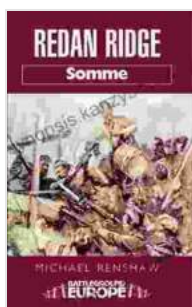


# Redan Ridge: The Anatomy of a World War I Battlefield

Redan Ridge was a key strategic position during the Battle of the Somme in World War I. It was located on the high ground overlooking the River Somme, and its possession would give the Allies a clear path to the German lines. The fighting for Redan Ridge was some of the most intense and bloody of the entire war, and it remains one of the most well-preserved battlefields in Europe today.



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## History of Redan Ridge

Redan Ridge is located in the commune of Montauban-de-Picardie, in the Somme department of France. It was first fortified by the French in the 17th century, and it was later used by the Germans as a defensive position during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-1871. In 1916, Redan Ridge became a key objective for the Allies during the Battle of the Somme.

The Battle of the Somme began on July 1, 1916, and it lasted for four and a half months. The fighting was some of the most intense and bloody of the entire war, and it resulted in over 1 million casualties. Redan Ridge was one of the main focal points of the fighting, and it was the scene of some of the most bitter and protracted fighting of the war.

The Allies finally captured Redan Ridge on September 15, 1916, after weeks of heavy fighting. The ridge remained in Allied hands for the rest of the war, and it served as a key defensive position for the Allies during the German Spring Offensive of 1918.

### **Topography of Redan Ridge**

Redan Ridge is a long, narrow ridge that rises about 100 feet above the surrounding countryside. It is located on the north bank of the River Somme, and it overlooks the river valley. The ridge is composed of chalk, and it is covered in a thin layer of soil. The terrain is relatively flat, but there are a number of small hills and valleys that make up the ridge.

The ridge is divided into two main sections by a small valley. The northern section is known as the Redan, and it is the highest point on the ridge. The southern section is known as the Mametz Wood, and it is home to a number of trees and shrubs. The ridge is also home to a number of small villages and farms, which were largely destroyed during the fighting.

### **The Fighting for Redan Ridge**

The fighting for Redan Ridge began on July 1, 1916, and it lasted for several weeks. The Allies launched a series of attacks on the ridge, but they were met with stiff German resistance. The fighting was particularly intense around the Redan, which was the key defensive position on the

ridge. The Germans used artillery, machine guns, and barbed wire to defend the ridge, and they inflicted heavy casualties on the Allies.

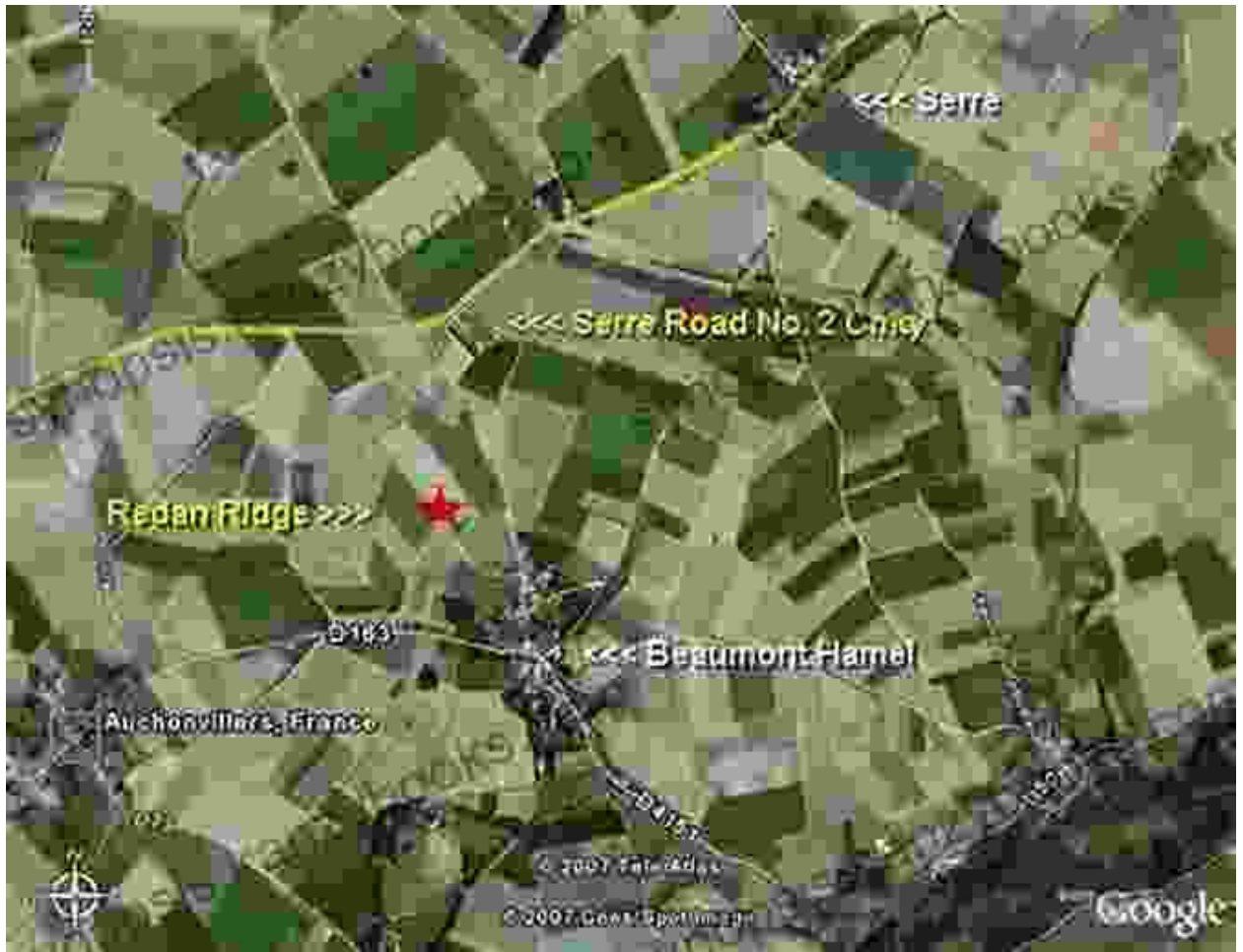
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### **Visiting Redan Ridge Today**

Redan Ridge is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and it is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Somme region. Visitors can explore the battlefield, visit the museums, and learn about the history of the fighting. There are a number of walking trails that lead through the battlefield, and visitors can also take a guided tour of the site.

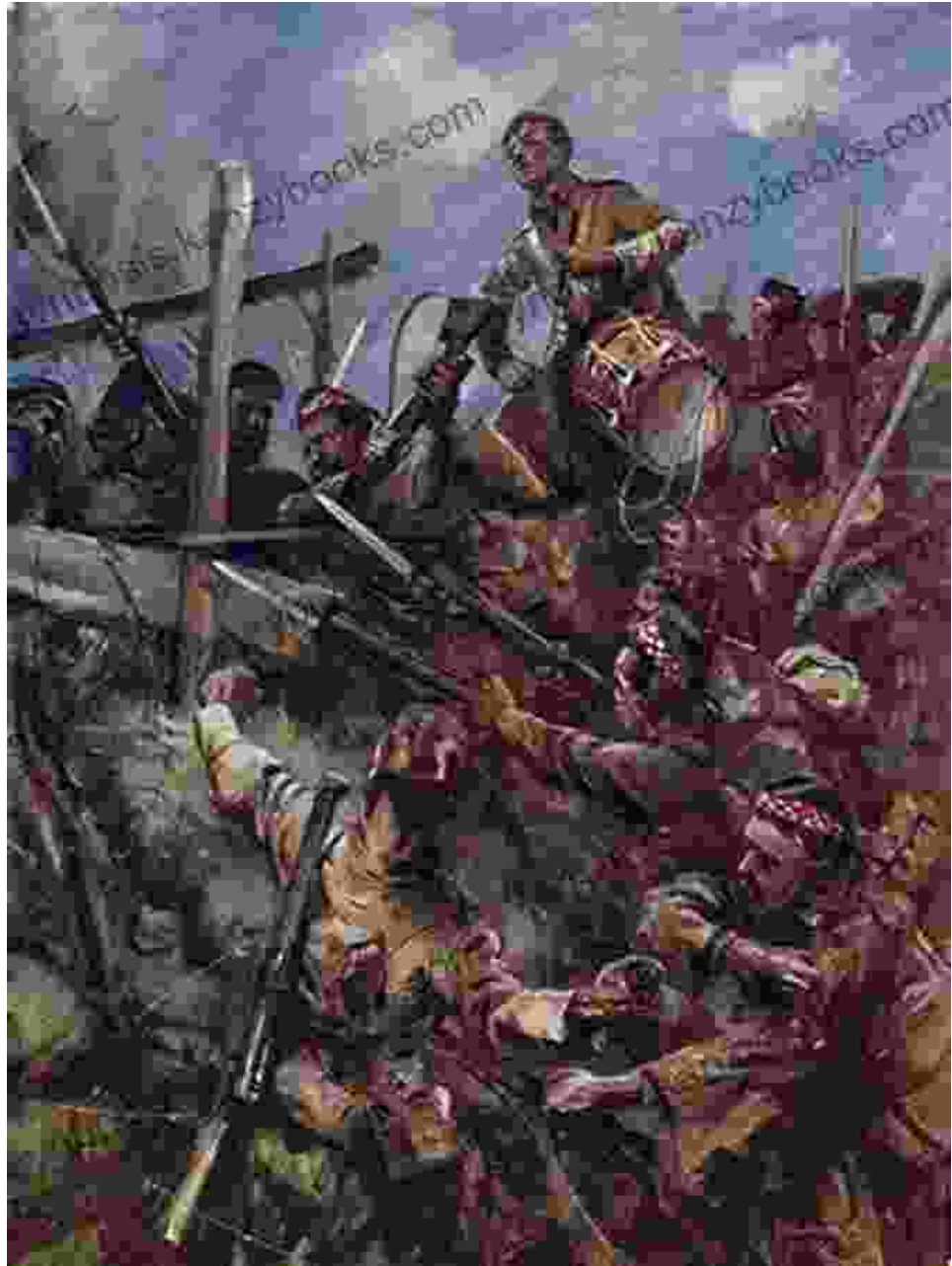
Redan Ridge is a powerful reminder of the horrors of war, and it is a fitting tribute to the men who fought and died there. The battlefield is a place of peace and reflection, and it is a reminder of the importance of learning from the past.

### **Image Gallery**











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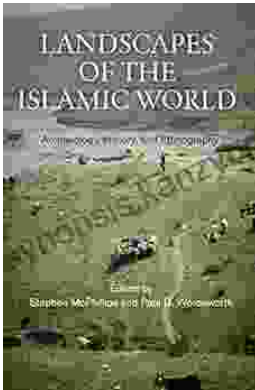
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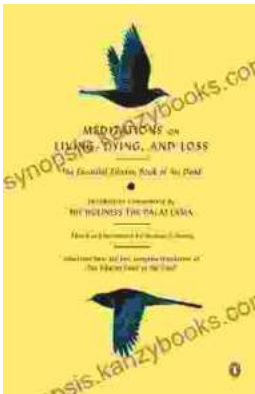






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