

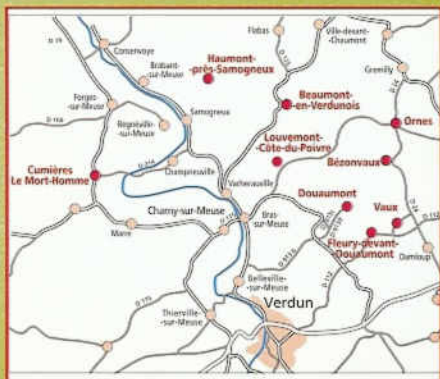
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INFORMATION

Visits to the destroyed villages
 are free and open to all.
 The sites are permanently open
 and accessible.
 On site, information boards
 explain the history of each village.

A map including all of the sites from the 14-18 Great War
 and open to the public is also available free of charge
 at all Meuse Tourist Offices as well as on all the sites.



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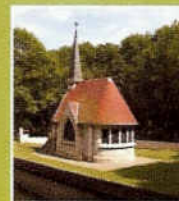
BATTLE OF VERDUN
 VILLAGES DESTROYED
 IN 1916



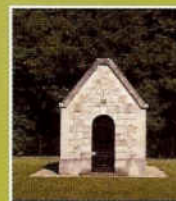
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TRACES & MEMORIES

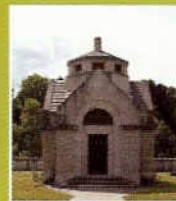
REMEMBRANCE OF CONFLICTS



BEAUMONT-EN-VERDUNOIS
 BEZONVAUX



CUMIÈRES-LE MORT-HOMME
 DOUAUMONT
 FLEURY-DEVANT-DOUAUMONT
 HAUMONT-PRÈS-SAMOGNEUX
 LOUVEMONT-CÔTE DU POIVRE
 ORNES



VAUX-DEVANT-DAMLLOUP



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Traces of war remembrance of conflict 4-18



The conflicts of the 20th century reshaped the face of the world, but at the cost of how many tears shed...land devastated... populations deprived of everything, plunged into grief, distraught, sacrificed, significantly wounded...

The Meuse region suffered from the battles of the 1914 - 1918 Great War.

Here, our "battered and bruised" were Verdun, the Argonne, Les Eparges, the St Mihiel Salient... discover and understand these places which allow us to pass on the Recollection of all those men who fought here.

The years having passed, this duty of Remembrance has today become a Historic duty.

Symbol of the unspeakable, of the hell of the trenches, the constant fear of death at any moment, the Battle of Verdun lasted 300 days (21st February until the end of December 1916) and killed or wounded 378,777 French soldiers (162,062 killed) and 330,000 German soldiers (143,000 killed).

After 300 days of fierce battles and continual bombing ("Trommelfeuer"), the French succeeded in regaining all of the terrain taken by the Germans.



Step into history with us



Besides the very heavy human losses, the Great War also left behind very heavy material losses, of which the destruction of nine villages (Beaumont, Bezonvaux, Cumières, Douaumont, Fleury-devant-Douaumont, Haumont-près-Samogneux, Louvemont-Côte du Poivre, Ormes, Vaux-devant-Damloup), which are today cited in the "Order of the Army" (L'Ordre de l'Armée).

These nine villages having "Died for France" and destroyed in 1916 are located in the Charny-sur-Meuse district. Before the war, they regrouped almost 3,000 inhabitants, mostly farmers. They were forced to abandon their villages at the beginning of the Battle of Verdun. Sadly for these inhabitants, the material destruction was such that in 1918, they were unable to regain their homes. Furthermore, the high risk of explosions prevented them from rebuilding the villages.

In 1919, a law granted each village a committee and a president having similar powers to that of a mayor. In each village, construction of a small chapel and a war memorial ensued where the names of each child having died for their country are engraved.