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Cemetery Details

VIMY MEMORIAL



Country:	France
Locality:	Pas de Calais
Identified Casualties:	11163

Location Information

The Vimy Memorial overlooks the Douai Plain from the highest point of Vimy Ridge, about eight kilometres northeast of Arras on the N17 towards Lens. The memorial is signposted from this road to the left, just before you enter the village of Vimy from the south. The memorial itself is somewhat inside the memorial park, but again it is well signposted.

Visiting Information

The grounds around the memorial are open year-round and contain restored and preserved trenches and tunnels. To view these, it is recommended that visitors pre-book. Without a booking, visitors will be accommodated depending on operational capacity. To make a booking, please contact the Vimy Office on +33 (0)3 21 50 68 68. For further information, please visit the Veterans Affairs Canada website: www.vac-acc.gc.ca/remembers/

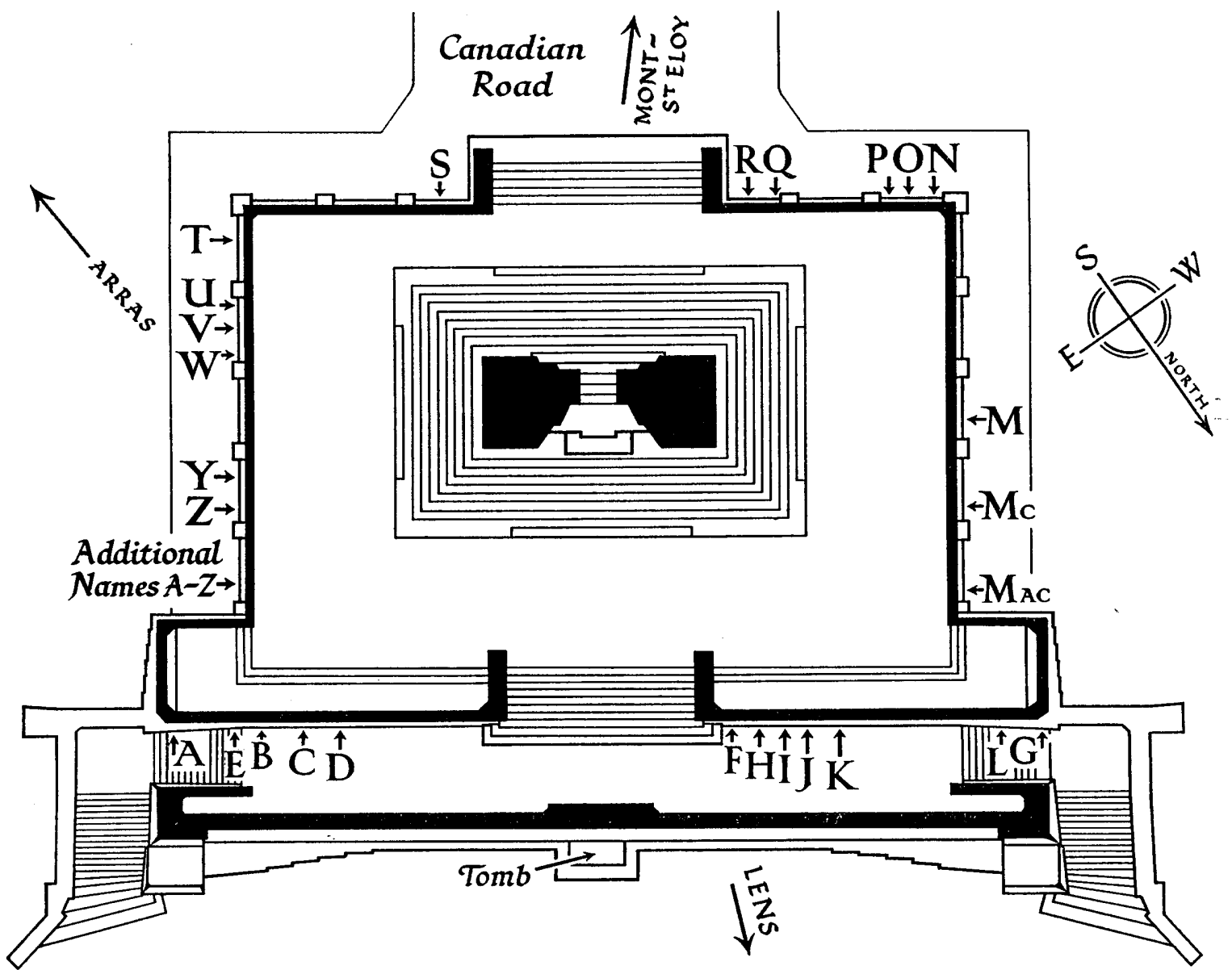
Historical Information

On the opening day of the Battle of Arras, 9 April 1917, the four divisions of the Canadian Corps, fighting side by side for the first time, scored a huge tactical victory in the capture of the 60 metre high Vimy Ridge.

After the war, the highest point of the ridge was chosen as the site of the great memorial to all Canadians who served their country in battle during the First World War, and particularly to the 60,000 who gave their lives in France. It also bears the names of 11,000 Canadian servicemen who died in France - many of them in the fight for Vimy Ridge - who have no known grave.

The memorial was designed by W.S. Allward. It was unveiled by King Edward VIII on 26 July 1936.





FRONT OF MEMORIAL
 PLAN OF VIMY MEMORIAL.

(Shewing the position of the names on the walls by the initial letters.)



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