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GREAT BATTLES OF THE GREAT WAR

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The great set-piece battles of the World War One - Gallipoli, the Somme, Messines and Passchendaele - are explored in this series which combines unique archive footage with carefully researched location photography, transporting the viewer back to the exact spot where so many momentous events occurred.

6 x 24 minute programs

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VOL 1 GALLIPOLI

Episode 1

The Last Crusade

The series begins with the opening phase of the Gallipoli campaign. The allied powers of Britain, France and Russia are trying to persuade Turkey to fight on their side against the Germans. But diplomacy founders and the allies declare war on Turkey. British and French naval forces fail to force a way through the Dardanelles.

Episode 2

Our own Wooden Horse

What must it have felt like to be a soldier in an amphibious landing craft, heading for the beaches of Gallipoli on April 25th, 1915? The Allied troops had to cross the exposed stretches of beach, while the Turks could pick them off with deadly accuracy. It was one of the worst days in military history and the start of a disastrous 9 month campaign. (2 x 24 minute episodes)

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VOL 3 MESSINES - PASSCHENDAELE

Episode 5

The Salient

Ypres, the small city in Northern Belgium became the most fearsome killing ground of the first World War. The combat during this engagement was confusing and unrelenting resulting in atrociously high casualty figures from each participating army. Ypres foreshadowed how the fighting on the Western Front would play out as the war progressed.

Episode 6

We're all in It

The final program finds us in the village of Passchendaele, five miles from Ypres in Belgium. It is Passchendaele's bad luck to sit on a barely perceptible ridge in a flat countryside. This makes it the target for both German and Allied troops, in the fight to win the high ground; the village itself is smashed to smithereens, along with thousands of men. (2 x 24 minute episodes)

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VOL 2 THE SOMME

Episode 3

Here comes Kitchener's Army

The words "The Somme" still embody the absolute horror of war with endless deafening bombardments, a generation of young European men lost on the killing fields of France. The poppies which represent their agonised passing still have the power to make grown men weep. And that's years after the campaign began on July 1st, 1916.

Episode 4

Friends are good on the day of Battle After the shock of the first day of the Battle of the Somme, with 60,000 allied casualties, it's now become a war of attrition and we see the terrible price paid in lives for Field Marshall Haig's policy. He fought by throwing thousands of his men against the German lines, in the hope that their sheer numbers would overwhelm the enemy. (2 x 24 minute episodes)

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