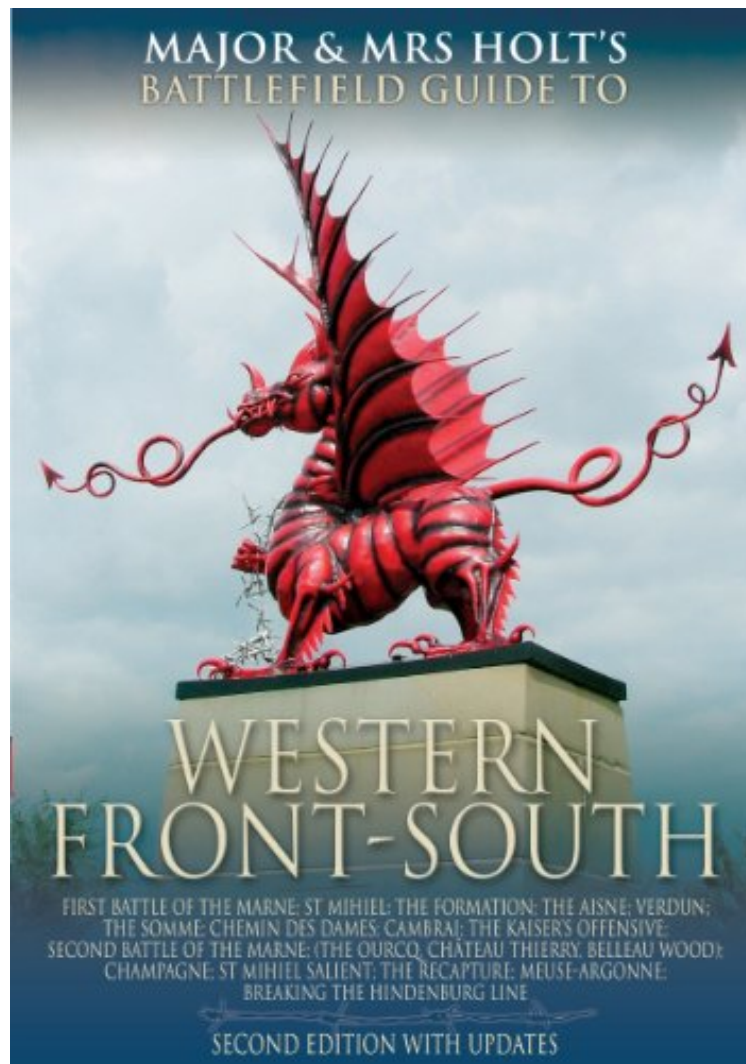


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13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. The Gold Standard for Battlefield TravelBy RickAs usual, the Holt's guidebooks are the gold standard for battlefield travel. This is a more concise guide the the area of the Western front - south, generally covering the Somme down to Verdun/St. Mihael area. Outside of the Somme, this is the lesser travelled area of the battlefields. The book is written from a British perspective, but covers the actions of the French

and Americans in detail as well. With not quite as much detail as their earlier books, this still is packed with information. Also, being new, it is more current than "Before Endavours Fade", the classic guide to the area. There is no separate map with this book but detailed maps are shown before each section. In my opinion, the maps are generally the weakest parts of their guides. A good Michelin map is essential for touring. The book is organized around a tour covering a specific battle, which makes it easy if you have particular interest to locate everything worth seeing for that area and avoid information on battles of no interest. I will be taking this book on my April trip through the area. Highly recommended!

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By Kenneth C. Crowe
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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Major and Mrs Holts Concise Guide Western Front
By Customer
Recently went to Verdun, which is rather profound when you see the bones of the dead soldiers. Many people know nothing about WW1 and the profound affect it had on the world. If there is any humor in this, I read the book on the plane and left it in the seatback. However, I found the book well organized and very useful.

MAJOR MRS HOLT'S Concise, Illustrated BATTLEFIELD GUIDE TO THE WESTERN FRONT- SOUTH contains many fascinating but little-visited areas by travelers and is hoped that they will be tempted further afield than the 'showcase' and sophisticatedly presented battlefields like the Somme to discover some marvelous sites. Many of them have lain virtually 'dormant' for many years (such as areas of the Meuse-Argonne and Champagne) but have recently been renovated and opened up by dedicated local enthusiasts. There are many 'gems' in store in this book. Each battlefield starts with some pertinent quotations by participants, has a succinct Summary of the Battle, Opening Moves and What Happened sections then a Battlefield Tour which follows the same tried and tested formula as the rest of the series of a timed and measured itinerary with historic and anecdotal information at each stop. A detailed Sketch Map showing battle lines and each stop on the route accompanies every battle using the same color code (of yellow for memorials, purple for cemeteries, blue for museums) as the larger Holts' Battle Maps. Together the two books MAJOR MRS HOLT'S Concise, Illustrated BATTLEFIELD GUIDE TO THE WESTERN FRONT- SOUTH and NORTH will form the most comprehensive and detailed English-language guides to the WW1 Western Front ever produced.

About the Author
Major and Mrs Holt founded the first organisation to offer battlefield tours to the general public in the late 1970s. Since the 1990s they have been writing their series of guide books, incorporating all that they have learned from their experiences conducting thousands of people around battlefields. This series, designed to serve as companions for travellers, whether sitting at home or physically visiting the battlefields, includes detailed travel directions, military history, fascinating anecdotes and tourist information. The Holts share the writing of their books equally and conduct all their own research, spending many weeks on the ground as they prepare each new book or update previously published titles.