheon box.

**AT VIMY RIDGE.** The unveiling ceremony will take place at 14.30, so you will have ample time to visit the Ridge with its trenches and tunnels before the ceremony begins. Owing to the large crowds of civilians expected to be present, you are strongly advised to make such visits early, and not defer them until after the ceremony.

Canteens and lavatories will be found on the Ridge.

**WARNING.** You are particularly warned against touching grenades, shells, loose wire, and suchlike objects in the War area. Even with this lapse of time, there is danger in handling such objects.

Do not drop lighted matches, cigarette ends, contents of pipes, etc., on the Ridge; there is danger of fire if the weather be dry.

**YOUR BERET.** It is absolutely essential that you wear your beret at the unveiling ceremony. Without it you will not be admitted to the special place reserved for you in front of the Memorial.

**THE CEREMONY.** You must be in your allotted place in front of the Memorial by 1.30 p.m. This is very important.

**AFTER THE CEREMONY.** The motor coach will leave at 18.15 for the return journey to LILLE.

## MONDAY, JULY 27th.

**MORNING DRIVES.** The following drives will be arranged:—



"BATTLEFIELDS CIRCUIT" The Battlefields of Ypres,  
Drive No. 5 leaving at 8.00.

"WAR BILLETS" ... To the War Billeting Areas,  
Drive No. 105 leaving at 7.00.

Please be punctual, as the motor coach cannot wait.

**The Ypres Battlefields Drive** is via Ypres—the Menin Gate—Menin Road—Hell Fire Corner—Maple Avenue—Hill 62 and Sanctuary Wood, with Canadian Memorial and trenches—Zonnebeke—Tyne Cot cemetery—Passchendaele with Canadian Memorial—St. Julien Canadian Memorial—Weiltje—St. Jean—returning to Ypres at 10.15. Then you visit Vlamertinghe—Poperinghe—Reninghelst—La Clytte—Dickebusch—St. Eloi—Wyschaete—Messines—Ploegsteert and Armentieres, continuing to LILLE for luncheon. (You will have a card telling you the name of the establishment where luncheon will be served).

Use your map in the Legion handbook, please.

Please take your seat again quickly after visiting the Memorials. Do not wander away, as the coach cannot wait for you.

**The War Billeting Areas Drive** is via Ypres—Armentieres—Le Bizet—Neuve Eglise—Kemmel—Dickebusch—Elverdinghe—Vlamertinghe—Poperinghe—Abeelee—Steenworde—Hazebrouck—Bailleul—back to Armentieres—thence to LILLE, where luncheon will be served. (You will have a card giving the name of the establishment).

Halts of 10 minutes duration will be made at the various Billeting villages. Please do not exceed this time, as the coach cannot wait for you.

**ENTRAINING.** At the Station please take your seat in the YELLOW train. You will find your seat number marked on your membership card.

**TIME-TABLE.** Leave Lille ... .. 16.15  
Arrive Antwerp (Sud Quai) ... 19.24

**EMBARKATION.** Detrain, please, as quickly as possible, and embark on the s.s. "MONTROSE."

DINNER will be served as soon as possible after embarkation.

## TUESDAY, JULY 28th.

**Arrive in England.** The s.s. "MONTROSE" is due at Tilbury (up the Thames) about 8 a.m.

**DISSEMBARKATION.** Please be ready to disembark on arrival, and take your place in the train. You will receive a card corresponding in colour with the labels on the train by which you are to travel to London.

**THE TRAIN.** You will not have a numbered seat for the journey to London, but each compartment is labelled with the name of a London hotel. Kindly travel in one which bears the name of the hotel at which your accommodation has been reserved. This is important.

**BAGGAGE ARRANGEMENTS.** Only one suitcase is transported from the ship to the Hotel free of charge, and one coloured tie-on tag is supplied to you to be attached to it. On the voyage from Montreal you will have made arrangements for the disposal of any additional pieces of baggage you may have brought. With such a large bulk of baggage to be handled, up to two hours may elapse after your arrival in the London hotel, before your luggage reaches you.

**ARRIVAL IN LONDON.** A motor coach will take you from the Station to your Hotel, where bedroom is provided. *Note, please, that luncheons and dinners are at your own expense whilst you are in London.*

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 29th, to FRIDAY, JULY 31st.

In **London.** Thos. Cook & Son's arrangements for you, cover bed and breakfast **ONLY** on these three days.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST, 1st.

Thos. Cook & Son's arrangements for you end with breakfast this morning.