During World War I, the nursing home Clep was turned into a field hospital. The elderly people had to make space for severely injured soldiers. In April of 1915, the field hospital experienced its most turbulent time. During the Second Battle of Ypres, with the first large scale use of poison gas by the Germans near Steenstraete on the 22nd of April, hundreds of wounded were evacuated towards Clep. Surgeries were performed day and night. Between January 1915 and October 1918, more than 6,500 Belgian soldiers received medical treatment. Alas, 1,320 of them succumbed to their injuries.
Alveringem consists of nine villages, situated in the peaceful countryside between Ypres and the North Sea. These charming villages remind us of a wealthy past.

The church of Owren and the accompanying military cemetery are part of a series of 30 important World War I sites in West-Flanders.

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plus de 5200 Officiers et Soldats Français furent tués à Ette – Belmont
et villages alentours. Mais parmi les civils d’Ette – Belmont : 277 habitants du village,
femmes, enfants, hommes furent assassinés sauvagement
et 256 maisons furent incendiées.

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During the first world war, the South of the Province of Luxembourg
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People keep in mind the bloody fights in the Gaume region.
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