

tel: Concorde Montparnasse (B—Breakfast at hotel/L: On own in Pierrefonds with its beautiful hillside castle/D: On own)

1 Apr, Sat (Day 9) Paris—Independent Study

Free day in Paris with these possibilities:
Cultural: Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris Opera House, Montmartre — Sacré Coeur Church and Champs-Élysées & Arc de Triomphe.

Art Museums: The Louvre (Highlights: Mona Lisa, Winged Victory, Venus di Milo, Consecration of the Emperor Napoleon I, The Wedding Feast at Cana); Musée d'Orsay (Highlights: Impressionists: Monet, Manet, Degas, Cézanne); Georges Pompidou Center (Modern Art); Musée de l'Orangerie ("Water Lilies" murals by Claude Monet); Musée Rodin (Highlights: The Thinker, Dante's Inferno, The Kiss) & Hop On-Hop Off Bus Tour. Evening at leisure. Hotel: Concorde Montparnasse (B—Breakfast at hotel/L: On own/D: On own)

"...as soon as we mentioned that we were in an American military school..., we immediately became the main attraction"



"This trip was by far the most rewarding and exciting trip I've ever been on."

"This opportunity to travel to Europe was a once in a lifetime experience that will forever be embedded in my memories."

"Overall this trip for me was the perfect mix of learning about the history of the great battles fought in the area and being able to experience the cultures of several different countries. I never in my wildest imagination thought that I would enjoy the country of France itself but the few days that I had there made me realize that I truly love it and want to return again someday soon..."



Tour Price: \$ 3,975 (Based on double occupancy)

Single Supplement Cost: \$ 590

Tour Price Includes:

- * Round-trip economy class airfare from Charleston, SC to CDG Paris, France
- * Deluxe Hotel Accommodations
- * Air-conditioned motor-coach
- * Meals as indicated in itinerary
- * Emergency Medical Evacuation & Hospitalization Insurance
- * Admission to all sites listed
- * Experienced WWI Tour Leaders & English-speaking local guides



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“There is no better way to understand history, especially military history, than to go where the events happened. History takes on real meaning when you get to walk hallowed ground, see battlefield terrain, visit museums, and view the graves of those who died fighting for your country. This then is a unique opportunity for Citadel students to better understand the history of World War I and appreciate the actions and sacrifices of American Doughboys. A special feature of the class will be our study and memorialization of the many Citadel men who fought, and died, during the war which was supposed to be the end of all wars. This class will be the opportunity of a lifetime.”

Kyle S. Sinisi, Professor, Department of History, The Citadel

MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS (MHT) is honored to partner with the **THE CITADEL—THE MILITARY COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA** to offer another in our series of historic tours to the battlefields of the world. Over twenty-five years ago, our Founder and President, Colonel Warren Wiedhahn, USMC (Ret), a Korean and Vietnam War Veteran, designed the concept of MHT from his vision of enabling fellow veterans, their families and friends, historians, educators and students alike, the opportunity to re-visit the battlefields of past conflicts. These journeys are undertaken to allow the participants to come to an understanding of the events that transpired and how they connected to the history of our nation and to the world.

Daily Itinerary

24 Mar, Fri (Day 1) Group departure from USA

Depart on a “red-eye” flight overnight with an arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) mid-morning on 25 Mar. The group will be met at the airport by the MHT Tour Leader, French Tour Director and the tour bus.

25 Mar, Sat (Day 2) Group arrival CDG. CDG, Meaux, Cantigny & St-Quentin

We plan to spend the morning exploring the *Museum of The Great War*, an excellent starting point for our tour of the Western Front. The museum is designed as a journey through time. You start in another world of the late 19th century and the 1870 Franco Prussian war, and move through to 1914. The second section, from the 1914 to the 1918 Battles of the Marne, reconstructs the battlefield with a French trench, German trench and in between the feared no-man’s-land. There are impressive displays of the weaponry of the land, air and sea forces. The final section takes you from 1918 to 1939 and the aftermath that led to World War II. The First Battle of the Marne was one of the opening campaigns in World War I. It was fought in September 1914 in the countryside around Meaux. Since August, 1914, the German Army had successfully beaten back Belgian, French and British forces in advancing deep into north-eastern France. Their advance was according to the Schlieffen Plan, whose primary focus was the swift defeat of France in the west before turning attention the Russian forces in the east. The German army reached within 30 miles of Paris and a victory seemed near. The First Battle of the Marne is best remembered for the approximately 600 Parisian taxicabs, used to transport 6,000 French reserve infantry troops to the battle. The *taxis de la Marne* united the French people and morale soared. French forces - assisted by the British Expeditionary Force - succeeded in throwing back the German offensive and ended any hopes the Germans had of effectively bringing the war on the Western Front to an early close. Thus the war of movement that had dominated the first weeks of the war was brought to a halt. Stalemate and trench warfare ensued. Over two million men fought in the First Battle of the Marne, of whom more than 500,000 were killed or wounded. Next we investigate the *Battle of Cantigny*, fought 27–31 May 1918, it was the first American battle and offensive of World War I. The U.S. 1st Division, the most experienced of the five American divisions then in France, was selected for the attack. The objective of the attack was both to reduce a small salient made by the German Army in the front lines but also to instill confidence among the French and British allies in the ability of the inexperienced AEF. Future US Army Chief of Staff and future president of *The Citadel*, Col. (at that time) **Charles P. Summerall** commanded the 1st Field Artillery Brigades and was promoted to BGen to become the 1st Division Commander following the Cantigny battle. Overnight in St-Quentin. Hotel: Ibis Budget Saint Quentin (Lunch—L: On own at a cafeteria in Meaux/Dinner—D:



Charles P. Summerall
President of The
Citadel 1931-1953

On own)



26 Mar, Sun (Day 3) St-Quentin, Somme American Cemetery, Soissons & Reims

After breakfast we begin the day with the *Battle of St Quentin Canal* that began on 29 September 1918 and involved British, Australian and the American II Corps (27th and 30th Divisions), supported by approximately 150 tanks of the 4th and 5th Tank Brigades (including the newly trained American 301st Heavy Tank Battalion). The US divisions launched the initial attack and the 30th Infantry Division broke through the Hindenburg Line. **1Lt William Allsbrook Mulloy** (Class of 1909) with the 30th Div. was killed in action during the battle. We proceed to the *Somme American Cemetery* that contains the graves of 1,844

Mulloy Gravesite Somme American Cemetery



men who lost their lives while serving in American units attached to the British Army, or in the assault at Cantigny. The walls bear the names of 333 of the missing. We will honor **1Lt. Mulloy** with a private wreath-laying ceremony at his gravesite. Many experts consider the 2nd Battle of the Marne to be the turning point of the war. Following this



Barwell Legge (‘11)

battle, the Germans never gained another foot of ground in the war. We'll follow the July 18-19, 1918 advance of the American 1st Division, commanded by **BGen. Summerall**, and the 2d Division, which was unique in that it had one Army brigade and one Marine brigade. It was here that **Major Barwell Legge** (Class of 1911) with the 26th Division earned four Silver Stars for conspicuous gallantry. We'll tour the magnificent Reims Cathedral, the coronation place of French monarchs, before checking in at our centrally-located hotel for the next three nights. Hotel: Holiday Inn Reims Centre (B—Breakfast at hotel/L: On own/D: On own)

27 Mar, Mon (Day 4) Reims, Chateau-Thierry, Belleau Wood & Reims

Today, we'll continue our tour of the 2nd Battle of the Marne battlefield with a visit to the American Monument which celebrates this victory and gives a panoramic view of the city and its critical crossing points of the Marne River. A short distance away is the famous June-July, 1918, battlefield of *Belleau Wood*, a “mecca” for US Marines. The victory there by the 4th Marine Brigade of the 2d Division possibly saved Paris and unquestionably proved to the Germans that the Americans could and would fight well. The positive morale implications for the Allies and negative ones for the



Germans cannot be overstated. We'll stop at the spot where the famous phrase, “Retreat, hell. We just got here.” was uttered and visit the major sites of action during the battle, to include Les Mares Farm, Hill 142, Lucy-le-Bocage, Bouresches, and the “Wheatfield,” to name but a few.

We end our day here with a visit to the *Aisne-Marne American Cemetery*, adjacent to Belleau Wood and the legendary “Bulldog Fountain” where those who desire may sample what is said to be among the purest water in Europe. We'll then return to our hotel in Reims, with the evening at leisure. Hotel: Holiday Inn Reims Centre (B—Breakfast at hotel/L: On own at a cafeteria Chateau Thierry/D: On own)

28 Mar, Tue (Day 5) Reims, Argonne & Reims

This morning, we'll travel east along the Plateau Chemin des Dames through the beautiful countryside that once was a shell-scarred wasteland crisscrossed with French and German trench lines. It was in this area in 1917 where thousands of French soldiers mutinied. We are also planning to visit Fort de la Pompelle. The fort was recaptured by the French in 1914. In the remainder of the war, the fort was assaulted and bombarded many times by the Germans, but never changed hands again. *Blanc Mont Ridge*, was a critical objective for the French in 1918 in order to break the German siege of Reims and drive the enemy out of France. The American 2d Division, on loan to the French, seized the ridge in a matter of hours in October 1918, something the French had been trying to do for years. French Marshal Petain called it the greatest military achievement of 1918. The American monument on top of the ridge offers superb views on clear days as far as Reims to the west and



the Argonne Forest to the east. Next we'll continue east though the Argonne Forest, stopping to explore on foot the site of the world-famous “Lost Battalion” of the 77th Division and describing its ordeal. If road conditions permit, we will also explore on foot the area where Army's famous *Sgt. Alvin* York of the 82d Division earned the Medal of Honor. Return to our hotel in Reims, with the evening at leisure. Hotel: Holiday Inn Reims Centre (B—Breakfast at hotel/L: On own/D: On own)

29 Mar, Wed (Day 6) Reims, Romague & Verdun

This morning after breakfast we check out of our Reims hotel and drive along the eastern edge of the Argonne Forest to the *Meuse-Argonne battlefield*, America's largest battle in history until WW II. **Major Legge** was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in combat. Crossings of the Meuse were secured by **General Summerall's** (V) Corps during the night of November 10th-11th. After discussing the actions of the American Divisions leading to the shattering of the Hindenburg Line, we'll pay our respects at the *Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery*, our largest military cemetery in Europe. Then we'll head back south, making a last stop at the huge, 180-feet high *Montfaucon American Monument* from which, on a clear day, you can see forever. We check into our Verdun hotel for the next two nights. Hotel: TBD (B—Breakfast at hotel/L: On own/D: On own)

30 Mar, Thu (Day 7) Verdun, St. Mihiel & Verdun

After breakfast we drive to the *Mont Sec American Monument*. This impressive monument provides a wide-ranging view of the St Mihiel battlefield. It was the first time that an American army took the field during the war. The battle proved that US forces were capable of operating independently of Allied supervision. It was also the first time American air power played a major role in the war. The 1st Division, commanded by **MGen Summerall**, spearheaded the first attack. We'll then visit the lovely *St Mihiel American Cemetery*. We will visit the grave of Citadel graduate, **1Lt John H. David, Jr.** (Class of 1914) who was killed in action during the offensive and is interred here. In the afternoon, we'll tour a portion of the famous, or infamous, Verdun battlefield, including the *Verdun Museum and Memorial* at Fleury; a photo op at *Ft Douaumont*; the *Ossuary*, where the skeletal remains of 130,000 dead, from both sides, are entombed; and a tour inside *Ft Vaux*, the small fort where the small French garrison put up a heroic defense before being overwhelmed. Return to our hotel in Verdun. Evening at leisure. Hotel: TBD (B—Breakfast at hotel/L: On own/D: On own)

31 Mar, Fri (Day 8) Verdun, Compiègne & Paris

After breakfast we are on our way to Paris. A fitting way to conclude the tour is to stop by the *Compiègne “Armistice Clearing,”* where the negotiations which essentially ended WW I were held and where Hitler made the French capitulate to Germany in 1940. We'll visit the small museum housing an identical railroad car to that of Marshal Foch's “Surrender Carriage,” which contains the actual furnishings from the original coach which was removed by the Germans to Berlin during WW II and later burned by Nazi SS troops to prevent its recapture by the Allies. We drive into Paris and check into our hotel for the next two nights in *The City of Light*. Evening at leisure. Ho-



John H. David, Jr.
(‘14) Gravesite St Mihiel American Cemetery

