

COMMONWEALTH WAR MEMORIAL, DOVER

DESIGN CONCEPT



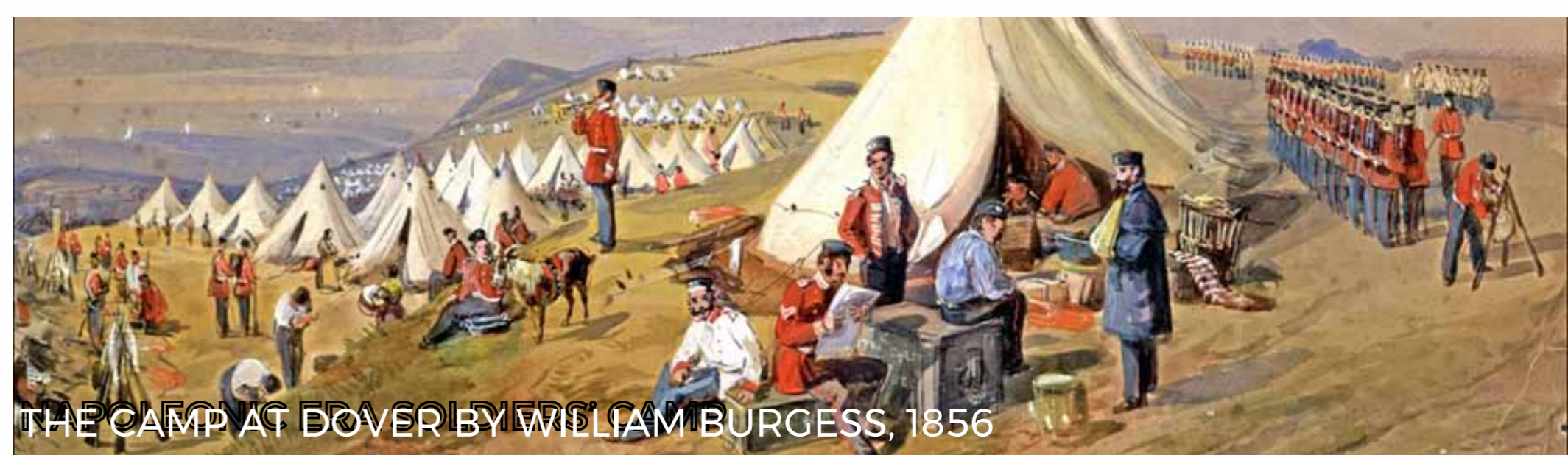
DESIGN CONCEPT: ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF A CEREMONY ON THE PARADE GROUND



CONCEPT DESIGN PLAN VIEW



PHYSICAL MODEL ILLUSTRATING GEORGIAN BARRACKS



THE CAMP AT DOVER BY WILLIAM BURGESS, 1856

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This is a proposal for a new War Memorial that simultaneously revels in the peaceful times we are fortunate to enjoy, looks back to a past suffering with loss and horror in the fight for this luxury, whilst looking forward to a future that is strong as it is united globally in an effort to maintain harmony between nations.

The form of the memorial has been specifically designed to have a military feel. This resonates with the history of the site and puts the visitor in mind of the sacrifice of war.

The design consists of 12 terraces with walls faced with stone and inscribed with the names of all those who died in conflict from all Commonwealth nations between 1914 and 1947.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission have kindly allowed the use of their list of the 1.7million commemorated names. This is over a kilometre of wall. All names face the sun and the sea.

The design also includes:

- A visitor centre with educational space, mobility scooter hire, a viewing terrace and cafe
- A parade ground between the terraces and the Grand Shaft

EXPERIENCING THE MEMORIAL

The Memorial will be open for all, inviting visitors from around the country and from across the world to come and experience Dover's coastal location and to fully appreciate the history of the fortifications at the Western Heights. Passengers passing through the port will be encouraged to take the time to visit this Monument in peace. The Memorial will hold national commemorative events, drawing international attention to the Monument and Dover.

The vision of the Western Heights Preservation Society in opening the heritage assets to the public will be recognised and furthered by formal investment.

It is essential that the Memorial is inclusive for everyone to enjoy. Car-parking will be improved and coach-facilities will cater to group visits. There will be new toilet and refreshment facilities that serve visitors to the Memorial and the Western Heights. The Memorial will provide a formal setting for a moving experience of reflection upon the past, present and future.