THE BATTLE OF MENIN ROAD RIDGE

September 20 -25, 1917: A revised British strategy begins at Ypres designed to wear down the Germans. It features a series of intensive, narrowly focused artillery and troop attacks with limited objectives, to be launched every six days. The first such attack, along the Menin Road toward Gheluvelt, produces a gain of about 1,000 yards with 22,000 British and Australian casualties. Subsequent attacks yield similar results.

TENNESSEE STATE MUSEUM EXHIBITS

The Yanks Are Coming! Tennesseans in World War I

The exhibit reflects Tennessee’s role in the war that came to be known as the “Great War.” Tennessee supplied more than 61,000 men to the Selective Service and 19,000 volunteers. Six Tennesseans would receive the Medal of Honor for their service.

The exhibit shares stories of soldiers such as Zephaniah Porter Broom of Inskip in Knox County, who exemplified the state’s volunteer spirit. He served with the 3rd Tennessee Infantry National Guard from 1910 until 1915. He enlisted as a private with the Canadian Army’s 70th Battalion in October 1915. While in the field the following June, he joined the ranks of the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry. In France, he was wounded by a machine gun bullet near the Somme in September 1916, and was returned to Canada. On October 1, 1917, he joined the U.S. Army and was assigned to Company C, 117th Infantry Regiment, 30th Division and trained at Camp Sevier, South Carolina. The 117th fought near Ypres, Belgium in 1918 and in several engagements on the Hindenburg Line. Broom was honorably discharged in April 1919. He died in 1979 at the age of 89 and is buried near Knoxville.

Remembering the World War I Doughboy: Tennesseans in World War I

The exhibit highlights the history behind the War Memorial Building which was built in 1925 as a result of Tennessee’s efforts to preserve the memory of those who fought and died in World War I.

Online Exhibition: Tennesseans in World War I

Honoring the Tennesseans who serviced during the war both at home and abroad. The First World War touched each of Tennessee’s ninety-five counties in different ways. This exhibit offers an example of wartime experiences for each county.

SEPTEMBER, 2017

September 15-17
Living History event at the Alvin C. York Historic Park, Pall Mall.

September 17, 2:30 - 4pm

September 7 - November 30
In the Footsteps of Sergeant York Exhibit, 6th Cavalry Museum, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

September 23, 9-4pm
Middle Tennessee Engine and Tractor Association Meeting in conjunction with TTU Agriculture Department’s Fall FunFest in Cookeville, Hyder Burks Facility, TTU, featuring Alvin C. York’s restored tractor and representatives of the Tennessee Great War Commission.

OCTOBER, 2017

October 6 - March 1
World War I and the Great Migration, exhibit at Fisk University’s Carl Van Vechten Gallery; It features works by Romare Bearden, Malvin Gray Johnson, Jacob Lawrence, William Edouard Scott, Albert E. Smith, and Henry Ossawa Tanner, curated by Nikko Paydar.

October 6 - November 30
Fisk University and the Student Army Training Corps, World War I, 1917-1918, exhibit at Fisk University’s Special Collections on the 2nd floor of the John Hope and Aurelia E. Franklin Library, curated by Nikko Paydar.

October 6-January 21

October-November
World War I Film Series
Chattanooga
OCTOBER (Continued)

October 6
“Mr. Sargent Goes to War,” presented by Richard Ormand, CBE, Frist Center for the Visual Arts Auditorium, 6:30pm.

October 9

October - November
Special Exhibit, “WWI Trench Art,” Vanderbilt Fine Art Gallery, Nashville, curated by Margaret Walker and featuring the collection of Dr. David McCoy.

October 8

October 20 - 21
“The Music of World War I,” concert narrated by Michael Lasser, with performances by Cindy Miller and Alan Jones, 6:30 p.m., Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville.

November 1-2
“Over There and Over Here: Digitization of World War I artifacts, Chattanooga Bicentennial Library; Wednesday, 2 - 6:30 p.m., Thursday: 9am-12pm.

November 1
“Tennessee’s African American Medical Corps,” presented by Linda Wynn, Erlanger Hospital Public Conference Room, 10:30am - 1pm.

November 2
World War I Poetry Readings, sponsored by the John Ross Chapter of the DAR, Chattanooga Downtown Public Library Conference Room, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

November 2

November 3
Teachers Workshop at GPS.

November 3
Living History, GPS.

November 3
A Question-and-Answer Session with Ernest Hemingway Biographer James McGrath Morris, Speaking on A Farewell to Arms, 11-11:50 am, Southern Writers Room (4th Floor) UTC Library, 600 Douglas Street Chattanooga.

November 3
(TBD) Historic Walking Tour of Chattanooga and the Great War, Maury Nicely.

November 4
Living History, GPS, Chattanooga.

November 4
World War I Symposium, GPS, Chattanooga, 9am to 4pm. Featuring presentations by Pat Gang, Will Thomas, Michael Birdwell and others.

November 4
A Symposium on Graduate Student Research on the Great War, East Tennessee Historical Society Auditorium, Knoxville, for additional information contact Robert Rennie, coordinator of the event, rrennie@vols.utk.edu

November 5
Living History and World War I commemoration at the Williamson County Archives, Franklin, Tennessee, 1- 4pm.

November 10-12
WWI Reenactors at Sergeant C. York Historic Park Veteran’s Day

November 13
Free public screening of Valor: The Story of Kiffin Yates Rockwell and the Lafayette Escadrille, a film by Dr. Marc McClure, 7:00 p.m. E.S.T., Blount County Public Library, 508 North Cusick St., Maryville, Tennessee.

For additional information contact Jackie Glenn, Tennessee Great War Commission, (865) 380-4295, or jglenn@blounttn.org.

DECEMBER

December 8
Screening of Sergeant York, Frist Center for the Visual Arts Auditorium, 6:30-9:00 p.m., with commentary by Dr. Michael Birdwell and Deborah York.

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