

1916: Beaumont Hamel and Beyond

June 17 - 18, 2016

Memorial University of Newfoundland, in partnership with the Royal Newfoundland Regimental Advisory Council and the Newfoundland Historical Society, presents a symposium that explores the major events in the First World War in 1916, including the Somme (Beaumont Hamel), the Battle of Verdun and the sea battle of Jutland. This symposium is dedicated to the memory of Dr. W. David Parsons.

The symposium will be preceded by a special airing of the documentary, "NEWFOUNDLAND AT ARMAGEDDON".

TIME	SPEAKER/EVENT	TOPIC
FRIDAY JUNE 17		
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Special Presentation of "NEWFOUNDLAND AT ARMAGEDDON", a documentary on Beaumont Hamel presented by Producer Barbara Doran, featuring narration by Allan Doyle	
8:30 – 9:00 pm	Questions and Comments	
SATURDAY JUNE 18		
9:30 – 10:00 am	Dr. Lucian Ashworth, Chair, Memorial University's WW100 Steering Committee	"Overview of the major conflicts in 1916"
"BEAUMONT HAMEL" CHAIR: RON PENNEY, R NFLD R ADVISORY COUNCIL		
10:00 – 10:20 am	Frank Gogos	The Royal Newfoundland Regiment - From Gallipoli to Beaumont Hamel
10:20 – 10:40 am	David Mercer	The topography of Beaumont Hamel
10:40 – 10:50 am	Question and Comment	
10:50 – 11:00 am	Refreshment Break	
"OTHER BATTLEFRONTS OF 1916" CHAIR: ALLAN BYRNE, NEWFOUNDLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY		
11:00 – 11:20 am	Dr. Shannon Lewis-Simpson	The Royal Naval Reserve and the Battle of Jutland
11:20 – 11:40 am	Dr. Margot Duley	Shelling, Cripples and Gum Boots: Subalterns' Perspectives on "Quiet Days" at Gueudecourt, 1916: 2 Lt. Cyril Duley's and Captain R. Tait's Field Messages
11:40 – 11:50 am	Question and Comment	
11:50 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (on site, sponsored by the R NFLD R Advisory Council)	
"THE HOMEFRONT" CHAIR: BERT RIGGS, WW100 STEERING COMMITTEE		
1:00 – 1:20 pm	Terry Bishop-Stirling	Newspaper coverage of Beaumont Hamel

<i>1:20 – 1:40 pm</i>	Dr. Heidi Coombs-Thorne	Soldiers in St. John's and the Role of the King George V Seaman's Institute
<i>1:40 – 1:50 pm</i>	Question and Comment	
<i>1:50 – 2:00 pm</i>	Refreshment Break	
<u>"PERSPECTIVES"</u>		
CHAIR: LARRY DOHEY, NEWFOUNDLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY		
<i>2:00 – 2:20 pm</i>	Dr. Maura Hanrahan	Newfoundland Mi'kmaq and the First World War
<i>2:20 – 2:40 pm</i>	Dr. Sean Cadigan	Beyond Beaumont Hamel – The Commemoration Story
<i>2:40 – 2:50 pm</i>	Stephanie Tucker	Through the eyes of youth – a visit to Beaumont Hamel
<i>2:50 – 3:00 pm</i>	Question and Comment	
<i>3:00 – 3:10 pm</i>	Dr. Lucian Ashworth	Summary and Closing Remarks