

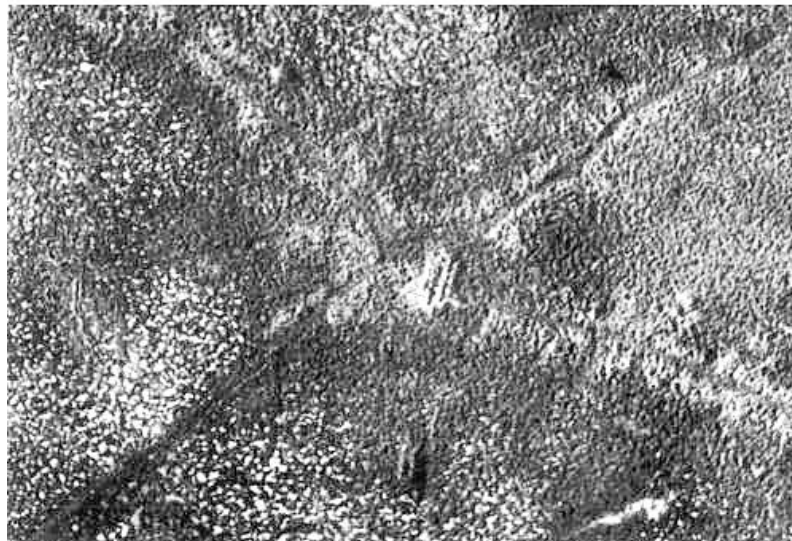
## **Station 1 – Civilian Life**



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## Before and After – The Battle of Ypres



**Aerial View of Village of Passchendaele Before and After Battle**

## **Station 2 – Life in the Trenches**

## Life in the Trenches – Primary Sources

*“Whilst asleep during the night, we were frequently awakened by rats running over us. When this happened too often for my liking, I would lie on my back and wait for a rat to linger on my legs; then violently heave my legs upwards, throwing the rat into the air, occasionally, I would hear a grunt when the rat landed on a fellow victim.”*

- R L Venables

*“If you have never had trench foot described to you, I will explain. Your feet swell to two to three times their normal size and go completely dead. You can stick a bayonet into them and not feel a thing. If you are lucky enough not to lose your feet and the swelling starts to go down, it is then that the most indescribable agony begins. I have heard men cry and scream with pain and many have had to have their feet and legs amputated. I was one of the lucky ones, but one more day in that trench and it may have been too late.”*

- Harry Roberts

## **Station 3 – German Testimony**

## **Testimony of an Anonymous German Soldier**

“It was dark, and it rained and rained. From all directions one heard in the darkness the wounded calling, crying, and moaning. The wounded we had with us were likewise moaning and crying. All wanted to have their wounds dressed, but we had no more bandages. We tore off pieces of our dirty shirts and placed the rags on those sickening wounds. Men were dying one after the other. There were no doctors, no bandages; we had nothing whatever. You had to help the wounded and keep the French off at the same time. It was an unbearable, impossible state of things. It rained harder and harder. We were wet to our skins. We fired blindly into the darkness. The rolling fire of rifles increased, then died away, then increased again. We sappers were placed among the infantry. My neighbor gave me a dig in the ribs.”

## **Station #4: Early War Attitudes**



## German Propaganda Posters



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**French Soldiers Going to War**



**Young German Boy Pretending to be a Soldier**

## **Station 5 – American Propaganda**



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