

## Timeline of principal events

The various Theatres of the War, highlighted in red, overlap the Timeline. The chart includes the names of the Fallen of the Parish of Bedford Park, highlighted in blue. The ten of them featured in the accompanying display panels are underlined and in bold print.

### January

- 2. **Western Front - Flanders** Stevenson  
**Mesopotamia** - Operations against Kut: Ward; Flood
- 9 **Palestine** - Battle of Rafa. The British drive the Ottomans out of Sinai.
- 11 – March 13  
**Western Front** - British raid the Ancre. Adams F

### February

- 1 Germany resumes unrestricted submarine warfare. This was the catalyst for the entry of the U.S.A into the War on 6 April 1917.
- 23 **Mesopotamia** - Second Battle of Kut. The British recapture the city. Wyatt
- 23 – April 5  
**Western Front** - Arras operations: The Germans withdraw to the Hindenburg Line. Little; Collier

### March

- 8–11 **Mesopotamia** The British capture Baghdad.
- 13 – April 23 Samarrah Offensive, British capture much of Mesopotamia.
- 26 **Palestine** - First Battle of Gaza. The British attempt to capture the city fails. Craig; Grubb;  
Stalemate in Southern Palestine.

### April

- 9 – May 17 **Western Front** - Second Battle of Arras. The British attack a heavily fortified German line without obtaining any strategic breakthrough. Actions at the Scarpe, Vimy Ridge (a significant victory for the Canadians), Bullecourt and Lagnicourt. Birket-Foster; Whittle (at Somme front); George; Collett; Young; Gould; Nixon;
- 19 **Palestine** - Second Battle of Gaza. The Ottoman lines resist a British attack.
- 22 – May 8 **Salonika** - Second Battle of Doiran.

### May

- 5–15 **Salonika** - Allied Spring offensive on the Salonika Front.
- 22 **Western Front** - Somme operations. Down

### June

- 7–14 **Western Front** - Second Battle of Messines, the British blow 19 deep mines and recapture Messines Ridge.  
Hall GF; Brooks; Bond; Whittick

### July

- 31 - November 10 **Western Front** - The Third Battle of Ypres (also known as Battle of Passchendaele) begins. Battle of Pilckem Ridge, Second Battle of Langemarck, Battle of the Menin Road Ridge, Battle of Polygon Wood (Second phase of the Third Battle of Ypres), Battle of Broodseinde, Battles of Poelcappelle and Paschendaele  
Lindsay; White; Woolf; Royal-Dawson; Gregory; Longhurst; Pallant; Sterndale Bennett

### September

- 28–29 **Mesopotamia** - Battle of Ramadi, Mesopotamia.

### October

- 31 – November 7 - **Palestine** - Third Battle of Gaza. The British break through the Ottoman lines. Battles of Beersheba, Mughar Ridge, Ayun Kara and Jerusalem. Dunckley; Squire; Schwaben CW (in Alexandria of wounds)

### November

- 20 – December 3 - **Western Front** - First Battle of Cambrai. A British attack, and the biggest German attack against the British since 1915 follows. The battle is a stalemate. Gibson; Newington; Grayson (in action at Croisilles Heights, Arras ((20 November))); Clerk (The action of Welsh Ridge ((30 December 1917)), subsequent to the Cambrai operations)

25 March - Ashley (died of illness in UK)

30 October - Neill (died of illness in UK)