



On the project page www.memento190.de an interactive Google map indicates the known places of death sorted by the year with the help of colour signs.

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In summer 2014 a memorial in the Black Forest town Oppenau commemorating the soldiers killed during World War I was demolished to construct a parking. So in the year of the centennial of World War I there is no venue where to commemorate all the 190 killed persons from the city and its surrounding villages. This circumstances motivated the artist Tim Otto Roth to initiate a temporary memorial in his Black Forest hometown.

Until the re-erection of the memorial which is currently in renovation a LED based ticker will display all the names of the deads. This are 190 names in total, some of them, like for instance Ludwig Huber, sound very familiar in that region. The idea with the luminescent ticker provokes at first hand associations with the works by Jenny Holzer, but it has a close site-specific reference. The LED display is mounted in one of the skylights of the artist's studio, which faces the platform of the local train station. There LED tickers display the recent train traffic information. This visual play with familiar displays comprises more than an element of irritation, there is also a reference to the station as location, where a lot of soldiers said a finally good-bye to their families.

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*a temporary World War I memorial
 at a Black Forest train station in 2014>*

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