



This narrow strip of land along the IJzer is of special importance to the Ministry of Defence. After all it is the location of the last remaining piece of the Belgian front during the First World War. The Dodengang is a particularly important site for the 'Historic Pool of Defence'. The aim of this initiative by the Minister of Defence, Mr André Flahaut and the relevant investments is to safeguard and emphasise the value of Ministry of Defence heritage. This heritage is intended to pass on the message of 'commemorating means working to ensure peace' to younger generations.

This unique site is also a place of human suffering. In this marshy area, thousands of soldiers in trenches engaged in a horrific and seemingly endless war of attrition. Far too many soldiers lost their lives defending our freedoms. Let us make sure we never forget them. The commemoration of their sacrifice ought to help us create a world of justice and peace!

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### Location

Diksmuide

### Surface area

300 m<sup>2</sup>





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## Dodengang

Using maps, the museum highlights, photos, videos and objects, the situation of the belligerent countries, the mobilization, the fighting, the role of the Allies, the retreat of the Belgian Army, the German occupation, the formation of the front on the Iron, fighting in the trenches of the Dodengang and destruction. The bulk of the documents and objects is obtained from the collections of the Army Museum.



### Destination

Museum

### Type of exhibition

Permanent

### Project director

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### Design

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