OUR PROJECT FOR THE SADLIER & STOKES CONTEST



A COLLECTION OF COMIC STRIPS

12 comic strips with a quizz and answers

- Pros / cons :
- a homogeneous collection
- there were limitations to the software

A foreword or warning to the reader :
visual representations could not be historically accurate (the software only gave us access to a limited image bank)

Our humble goal and where we have been succesful : to convey and celebrate the « ANZAC spirit »





LOVE IN HELL



■ The tragedy of the Great War impacted the world globally

■ We insisted on the idea that women played a **non-negligible role**

■ The aftermath : heroes got an **official recognition** of the good deeds done for the nation

LOVE IN HELL



■ The epilogue of our comic strip is paramount : the protagonists write **a book to commemorate the bravery** of the nurses

■ It stresses the importance of literature as a means to **transmit knowledge**

■ Biographies, history books or fiction are crucial to pass on historic facts to young generations and keep memories alive



LOVE IN TERROR



- The whole world got caught in the nightmare of the Great war
- A willingness to participate and help came from **ordinary citizens**
- We wanted to celebrate their commitment and loyalty to their country

LOVE IN TERROR



Our protagonists (a nurse and a soldier) fall in love : we meant to show that war is a strong bonding experience

■ They bring flowers to the tombstones of war heroes on **ANZAC day** : it is central to celebrate those who passed away for their country



A FRIENDSHIP UNDER THE BOMBS



■ Our comic strip is a tribute to **Black diggers** (Aboriginal soldiers who enrolled into the Great War)

■ The idea of **mateship** is at the core of our comic strip

■ Working on this comic strip gave us the opportunity to research **Aboriginal traditional medicine** (the most common bush medicinal plants and their use)

A FRIENDSHIP UNDER THE BOMBS



■ War is **traumatic** and it is hard to put words on it

■ But in our comic strip the grandfather is **talkative** : he is telling stories about an extraordinary friendship that started with the war

■ We wanted to emphasize the value of **first-hand** accounts

■ Another aspect of the culture we wanted to share : ANZAC biscuits. We find them... so yummy!



THE ANZAC CONTEST



■ Our comic strip is based on a **mise** en abyme : it describes a contest within a contest

Our work alludes to our own
experience as candidates to the Sadlier
& Stokes contest

We think that a contest provides a stimulating context and is a creative way to reflect upon the past

THE ANZAC CONTEST



Art is central in our comic strip

■ Our work refers to a selection of **books** we have studied in class (e. g. « Simpson and his Donkey » by Mark Greenwood)

■ We also mention **songs** we have sung in class like « The Anzac » by Adam Brand or « Spirit of the Anzac » by Lee Karnaghan



LIKE FATHER LIKE SON



- Stupor, incomprehension as the war broke
- Powerlessness and hopelessness of those who were left behind
- A stressful period in history
- Dignity of the soldiers risking their lives for their country

LIKE FATHER LIKE SON



- The feelings of loneliness and helplessness of those left in the margin of the conflict (too old/ young/ physically inapt)
- The courage of soldiers and boy soldiers
- A glimmer of hope as men go to war to reestablish peace

MY FATHER, A HERO



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■ We chose to shed light on the **precarious** situation of our protagonist

Soldiers could be overwhelmed by a feeling of uprootedness, displacement or homesickness

■ They had **lost their familiar landmarks** (none of the familiar faces or usual scenery like the bush or endemic animals were in sight)

Our comic strip is the story of a stressful leap into the unknown

MY FATHER, A HERO



Our young protagonist has been orphaned by the war

But he is a resilient and resourceful character : using his pain as motivation to serve his country

■ His father acted like a strong role model who instilled in him pride and the spirit of patriotism

SIBLINGS TORN APART

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SIBLINGS TORN APART



The Great War was a global conflict : nearly half a million ANZAC soldiers from Australia and New-Zealand took part in it

The Gallipoli landing was a historical climax in the war against the enemy

Soldiers were guided **by high moral values** leading them to the final victory, including the thought of relatives and beloved ones

SIBLINGS TORN APART



We had at heart to describe a perilous situation and the vulnerability of the troops : the lives of the soldiers being at stake

■ The soldiers acted as **heroes**, ready to serve regardless of the dangers lying ahead



LEST WE FORGET



■ An important fact related to the Villers-Bretonneux battle is the **evolution of war equipment** (tanks have been in use for more than a century now)

■ Villers-Bretonneux and Noumea are places where the courage of the soldiers are commemorated every single year



LEST WE FORGET



■ We wanted to lay the emphasis on the poppies as a popular symbol

■ The field of wild poppies is a **powerful reminder** of the blood that was shed during the conflict

■ They deliver hope : humanity can move from the ugliness of war to the beauty of peace and brotherhood



A HOPELESS LOVE



■ We chose to focus on the life-saving role of nurses

■Our protagonists get involved in a **romantic relationship**

■ The tragic of war is counterbalanced by the love story

A TRAGIC FRIENDSHIP DURING THE WAR



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■ We chose a classroom situation as the context to reminisce about the ANZAC

■ We wanted to draw **a parallel with the news** and what is making the headlines today : the war in Ukraine

■ The parallel makes it obvious : we need to **learn the mistakes from the past** to avoid repeating them

A TRAGIC FRIENDSHIP DURING THE WAR



Our story end up with a climax (a happy ending) for many reasons :

- War is over
- The pupils get the highest grade for their school assignment
- The children are enjoying the fair in Melbourne

■ A strong friendship between a black digger and a White australian soldier is mirrored in a contemporary friendship between two highschool students

THANKS FOR LISTENING

We hope you enjoyed our presentation!