**The Battle of Arras**

It was a British, Canadian, Australian, New-Zeland and Newfoundland offensive against the German troops, which took place in Arras in France from April 9th to May 16th, 1917 during the first World War.

From the first day, there were many casualties.

For the British and their allies, the battle was considered as a victory but these gains were offset by high losses and especially the failure of the French in Aisne.

For the allies the commanders were Douglas Haig, Edmund Allenby, Hubert Gough and Henry home.

For the Germans the commanders were Erich Ludendorff, Ludwing von Falkenhausen and Georg von der Marwitz.

In Arras, the immediate objectives of the allies were more modest : Hold German troops far from the pitch chosen for the French attack and take back from the Germans the territories that dominated the plain of Douai.

During the attack, they tested different experimental tactics as rooling barrage, the powerful rockets and the anti-battery fire for the British troops.