



Kemmel Monument

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Audenarde Monument

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The Kemmel Monument is 1.3 miles northeast of Kemmel on the west side of highway N331.

The Audenarde Monument is in a park at General Pershingstraat in the center of Audenarde.

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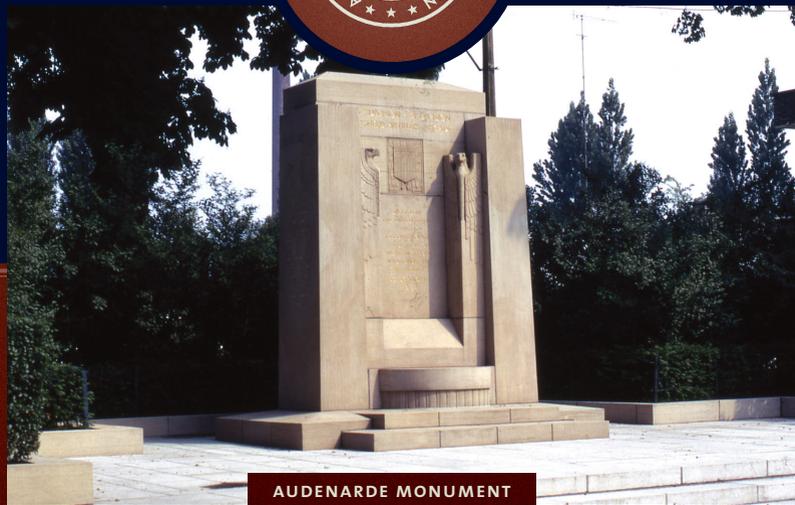
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The inscription on the Kemmel Monument reads:

ERECTED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO COMMEMORATE THE SERVICES OF AMERICAN TROOPS WHO FOUGHT IN THIS VICINITY AUGUST 18—SEPTEMBER 4 1918

The 27th and 30th Divisions are honored. They served with the British Army from arrival in Europe in May 1918. Their participation in the Ypres-Lys Offensive began when the 30th Division took position in the line on August 18, and the 27th on August 23.

The Allied advance began on August 31. Both divisions met determined German resistance. They moved forward slowly. That afternoon the 27th Division reached the area where the Kemmel Monument stands.

They advanced against German forces on September 1 and 2. The 27th Division was relieved on September 3, and the 30th the next day.

Both divisions moved south to the region near St. Quentin. Soon they fought in the Somme Offensive, September 23-30.



Photo: ABMC

A visitor placed a poppy at the carving of a helmet resting upon a wreath.

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ERECTED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO COMMEMORATE THE SERVICES OF AMERICAN TROOPS WHO FOUGHT IN THIS VICINITY OCT. 30—NOV. 11, 1918

The 37th and 91st Divisions are the units honored. In mid-October 1918, they joined the Group of Armies of Flanders, commanded by Albert I, King of the Belgians.

Both divisions participated in the offensive from near Waregem toward the Scheldt River, beginning October 31.

The 37th Division reached the Scheldt River on November 1 and crossed on November 2. The 91st Division entered Audenarde on November 2 and 3.

Both divisions were relieved by November 5. They resumed action in the front line on November 10, and were east of Audenarde when the Armistice became effective on November 11.

American casualties from fighting in this region are interred at the Flanders Field American Cemetery in Waregem.

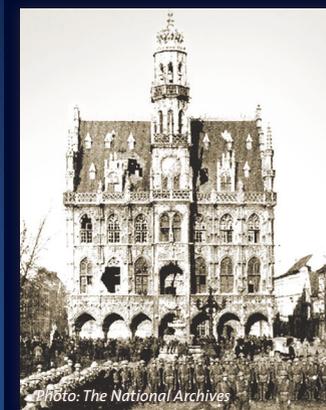


Photo: The National Archives

91st Division soldiers assemble at the Town Hall (Hotel de Ville), Audenarde. November 12, 1918.



Belgian refugees walking toward Waregem, returning to areas liberated by American units. November 2, 1918.



Soldiers of the 316th Engineers build a pontoon bridge over the Scheldt River. Audenarde, November 1918.