

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF “THE WAR TO END ALL WARS – THE MOVIE”

In this document, you will find the historical events and figures that are mentioned in Sabaton’s animated film, “The War To End All Wars – The Movie”. For each topic you will find more information regarding the event, along with the connected Sabaton song and Sabaton History episode on YouTube. The Sabaton History episodes provide extensive information on each event and provide insight into the idea behind writing the song.

The Battle of the Yser (1914)

The Battle of the Yser, which took place during World War 1, began on October 16, 1914. The Entente and the Belgians successfully crushed the Germans’ hopes of continuing the Schlieffen Plan. Each attempt was foiled by entrenched machine guns and artillery, as well as by the deliberate flooding of the Yser Canal, which affected the German trenches.

Sabaton song: “Race To The Sea”

Listen to the song: <https://music.sabaton.net/Racetothesea>

Sabaton History Episode: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfZACJ0LOqg>

Milunka Savić (1888-1973)

A celebrated Serbian war hero, Milunka Savić is one of the world's most decorated female combatants who fought in both Balkan Wars and World War 1. She is known for cutting off her hair and changing her appearance to look like a man in order to take her brother’s place in the army.

Sabaton song: “Lady Of The Dark”

Listen to the song: <https://music.sabaton.net/Ladyofthedark>

Sabaton History Episode: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jW2gcOlhxhU>

The Christmas Truce of 1914

An act of trust during World War 1, on December 24, 1914, an unofficial Christmas Truce was enforced on the Western Front. British and German soldiers united, mingled and even played games together - a rare but magical moment of peace.

Sabaton song: “Christmas Truce”

Listen to the song: <https://music.sabaton.net/ChristmasTruce>

Sabaton History Episode: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJq64dF5ZfQ>

First Stormtrooper unit authorised on the Western Front (1915)

The Stormtroopers were specialist soldiers of the German Army who used precise infiltration tactics to target their enemies during World War 1. During their assaults they would apply a deadly mix of shock, surprise and ultra violence.

Sabaton song: "Stormtroopers"

Listen to the song: <https://music.sabaton.net/Stormtroopers>

Sabaton History Episode: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiGKCtoeFsg>

The HMS Dreadnought

In 1906, the HMS Dreadnought was officially launched at sea. This mighty battleship was armed with greater speed, greater range and larger guns than any other vessel. It sparked a global naval arms race.

Sabaton song: "Dreadnought"

Listen to the song: <https://music.sabaton.net/Dreadnought>

Sabaton History Episode: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14HwpXli6kA>

Sir Adrian Carton de Wiart (1880-1963)

A man with war in his blood, Sir Adrian Carton De Wiart was of Belgian heritage but fought for the British Empire during World War 1. Throughout his stints at war, he was injured multiple times, and despite the severity of his wounds, survived. He became known as the 'man who could not be killed'.

Sabaton song: "The Unkillable Soldier"

Listen to the song: <https://music.sabaton.net/TheUnkillableSoldier>

Sabaton History Episode: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpR1pgjDA74>

The Battle for the Col di Lana Summit (1916)

At 23:30 on April 17, 1916, the Italians, who were up against the Austro-Hungarian Empire, detonated 5,000kg of Nitro-Gelatine. Around 200 Austrian soldiers were killed in the explosion and the following assault, and the Italians secured the Col di Lana summit.

Sabaton song: "Soldier Of Heaven"

Listen to the song: <https://music.sabaton.net/SoldierOfHeaven>

Sabaton History Episode: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZ4CJ9f-JEc>

The Battle of Doiran (1917)

During the Battles of Doiran (in 1916, 1917 and 1918), the Bulgarians tenaciously defended their well-prepared positions against British troops. Three times the attackers went up against the lines and three times they were beaten back.

Sabaton song: "Valley Of Death"

Listen to the song: <https://music.sabaton.net/TheValleyofDeath>

Sabaton History Episode: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywzx6c80UdY>

The USA's Harlem Hellfighters assigned to fight in WW1 (1917)

On April 8, 1917, the 369th Infantry Regiment, known as the USA's Harlem Hellfighters, was called into Federal service at Camp Whitman in New York. There, they learned basic military practices to prepare for what was to follow. Less than a year later in 1918, the regiment was assigned to fight in World War 1 alongside the French army. They also fought in World War 2. The brave Harlem Hellfighters were mainly African American and Puerto Rican soldiers, and they were not allowed to fight alongside the ordinary American soldiers.

Sabaton song: "Hellfighters"

Listen to the song: <https://music.sabaton.net/Hellfighters>

Sabaton History Episode: -