AROUND ARRAS
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Leslie Savill died during the Battle of Arras. From Buckinghamshire, Leslie served with the Howe Battalion of the Royal Naval Division. He was killed in action on 24 April 1917. He was 18 years old.

Commemorated on Bay 1 of the Arras Memorial.
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Some of those buried around Arras were brought from elsewhere after the Armistice. One was Charles Masefield, who had been awarded the Military Cross for bravery. He died after being wounded in action on 2 July 1917 near Lens, and is now buried in Plot 6, Row H, Grave 23.

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In the spring of 1917, the Allies launched a major offensive against the German Army on the Western Front. British Empire troops attacked the formidable German defences around Arras. Fighting through snow and icy mud, they made significant advances and the Canadian Corps took Vimy Ridge. But the battle soon became a bloody stalemate.

Over 38 days, some 300,000 servicemen on both sides were wounded, missing or killed. The British Army suffered an average of 4,000 casualties every day – a higher rate than any other British offensive on the Western Front. For many, the fighting they experienced at Arras was the most brutal of the war.
KEY SITES
1. **CABARET-ROUGE BRITISH CEMETERY**  
   *5000F Rue Carnot, 62153, Souchez*  
   Named after a small red-brick café that stood nearby and was destroyed in 1915, this is the largest CWGC cemetery in the Arras area with over 7,650 graves.

2. **ARRAS MEMORIAL & FAUBOURG D’AMIENS CEMETERY**  
   *Boulevard du Général de Gaulle, 62000, Arras*  
   Just outside the centre of Arras, this cemetery is dwarfed by a memorial commemorating nearly 35,000 First World War soldiers of British, South African and New Zealand forces who have no known grave. Another memorial here commemorates 1,000 missing of the Flying Services.

3. **VIMY MEMORIAL**  
   *Chemin des Canadiens, 62580 Givenchy-en-Gohelle*  
   A must-see, the Vimy Memorial is dedicated to members of the Canadian forces who died during the First World War. It is also the place of commemoration for 11,000 Canadians with no known grave.

4. **MONCHY BRITISH CEMETERY**  
   *62118, Monchy-le-Preux*  
   Near the spot where Newfoundlanders fought in 1917, this small cemetery demonstrates how exquisite architecture could transform wartime burial places.

5. **BAILLEUL ROAD EAST CEMETERY**  
   *D919, 62223 Saint-Laurent-Blangy*  
   Among the 1,300 graves here is that of Isaac Rosenberg, one of Britain’s greatest war poets, who lost his life in 1918.
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) commemorates the 1.7 million Commonwealth servicemen and women who died in the two World Wars. It operates at 23,000 sites worldwide and in more than 150 countries and territories.

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