

CANTERBURY IN WORLD WAR I

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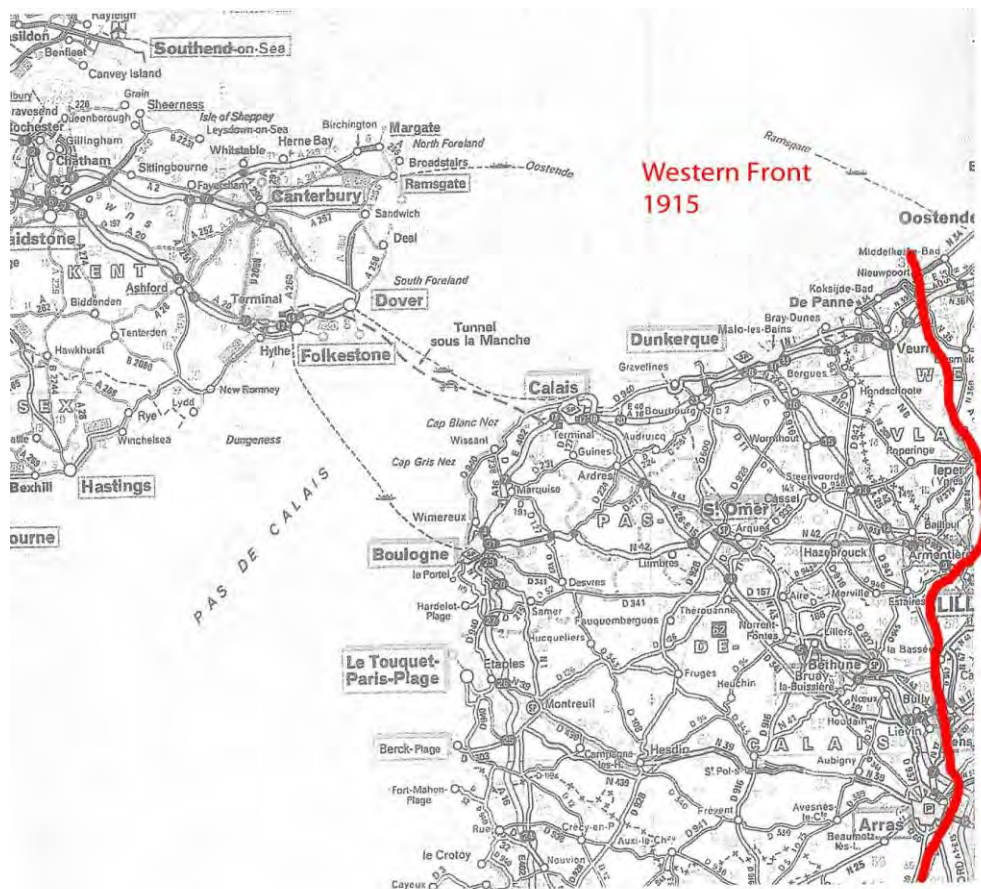
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Summary

The notes upon which the following outline is based were assembled as input to the Exhibition of Canterbury history from 1600 to the present day, held 16 November to 19 December 2012 in the Sidney Cooper Gallery, Canterbury. Roman numerals in bold relate to the Bibliographic sources listed in the Annex.

INTRODUCTION

The strategic importance of Kent in the World War 1 is shown by a map of Kent and the Western Front, the almost static position of the battle line in a predominantly land war. Kent is the closest English county to the front and its ports were engaged in the huge scale transport of men, horses, armaments and materials and, then, the wounded to and from the front for more than 4 years. Kent was so close to the front that the noise of artillery barrages could be heard as far away as Sevenoaks.



1 Map of Kent and Western Front