



# The First World War

The story to reveal  
The passion in  
..Their eyes..



## Welcome to a museum of the First World War

In this museum you will discover facts and find research that you thought was never possible or even true.

Read through and unfold the true facts about the world we live in today, and its deepest darkest secrets.

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## My past...



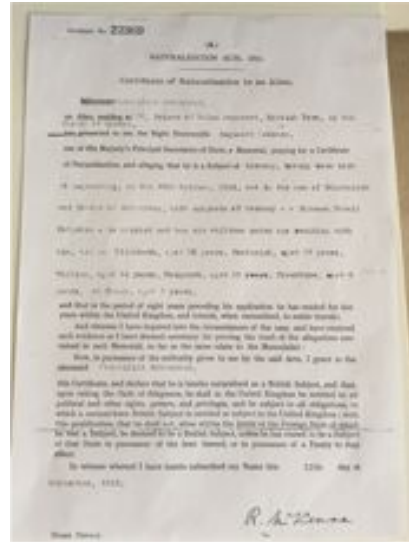
Firstly I would like to show you a picture of my great grandfather. William Henry Schaupner.

In his Blues...

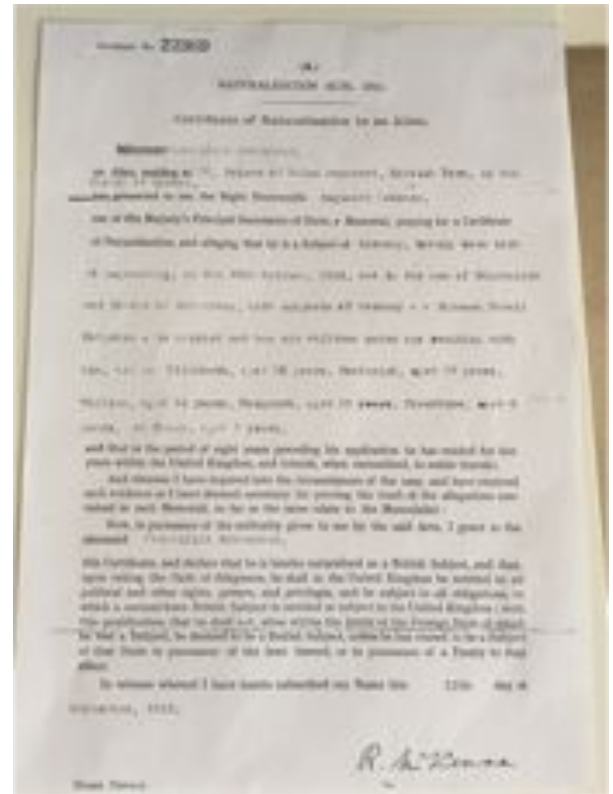
This is a picture of my Great Grandfather injured after the war, in his injury uniform.

# His story. I want to be proud of something...

I am very proud to be his great Granddaughter as, I know that he would be proud of me as I am of him. He was the son of Jofef Maximilian Schaupher and Elise Hofmann who came from Germany and were married in England. A husband to Hilda Cade and father to two beautiful children, one my Grandfather. He was born on the fourth of November 1898 and fort in the Battle of the Somme at the age of seventeen. During the Battle of the Somme, he got shot twice. Once in the thumb and once in the arm. Life was very different back in England years and years ago. As my Great Great Grandfather was German and his wife Elsie was half French. They came to England and got married, then had six children. which was why both Max and Elise got a certificate of Naturalization to an Alien. So they naterilazed, as a British subject. At the time this did not matter to the family, as they were thinking about growing stronger and living a happy life in England but when Henry grew up, a war was to start. So when he was seventeen, a year younger than to be, he choose to fight in the name of the king. The Battle Of The Somme.. He wanted to do it for his family as none of his siblings wanted to. He wanted to feel proud. But England and Germany were going to battle, what would they think. Family split half in England and half in Germany. He must be a spy. So that was that his name of a Schaupner was changed to Sharpner. As it is today.



# The certificate and statement



# Where was it fought?

Firstly world war one , was a herifict period of time where loved ones [males] went through emotional not just physical downfalls, battling to save peace and fight for what was right?

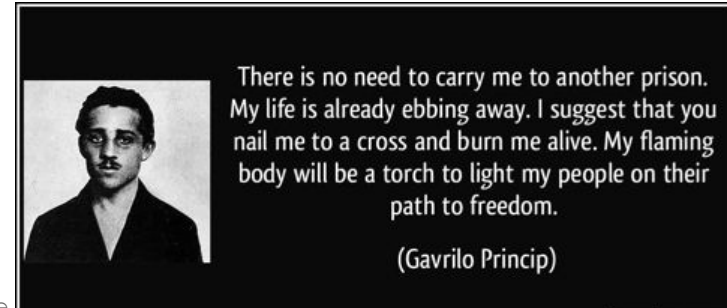


The Great War was fought in:

- The Western Front .  
Battlefields of France and Belgium.
- The Italian Front .  
France and Britain sent soldiers to help their ally Italy.
- The Eastern Front .  
Germany and Austria-Hungary fought Russia.
- The Middle East .  
The British and the British Empire troops defended their oil supplies from Turkish attacks.
- The Dardanelles and The Balkans .  
The British tried to capture part of Turkey, fighting in Greece and Bulgaria as British and France tried to support Serbia.
- In Africa .  
British and troops from The British Empire fought to take control of Germany's African colonies.

I'm going to tell a story. A well known event that shocked many, thousands, millions of people.

There was a man. A man called, Franz Ferdinand. He was a very powerful man, who aimed to preserve the union. So he traveled to a place called Sarajevo, with his wife Sophia, to meet at the town hall. On his way he would take a tour and meet the people in the town. This was a very big moment, to Austria - Hungary as even the children didn't go to school. As he was on his way, suddenly a man threw a black object straight towards them, in the crowd. Lucky it hit his car, bounced off and landed under the car behind. It blew and around twenty people were injured. The man was arrested and the ArchDuke went forward. When he was at the destination he was so angry and his blood was boiling that he had to go to the hospital and see if his friends in the car were alright. So it was agreed that his wife and himself would travel to the hospital. But. Little did they know that one little mistake would end in a disaster. It was in 1914, on one summer day. When the people were cheering and the ArchDuke and his wife were waving. They only nearly survived the attack. But they were traveling on. "Where are we going, turn around! I ORDER YOU TO TURN AROUND." There right in front was a man. He reached in his pocket and... There it was the ArchDuke and his pregnant wife. Shot dead. The man was arrested and then he revealed his identity. Gavrilo Princip. He said that he was involved with the group, 'Black Hand,' who wanted out. Out of the independence from the empire. Along with the man who threw the bomb and four other men who were sent to succeed in the mission. Gavrilo was sentenced twenty years because of the age. But soon he died. Some may say, that he deserved it but others say how thankful they are to him. "The man that gave us freedom." But in other words. Was this why the Great War started. The country furious. Who wanted war. The two countries called on their allies. Austria - Hungary, with Germany, Bulgaria and Ottoman Empire. Against, Great Britain, France, Italy, Romania, Japan, Russia and later United States.



## Why the war?



# Who fought in the war?

Types of men:

There were thousands of men who wanted to sign up as a volunteer. Men who wanted to be proud. Men who were forced by the government. Men who were peer pressured and patronised. But there was also school boys, who were taught hold guns and how to fight. As for the younger girls and boys, they collected blankets and resources, that would help the soldiers. And also to raise money for the materials to build warships and help wounded soldiers. Everyone was effected. One way or another. Women had to be the 'Man Of The House'. By working jobs, in factories and even sending information.

It was announced that a man called Lord Kitchener called for men to go battle to fight in the name of the king. It was almost impossible that Britain would have more than three million to go to battle. So he called on any kind of man. He promised that men who enlisted together would serve together. At the time many people believed that this pandemic cry for help would end by Christmas. So thousands and millions signed up to fight. To be proud. To become worthy. By the end of August they received thirty thousand men a day.





# The Experiences?

When we think about experiences, in the war. We think about the trenches and what it was like living in the horrific period. But also we have to think about all aspects through the war. What it was like for the children. Missing their dads, probably at young ages. What it was like for women to run things from scratch and work all on their own, and over hours.

Life was brutal and heartbreaking to imagine and experience.

Types Of Experiences:

Women.

- The women too had very hard jobs during the war. They would of had to learn new skill such as metal working. And running textile factories, which made the war uniforms. They had to provide for the family and try to make life seem more normal, especially if they knew that their loved ones weren't going to be with them anymore. There were also women on the front lines. Working in hospital tents. Sleeping on uncomfortable camp beds. Everyone was to do their bit. But when the Germans attacked the North part of Great Britain, more and more children and women died each day.

Trenches and dreams.

- Living in the trenches, were terrifying. You would certainly get colds, diseases, trench foot and never ending experiences that you could never imagine. You might have woken up by a rat feasting on you and on the dead bodies that laid around you. Also the sound and sight of the bombs and gunshots. The noises when you tried to sleep. The sad days when a dear friend died to save your life. Thoughts of losing your child and wife. Never seeing them ever again.



## True or not true...

There are many myths. They could be true. They might not be true. But at the end of the day history is history and, voices can make topics powerful than ever before, even if there not true...

Some people say that home is where the heart is but on 1914 on Christmas day. Two opposite enemies came together to play a fun game of football. Now you may think, is that true? But really, it can be argued in two ways.

Did the soldiers live in trenches full time?

This is a no. You may believe that this is true but, in the reality, the answer is no. The soldiers did spend lots of time in them. But if that happened then I believe that many would have died before they battled. They would have spent seven days in them but then they would have had some time to relax and have some fun.

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## End of your museum

Despite all that the past revealed to us, we can not changed the past. If we lost a family member. If we know that deep down inside we feel angry about that country or what they did. The world will always feel guilty about what happened in 1914 to 1918. Yes. Millions of innocent, brave, loyal people fought and stood together when our world needed them most. And as my Great Grandfather said. "I want to be proud of something..." So when your sad and you wish you could be near family that are lost, just think. How brave our families were. How strong they were. What they did for us, to help our future. ..

I want to go back to the story in the town in Austria - Hungary. There was once a man. A man who yes. Did a very bad thing. But a bad thing that lead the world into freedom... Gavrilo Princip

