

THIRD YPRES (PASSCHENDAELE), NOVEMBER 1917

A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

The British victory at Messines/Wytschaete Ridge allowed them the “comfort” of another attempt to secure a victory in the Ypres sector of the Western Front. Field-Marshal Haig Douglas Haig hoped to break through the German line and liberate Belgium’s North Sea coast. An ambitious artillery preparation in combination with rare heavy summer rains pock-marked the ground, creating a muddy “craters of the moon” landscape. The five-mile advance towards the advantageous ground of Passchendaele Ridge was, at best, difficult; it took from 18 Jul to 6 Nov, with massive casualties (300,000 British, 8,500 French and 250,000 German).

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