



Lest We Forget First World War Cenotaph Research

Information Package



First World War personnel files

These information sheets will help in the interpretation of the documents found in services files for the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

The War Diaries

Service files indicate where an individual was posted in England, but do not record the places in France or Belgium of postings or battles. The files provide the name or number of the unit in which the individual served. With that information, locations and battles can be determined by searching the relevant War Diaries.

Canadian Expeditionary Force units were required to maintain a daily account of their 'Actions in the Field'. These logs were called War Diaries and they are a historical record of a unit's administration, operations and activities during the First World War. The records have been scanned and can be viewed online in our War Diaries database, available on our Web site at http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/020152_e.html . Records not yet digitized are available on microfilm.

Military Abbreviations, Terms and Meanings

Service personnel military files from the First World War contain many abbreviations and terms, the most common of which are explained here.

Abbreviation	Term	Meaning
Acting or a/	Acting Rank	higher rank held on a temporary basis – also known as a brevet rank for officers
Adj	Adjutant	administrative assistant to a commanding officer (below divisional level)
adm	Admitted	soldiers entering hospital for medical treatment
ARD	Alberta Regimental Depot	facility in England used to assemble men and to store and administer equipment and materials
att'd	attached	to be made part of a specific unit on a temporary basis
auth	authorized, authority	designation of the individual or organization permitting the action noted
AWL or AWOL	absent without leave	away from a unit without permission; an offence under military law
Batt'n or Bn	Battalion	unit of approximately 1,000 men commanded by a lieutenant-colonel
BCRD	British Columbia Regimental Depot	facility in England used to assemble men and to store and administer equipment and materials
BEF	British Expeditionary Force	army of more than 3,000,000 men established by the Government of Britain for service overseas
Bde	Brigade	unit of approximately 4,000 men commanded by a brigadier-general
Bramshott	Bramshott	location of a Canadian military training base in Hampshire, England
Bty	Battery	artillery unit commanded by a major and composed of four or six guns or mortars
Boulogne	Boulogne	location of Canadian General Hospital (No.3) in France
CADC	Canadian Army Dental Corps	corps of military dentists and other personnel providing dental services to soldiers
CAMC	Canadian Army Medical Corps	corps of military doctors, nursing sisters and other personnel providing medical treatment to soldiers
Canterbury	Canterbury	location of Canadian Military Hospital (No.2) in Kent, England
CASC	Canadian Army Service Corps	branch of the military responsible for supplying troops in the field
Cav	Cavalry	soldiers who fought on horseback
CBD	Canadian Base Details	small units charged with maintaining and improving camp areas
CCAC	Canadian Casualty Assembly Centre	centre where wounded were assessed for either further treatment or return to duty
CCCC	Canadian Corps Composite Company	unit of men unfit for active duty at the front and attached to Corps Headquarters for employment
CCD	Canadian Convalescent Depot	facility where soldiers could recover from wounds and rebuild their strength
CCRC	Canadian Divisional Reinforcement Centre	centre in France where troops were held before being sent to reinforce existing units
CCS	Casualty Clearing Station	first medical unit (after the Aid Post) where wounded soldiers evacuated from the front lines
CDD	Canadian Discharge Depot	centre in Canada where soldiers returning from war were released from service
CDAC	Canadian Divisional Ammunition Column	railhead where divisional ammunition was stored before being shipped to the front
CE	Canadian Engineers	corps of men who built bridges, railway depots, camps, bases and other military installations
CEF	Canadian Expeditionary Force	force of more than 600,000 men established by the Government of Canada for service overseas
CERD	Canadian Engineer Reinforcement Depot	centre from which reinforcements were allocated to existing engineer units
CFA	Canadian Field Ambulance	unit responsible for evacuating the wounded from the front lines to medical centres
CFC	Canadian Forestry Corps	units designated to cut down and process trees to provide wood and lumber
CGA	Canadian Garrison Artillery	organization responsible for using large-calibre guns in direct or indirect support of infantry
CGH	Canadian General Hospital	permanent hospital where extensive treatment was given to the wounded
CGR	Canadian Garrison Regiment	unit of 13 battalions formed in April 1918 to perform garrison duty in Canada's 13 military districts
CL	Casualty List	list of soldiers wounded, killed, missing or taken prisoner by the enemy
CLH	Canadian Light Horse	cavalry unit, originally intended as a scouting force
CMGC	Canadian Machine Gun Corps	soldiers with machine guns responsible for supporting or defending against infantry attack
CMR	Canadian Mounted Rifles	mounted soldiers originally, later used largely as infantry
C of I	Court of Inquiry	group of officers convened to investigate specific questions or events
Com	Command	unit under the command of one officer or non-commissioned officer
CO	Commanding Officer	any officer in command of a specific unit (usually battalion level and up)
Conv	Convalescent	a soldier recovering from wounds or illness
CORD	Central Ontario Regimental Depot	facility in England used to assemble men and to store and administer equipment and materials
Coy	Company	unit of approximately 200 men, divided into 4 groups
CRCR	Canadian Reserve Cavalry Regiment	cavalry reserve unit based in England
CRT	Canadian Railway Troops	men recruited and organized to operate railways in rear areas
CSM	Company Sergeant-Major	senior non-commissioned officer in a company
DAC	Divisional Ammunition Company	organization responsible for supplying ammunition to a division
DCM	Distinguished Conduct Medal	medal for bravery awarded to other ranks (non-officers)
dis	Discharged	released from military service, or from a hospital

Div	Division	unit of approximately 12,000 men commanded by a major-general
DO	Daily Order (of a unit)	administration orders issued to mark personnel changes of a unit (transfers, hospitalizations, etc.)
D of W	Died of Wounds	official cause of death
Dvr	Driver	designation or rank of a soldier who drives vehicles
East Sandling	East Sandling	location of Canadian military training base in Kent, England
emb	embarked	went aboard ship for departure overseas; Canada to Britain or Canada to France
EORD	Eastern Ontario Regimental Depot	facility in England used to assemble men and to store and administer equipment and materials
Frac	fractured	medical term for broken bone
GC Badge	Good Conduct Badge	award for good conduct during service
Gen	General	commanding officer at division or corps level
GHQ	General Headquarters	command centre from which corps or army commanders direct the war
Gnr	Gunner	lowest rank in the Royal Canadian Artillery (equivalent to private)
GSW	Gunshot Wound	wound caused by a bullet
GOC	General Officer Commanding	highest ranking general, usually at the corps level
HMS	His Majesty's Ship	vessel under the control of the Royal Navy
HMT	His Majesty's Troopship	designated ship carrying troops between Canada and England and England and France
Hosp	Hospital	designated location where soldiers receive medical treatment
How	Howitzer	an artillery weapon (various calibres) capable of firing shells in a low or high arc
HQ	Headquarters	command centre for a military unit in the field (company level and above)
inv "wd"	Invalided wounded	a soldier transferred away from the front as a result of wounds received in action
KIA	Killed in action	designation of how a soldier died
LG (Lon Gaz)	London Gazette	official British government publication of decorations, honours and promotions
LMB	Light Mortar Battery	front line unit of light mortars used for direct fire support
LSH	Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)	cavalry unit first established for South African War
M&D	Medals and Decorations	list of theatre medals or decorations received for military service, as well as special citations
MC	Military Cross	award given to officers for specific act(s) of bravery, or for meritorious service
MD	Military District (or Depot)	designated military administrative areas in Canada (13 in number)
MIA	Missing in action	casualty whose whereabouts and status (alive, dead or captured) after an action are unknown
MID	Mentioned in Despatches	commendation by commanding officer for outstanding or meritorious service
Mil	Military	organization responsible for defending a country or for the conduct of a war
Miss	Missing	location of an individual is unknown
MM	Military Medal	medal for bravery awarded to other ranks (non-officers)
MRD	Manitoba Regimental Depot	facility behind front used to assemble men and to store and administer equipment and materials
NCO	non-commissioned officer	non-commissioned officer
NSRD	Nova Scotia Regimental Depot	facility behind front used to assemble men and to store and administer equipment and materials
NYD	not yet determined	a medical condition not yet diagnosed
OMFC	Overseas Military Forces of Canada	Canadian cabinet ministry that conducted Canadian military affairs in London, England
Orpington	Orpington	location of military hospital in Kent, England
O.S.	Overseas	all areas outside the territorial waters of North America
P&S	Plaque and Scroll (Memorial)	given to the families of soldiers who died during service
Pnr	Pioneer	member of a pioneer battalion, used for specialized engineering work in rear areas
PPCLI	Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry	Canadian regiment of experienced soldiers privately established by Hamilton Galt
Pres	presumed	official term not available
Proc	proceeded	official term not available
Pte	Private	lowest rank of enlisted soldier
Pt. II O	Part II Orders	administrative orders issued by a unit (see DO)
PUO	Pyrexia of unknown origin	fever of an undetermined cause
QRD	Quebec Regimental Depot	facility in England used to assemble men and to store and administer equipment and materials
RAF	Royal Air Force	British air force (Royal Flying Corps (RFC) before April 1918)
RCD	Royal Canadian Dragoons	heavy cavalry unit
RCHA	Royal Canadian Horse Artillery	specific regiment of artillery inside the Royal Canadian Artillery
RCR	Royal Canadian Regiment	one of the oldest Canadian infantry regiments, founded in 1883
rem	remained	stayed in an area, or stayed on duty
Res	Reserve	force of men remaining behind the lines to reinforce the front lines where needed
RFB	Reported from Base	unit base report about a soldier
RFC	Royal Flying Corps	see RAF
RSM	Regimental Sergeant-Major	senior non-commissioned officer in a regiment

RTC	Returned to Corps	a soldier returning to duty
Salisbury	Salisbury	location of first Canadian military training base in Southwest England in 1915
Seaford	Seaford	location of Canadian military training base in Sussex, England
SEF	Siberian Expeditionary Force	small international force sent to Russia in 1918 to help anti-communist forces
Shorncliffe	Shorncliffe	location of Canadian military training base in Kent, England
SOS	Struck off strength (of a unit)	when a soldier ceases to be a member of a unit because of transfer, injury or death
Spr	Sapper	lowest enlisted rank in Canadian Engineers (see CE)
SS	Steamship	transport vessel used to carry troops and equipment
Staty	Stationary (Hospital)	large movable hospital of between 400 and 1,000 beds
SW	Shrapnel (Shell) Wound	type of wound received from shrapnel or shell fragment
TMB	Trench Mortar Battery	small- to medium-calibre mortars used in infantry support and to shell enemy trenches
TOS	Taken off strength (of a unit)	entry of a soldier to a unit
Tpr	Trooper	lowest rank in a cavalry unit
trans	transferred	to be sent from one unit or location to another
unk	unknown	location of a soldier is not known
Wilton	Wilton	location of Canadian military training base in Wiltshire, England (on Salisbury Plain)
w, (w)	wounded	Injury caused by enemy action

How to Read a Record of Service or Casualty Form (First World War)

The entries appearing on these documents are taken from unit Part II Orders. The Orders are the administrative directives concerning the movement of individuals into and out of each unit for various reasons, such as leave, hospitalization, and transfer to and from another unit, as well as changes in financial or ration allowances, or punishment awarded for service offences.

Each unit of the Canadian Expeditionary Force issued these orders on a regular basis, and they are collected in our holdings and arranged by unit and date in Record Group (RG) 150, Series 1. However, each entry for an individual mentioned in the orders is placed separately on his personnel record, with a reference to the order number in which the original entry appears (see remarks column on the image).

Record of Service.
Library and Archives Canada,
RG 150, accession 1992-93/166, Box 3698-53

Casualty Form.
Library and Archives Canada,
RG 150, accession 1992-93/166, Box 3698-53

- Report date (first column) Date on which a specific report concerning the individual is received by a higher authority.
- Report from whom received (second column). Information about who is making the report.
- Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service; the authority to be quoted in each case (third column)
Information about the individual which has been noted in the unit administrative orders.

Note: The terms taken on strength (TOS) or struck off strength (SOS) refer to the movement of personnel into and out of a unit. They are usually entered in pairs in an individual's personnel records, recording the departure from one unit and the entry into another, and the dates on which they occurred.

- Place (fourth column) Place in which the action noted occurred.
- Date (fifth column) Date on which the noted action took place. It should not be confused with the earlier date, which referred only to the report being made (first column).
- Remarks; taken from official documents (sixth column) Reference to Part II Order in which the action is entered.

Form R 122
J.C. O.H. 1917.

GRAHAM Edward Watson.

1051630.

Rank _____ Name _____ Reg'l No. _____
 Unit 243rd Bn to Sask Regt. If in perm. Corps, }
 Married or Single Single.
 Place and Date of Enlistment Prince Albert. Mar 23rd 1917 Place of Birth Ont. Can.
 Name and Address, Next-of-Kin Mrs R.W. Graham.
 1502 1st Ave West, Prince Albert, Sask. Relationship Mother.
 Assigned Pay Monthly \$ _____ Payable to _____
 Separation Allowance \$ _____ Payable to _____
 Relationship N.E. R.B. No. 5162
 Relationship F.M.R.L. _____
 Relationship Category: Can. D.R.

Discharge, Date and Place Reason Character
 H. W. T. Id-21406.

Report.		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place.	Date.	REMARKS Taken from Official Documents.
Date.	From whom received.				
95-1-17.	15th Regt.	ARRIVED IN ENGLAND 26 17 S/3 OLYMPIC. Taken on strength.	B. 2nd Lt	10-6-17	DO 170
20-10-17	---	S. B. to Sask Regt.	Pt	22-10-17	--- 288.
23-10-17	Sask Regt	S. B. to 15th Dec 12.	Pt	23-10-17	--- 287.
12-11-17	---	in command of 2nd D. Straton	Pt	11-11-17	--- 287.
26-11-17	---	in command of S. B. to Comd for disposal of A. G.	Pt	17-11-17	--- 271.
	Dis Dept	1st Lt for Duty Minor 31.3.1901	2nd Lt Requis	20/1/17	A.R.H.16. Prince Albert: Sask.

report date

report from whom received

record of transfers, promotions, casualties etc.

date

remarks

place

Fill in only.—Unit, Number, Rank and Name.

M. F. W. 54. (A. E. B. 103.
3594.—5-16
H. Q. 1772-30-923.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Unit, Regiment or Corps 243rd Overseas Battalion C.E.F.

Regimental No. 1051630 Rank Private Name Graham, Edward Watson

Enlisted (a) Mar. 23/17 Terms of Service (a) C.E.F. 2 years Service reckons from (a) Mar. 23/1917

Date of promotion to present rank) Date of appointment to lance rank) Numerical position on roll of N. C. Os.)

Extended) Re-engaged) Qualification (b) Military: None
Civil: Student

Report Date	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 33, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 33, or other official documents
		<u>Canada</u> <u>Embarked H.M.T. Olympic</u>	<u>Halifax, N.S.</u>	<u>1917</u> <u>May 28</u>	
		<u>Disembarked</u>	<u>England</u>	<u>June 10</u>	<u>H.M.T. "Olympic"</u>
		<u>Entered Segregation Camp</u>	<u>Bramshott</u>	<u>June 10</u>	<u>Pt. Henderson</u> <u>Adj. of Camp</u> <u>for C.E.F. Seg Camp.</u>
<u>25-6-17</u>	<u>OC. 15th Can Res Bn</u>	<u>Taken on the strength of the 15th Can Res Battn.</u>	<u>Bramshott</u>	<u>10-6-17</u>	<u>Pt-5170 2/25-6-17</u>
<u>OCT 22 1917</u>	<u>15th Can Res Bn</u>	<u>16.1 to 1.17.17</u>	<u>BRAMSHOTT</u>	<u>OCT 22 1917</u>	<u>426 II 288</u>
<u>23/10/17</u>	<u>S.P.D.</u>	<u>T.O.S. 9 posted to Depot</u>	<u>B' shott</u>	<u>22/10/17</u>	<u>D.G. 237</u>
<u>12/11/17</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>On command to</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>11/11/17</u>	<u>D.G. 257</u>
		<u>6DD Buxton</u>			

In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
e. Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. (P.T.O.)

How to Read a Medal Card (First World War)

Number..... Rank LIEUT
Surname BRANT
Christian Name CAMERON D.
Units..... Theatre of War FRANCE
Date of Service 22.9.14. 9.2.15. 24.4.15.
Remarks.....
1st c.o.R.
Latest Address Mrs. Mollie M. Brant
91 Spring St.
Hamilton
Ont.
Roll No. B. Page 6370

First World War Medal Card.
Library and Archives Canada,
RG 150, accession 1992-93/166, Box 1019 - 37

The sample document is taken from the service file of Lieutenant Cameron D. Brant, who was killed in action on 24 April 1915 on the Western Front. He received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, and was eligible for the 1914-1915 Star. One can determine these awards from his medal card in the following way:

- In the upper right corner there is a capital B, with a check mark through it. The "B" denotes that Mr. Brant was awarded the British War Medal, and the check mark denotes that it was sent out.
- In the same corner is a capital V, also with a check mark. As with the "B", the "V" denotes the award of the Victory Medal, and the check mark that it was sent out.

Note: Should only one letter appear, this means that only one of the medals has been awarded, most likely the British War Medal.

- Eligibility for the 1914-1915 Star is determined by Theatre of War and Date of Service. If Theatre of War reads France, and Date of Service shows a date before 31 December 1915, the soldier is eligible for the Star. In this case, we can see that Mr. Brant was transferred to France on 9 February 1915, and is therefore eligible for the Star.

Note: If Theatre of War reads England, and the Date of Service is before 11 November 1918, the soldier is only eligible for the British War Medal, and only a "B" will appear in the upper right corner. Soldiers who never left Canada are not eligible for any service awards, and consequently there is no medal card in their service files.

Criteria for the Award of First World War Theatre Medals

- 1914-1915 Star: Granted to all officers and men who actively served on the establishment of a unit in a Theatre of War, for example France or Belgium, between midnight 22 November 1914 and midnight 31 December 1915.
- British War Medal: Granted to all officers and other ranks, who either entered a Theatre of War on duty, or left places of residence and rendered approved service overseas, on or before midnight 11 November 1918. All veterans of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who proceeded to the United Kingdom were eligible for the award in the regulations. The medal was also awarded to all Naval personnel who performed 28 days mobilized service anywhere. Also awarded to those who proceeded to the British West Indies and to Siberia.
- Victory Medal: Granted to all officers and other ranks who actually served on the establishment of a unit in a Theatre of War on or before midnight 11 November 1918, and to those officers and other ranks of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who proceeded to Siberia.

Note: Decorations such as a Mentioned-in-Despatches, Military Medal or Military Cross, Distinguished Service Order, etc. do not appear on the medal card, but are entered on the individual's Record of Service and Casualty forms, along with the number of the *London Gazette* in which the award was promulgated.



B
X

Number..... Rank *LIEUT*

Surname *BRANT*

Christian Name *CAMERON D.*

Units..... Theatre of War *FRANCE:*

Date of Service *22.9.14. 9.2.15. 24.4.15.*

Remarks..... *D*

1st c.o.R.
Latest Address *Mrs. Flossie M. Brant*

31 Spring St.

Roll No. *B. Page 6370. Hamilton*

Ont

How to Read a Memorial Cross Card (First World War)

BRANT, Cameron D. Lieut. 4th Bn. H.A.R.
Eligible for 1914-15 Star Medal with Bar
MEDALS & DECORATIONS Mrs. Flossie M. Brent (Widow)
31 Spring St., Hamilton, Ont. 7171
FEB 17 1921
PLAQUE & SCROLL Serial No. 781845
Widow, as above, Regn No. Z. 20695
APR 21 1922
CROSS OF SACRIFICE Mrs. Flossie M. Brent (Widow)
31 Spring St., Hamilton, Ont.
ALSO Mrs. Lydia Brent (Mother)
Hagersville, Ont.
Disp MAY 8 1920 (V.V.)-66891
Disp MAY 8 1920 67166908
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The first line provides the name of the soldier, his regimental number, rank and unit.

Medals & Decs: Name and address of the next of kin to which the soldier's medals and decorations are sent.

P. & S.: Abbreviation refers to the Memorial Plaque* and Scroll, which were issued to the next of kin as a commemoration of the soldier's sacrifice in the service of the King.

Mem. Cross: Memorial Cross issued to the mother and/or widow of the deceased soldier (also seen as "Cross of Sacrifice").

The other entries on the card containing dates refer to when the scroll and plaque were despatched to the next of kin by the government, the handwritten date referring to the medals and decorations (M) and the number C6908 being the number of the Medal Roll on which the awards are registered in the soldier's name.

Definition of Next of Kin

The recipient is to be the blood next of kin of the deceased at the time of distribution of the memorials. The order of next-of-kin is laid down as follows:

- (a) widow;
- (b) eldest surviving son;
- (c) eldest surviving daughter;
- (d) father;
- (e) mother;
- (f) eldest surviving brother, and so on, to; and
- (s) eldest surviving aunt on mother's side.

BRANT, Cameron D. Lieut. 4th Bn. H.A.D.

Eligible for 1914 15 Star Lieut 4th Bn

MEDALS & DECORATIONS Mrs. Flossie M. Brant (Widow)
31 Spring St., Hamilton, Ont.

FEB 17 1921

PLAQUE & SCROLL

Widow, as above. *Serial No 781845* *Rev. No 220696*

APR 21 1922

CROSS OF SACRIFICE

Mrs. Flossie M. Brant (Widow)
31 Spring St., Hamilton, Ont.
ALSO Mrs. Lydia Brant (Mother)
Hagersville, Ont.

Resp MAY 8 1920 (V.V.) 66891
Resp MAY 8 1920 (V.V.) 66908



Pay and Allowances

In 1914, the daily rates of pay and allowances originally laid down for members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force were as follows:

Colonel or Lt-Colonel	\$5.00
Major	\$4.00
Captain	\$3.00
Lieutenant (qualified or provisional)	\$2.00
Paymaster, Quartermaster	\$3.00
Adjutant, in addition to pay of rank	\$.50
Brigade, Regimental or Staff Sergeant Major	\$1.85
Brigade, Regimental or Staff Sergeant Major (if Warrant Officer)	\$2.00
Brigade, Regimental or Staff S.M (if Quartermaster Sergeant.)	\$1.60
Orderly Room Sergeant	\$1.50
Pay Sergeant	\$1.60
Sqdn. Bty. Troop or COY S.M.	\$1.60
Sqdn. Bty. Troop or COY Q.M.S.	\$1.50
Farrier Sergeants	\$1.50
Sergeants	\$1.35
Corporals	\$1.10
Bombardiers or 2 nd Corporals	\$1.05
Privates, Gunners, Sappers, Drivers, Batman, etc.	\$1.00

The rates of Field Allowances were authorized at the following scale:

Colonel	\$1.50
Lieut-Colonel	\$1.25
Major	\$1.00
Captain	.75
Lieutenant	.60
Warrant Officer	.30
Staff Sergeant	.20
Sergeant	.15
Rank and file (corporals, privates, etc.)	.10

For example, a private in the Canadian Expeditionary Force would be paid \$1.00 per day plus an additional ten cents per day if they were in the field (on the battlefield).

Permission was given to officers, non-commissioned officers and men to assign a portion of their pay, not exceeding four-fifths of the monthly amount, to their relatives. The amount was instructed to be in dollars only (no cents), and the maximum amount assigned by a private soldier was \$25.00.

DIVISIONS OF THE CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (NOVEMBER 1918)

1ST DIVISION	2ND DIVISION	3RD DIVISION	4TH DIVISION
1 st Brigade Canadian Field Artillery 1 st Field Battery 3 rd Field Battery 4 th Field Battery 2 nd Howitzer Battery	5 th Brigade Canadian Field Artillery 17 th Field Battery 18 th Field Battery 20 th Field Battery 23 rd Howitzer Battery	9 th Brigade Canadian Field Artillery 31 st Field Battery 33 rd Field Battery 45 th Field Battery 36 th Howitzer Battery	3 rd Brigade Canadian Field Artillery 10 th Field Battery 11 th Field Battery 12 th Field Battery 9 th Howitzer Battery
2 nd Brigade Canadian Field Artillery 5 th Field Battery 6 th Field Battery 7 th Field Battery 48 th Howitzer Battery	6 th Brigade Canadian Field Artillery 15 th Field Battery 16 th Field Battery 25 th Field Battery 22 nd Howitzer Battery	10 th Brigade Canadian Field Artillery 5 th Field Battery 6 th Field Battery 7 th Field Battery 48 th Howitzer Battery	4 th Brigade Canadian Field Artillery 13 th Field Battery 19 th Field Battery 27 th Field Battery 21 st Howitzer Battery
1 st Divisional Ammunition Column	2 nd Divisional Ammunition Column	3 rd Divisional Ammunition Column	4 th Divisional Ammunition Column
1 st Canadian Infantry Brigade 1 st Canadian Infantry Battalion 2 nd Canadian Infantry Battalion 3 rd Canadian Infantry Battalion 4 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 1 st Trench Mortar Battery	4 th Canadian Infantry Brigade 18 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 19 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 20 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 21 st Canadian Infantry Battalion 4 th Trench Mortar Battery	7 th Canadian Infantry Brigade The Royal Canadian Regiment Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 42 nd Battalion 49 th Battalion 7 th Trench Mortar Battery	10 th Canadian Infantry Brigade 44 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 46 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 47 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 50 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 10 th Trench Mortar Battery
2 nd Canadian Infantry Brigade 5 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 7 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 8 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 10 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 2 nd Trench Mortar Battery	5 th Canadian Infantry Brigade 22 nd Canadian Infantry Battalion 23 rd Canadian Infantry Battalion 25 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 26 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 5 th Trench Mortar Battery	8 th Canadian Infantry Brigade 1 st Canadian Mounted Rifles 2 nd Canadian Mounted Rifles 4 th Canadian Mounted Rifles 5 th Canadian Mounted Rifles 8 th Trench Mortar Battery	11 th Canadian Infantry Brigade 54 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 75 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 87 th Canadian Infantry Battalion 102 nd Canadian Infantry Battalion 11 th Trench Mortar Battery
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1 st Brigade Canadian Engineers 1 st Battalion Canadian Engineers 2 nd Battalion Canadian Engineers 3 rd Battalion Canadian Engineers	2 nd Brigade Canadian Engineers 4 th Battalion Canadian Engineers 5 th Battalion Canadian Engineers 6 th Battalion Canadian Engineers	3 rd Brigade Canadian Engineers 7 th Battalion Canadian Engineers 8 th Battalion Canadian Engineers 9 th Battalion Canadian Engineers	4 th Brigade Canadian Engineers 10 th Battalion Canadian Engineers 11 th Battalion Canadian Engineers 12 th Battalion Canadian Engineers
1 st Divisional Signal Company	2 nd Divisional Signal Company	3 rd Divisional Signal Company	4 th Divisional Signal Company
1 st Battalion, Canadian Machine Gun Corps	2 nd Battalion, Canadian Machine Gun Corps	3 rd Battalion, Canadian Machine Gun Corps	4 th Battalion, Canadian Machine Gun Corps
1 st Divisional Train, Canadian Army Service Corps	2 nd Divisional Train, Canadian Army Service Corps	3 rd Divisional Train, Canadian Army Service Corps	4 th Divisional Train, Canadian Army Service Corps
1 st Divisional Employment Company	2 nd Divisional Employment Company	3 rd Divisional Employment Company	4 th Divisional Employment Company
No. 1 Canadian Field Ambulance	No. 4 Canadian Field Ambulance	No. 8 Canadian Field Ambulance	No. 11 Canadian Field Ambulance
No. 2 Canadian Field Ambulance	No. 5 Canadian Field Ambulance	No. 9 Canadian Field Ambulance	No. 12 Canadian Field Ambulance
No. 3 Canadian Field Ambulance	No. 6 Canadian Field Ambulance	No. 10 Canadian Field Ambulance	No. 13 Canadian Field Ambulance

CORPS TROOPS OF THE CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (NOVEMBER 1918)

CAVALRY

Royal Canadian Dragoons
Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)
Fort Garry Horse
Canadian Light Horse
R.N.W.M.P. Squadron

14th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery
60th Field Battery
61st Field Battery
66th Field Battery
58th Howitzer Battery

5th Divisional Ammunition Column

No. 2 Stationary Hospital
No. 3 Stationary Hospital
No. 7 Stationary Hospital
No. 8 Stationary Hospital
No. 9 Stationary Hospital
No. 10 Stationary Hospital
Forestry Corps Hospitals (6)
No. 1 Casualty Clearing Station
No. 2 Casualty Clearing Station
No. 3 Casualty Clearing Station
No. 4 Casualty Clearing Station
No. 7 (Cavalry) Field Ambulance
No. 14 Field Ambulance

ARTILLERY

RCHA Brigade

8th Army Brigade Canadian Field Artillery
24th Field Battery
30th Field Battery
32nd Field Battery
43rd Howitzer Battery
8th Army Brigade Ammunition Column

"E" Anti-Aircraft Battery

Corps Heavy Artillery

1st Brigade, Canadian Garrison Artillery
1st Siege Battery
3rd Siege Battery
7th Siege Battery
9th Siege Battery

2nd Brigade, Canadian Garrison Artillery
1st Heavy Battery
2nd Heavy Battery
2nd Siege Battery
4th Siege Battery
5th Siege Battery
6th Siege Battery

3rd Brigade, Canadian Garrison Artillery
8th Siege Battery
10th Siege Battery
11th Siege Battery
12th Siege Battery

5th Divisional Artillery
13th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery
52nd Field Battery
53rd Field Battery
55th Field Battery
51st Howitzer Battery

ENGINEERS

1st Army Troops Company
2nd Army Troops Company
3rd Army Troops Company
4th Army Troops Company
5th Army Troops Company
Anti-Aircraft Searchlight Company
3rd Tunnelling Company
Corps Survey Section
1st Tramways Company
2nd Tramways Company

MACHINE GUN CORPS

1st Motor Machine Gun Brigade
2nd Motor Machine Gun Brigade

ARMY SERVICE CORPS

Corps Troops Motor Transport Company
1st Divisional Motor Transport Company
2nd Divisional Motor Transport Company
3rd Divisional Motor Transport Company
4th Divisional Motor Transport Company
Engineers Motor Transport Company
Motor Machine Gun Motor Transport Company
5th Div'n Artillery Motor Transport Company
5th Divisional Train Detachment

MEDICAL CORPS

No. 1 Canadian General Hospital
No. 2 Canadian General Hospital
No. 3 Canadian General Hospital
No. 6 Canadian General Hospital
No. 7 Canadian General Hospital
No. 8 Canadian General Hospital

CANADIAN RAILWAY TROOPS

Canadian Overseas Railway Construction Corps
1st Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops
2nd Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops
3rd Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops
4th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops
5th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops
6th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops
7th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops
8th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops
9th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops
10th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops
11th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops
12th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops
13th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops

LABOUR

1st Infantry Works Company
2nd Infantry Works Company
3rd Infantry Works Company
4th Infantry Works Company
5th Area Employment Company
6th Area Employment Company
7th Area Employment Company
8th Area Employment Company
9th Area Employment Company

MISCELLANEOUS

Canadian Cyclist Battalion
Corps Signal Company
Corps Reinforcement Camp
Corps Schools
Forestry Companies (58)

APPENDIX "F"

(pgs 534-536 *Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1914-1919* by Colonel G.W.L. Nicholson)

BATTLES AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS IN WHICH
CANADIAN FORCES PARTICIPATED

FRANCE AND FLANDERS: 1915-18

Dates shown are those during which Canadian troops were present and do not necessarily cover the full period of the battle. An asterisk has been placed before the names of battles and actions in which the only Canadian forces present were detached units or sub-units, e.g., Batteries, Tunnelling Companies, etc. This list uses the official names contained in the Report of the Battles Nomenclature Committee, 1921.

I. TRENCH WARFARE 1915

*BATTLE OF NEUVE CHAPELLE 10 March
Action of St. Eloi 14-15 March
THE BATTLE OF YPRES, 1915
GRAVENSTAFEL RIDGE (The Gas Attack) 22-23 April
ST. JULIEN 24 April-4 May
FREZENBERG RIDGE 8-13 May
BELLEWAARDE RIDGE 24-25 May
*BATTLE OF AUBERS RIDGE 9 May
BATTLE OF FESTUBERT 17-25 May
Second Action of Givenchy, 1915 15-16 June
THE BATTLE OF LOOS 25 September-8 October
 *Action of Bois Grenier 25 September
*Actions of the Hohenzollern Redoubt 13-19 October

II. TRENCH WARFARE 1916

Actions of St. Eloi Craters 27 March-16 April
BATTLE OF MOUNT SORREL 2-13 June

III. THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE 1916

THE BATTLES OF THE SOMME, 1916

*ALBERT, 1916 (Capture of Montauban, Mametz,
Fricourt, Contalmaison and la Boisselle) 1-13 July
BAZENTIN RIDGE 14-17 July
 *Attack at Fromelles 19 July
 Attacks on High Wood 20-25 July
POZIERES RIDGE (Fighting for Mouquet Farm). 1-3 September
*GUILLEMONT 3-6 September
*GINCHY 9 September

FLERS-COURCELETTE15-22 September
 THIEPVAL RIDGE 26-29 September
 LE TRANSLOY RIDGES (Capture of Eaucourt l'Abbaye)
1-18 October
 ANCRE HEIGHTS (Capture of Regina Trench) 1 October-11 November
 THE ANCRE, 1916 (Capture of Beaumont Hamel) 13-18 November

IV. THE ADVANCE TO THE HINDENBURG LINE 1917

German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line24-29 March

V. THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE 1917

THE BATTLE OF ARRAS, 1917

VIMY RIDGE 9-14 April
 *FIRST SCARPE, 1917 9-14 April
 *SECOND SCARPE, 1917 23-24 April
 Attack on la Coulotte 23 April
 ARLEUX 28-29 April
 THIRD SCARPE, 1917 (Capture of Fresnoy). 3-4 May
 Affairs south of the Souchez River 3-25 June
 Capture of Avion 26-29 June
 BATTLE OF HILL 70 15-25 August
 *THE BATTLE OF MESSINES, 1917 (Capture of Wytschaete). 7-14 June

THE BATTLES OF YPRES, 1917

*PILCKEM RIDGE 31 July-2 August
 *LANGEMARCK, 1917 16-18 August
 *MENIN ROAD RIDGE 20-25 September
 *POLYGON WOOD26 September-3 October
 *BROODSEINDE 4 October
 *POELCAPPELLE 9 October
 *FIRST PASSCHENDAELE 12 October
 SECOND PASSCHENDAELE 26 October-10 November

BATTLE OF CAMBRAI, 1917

The Tank Attack20-21 November
 *Capture of Bourslon Wood 23-28 November
 The German Counter-Attacks 30 November-3 December

VI. THE GERMAN OFFENSIVES 1918

THE FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME, 1918

ST. QUENTIN 21-23 March
 *Actions at the Somme Crossings 24-25 March
 *FIRST BAPAUME24-25 March
 *ROSIERES 26-27 March
 *FIRST ARRAS, 1918 28 March
 *AVRE 4 April
 *Capture of Hamel 4 July

THE BATTLES OF THE LYS

*ESTAIRE (First Defence of Givenchy, 1918) . . .9-11 April

*MESSINES, 1918 (Loss of Hill 63)	10-11 April
*HAZEBROUCK	12-15 April
*BAILLEUL (Defence of Neuve Eglise)	13-15 April
*FIRST KEMMEL RIDGE	17-19 April
*Action of La Becque	28 June

VII. THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY 1918

THE BATTLE OF AMIENS	8-11 August
Actions round Damery	15-17 August
THE SECOND BATTLES OF THE SOMME, 1918	
*ALBERT, 1918	21-23 August
*SECOND BAPAUME	31 August-3 September
THE SECOND BATTLES OF ARRAS, 1918	
SCARPE, 1918 (Capture of Monchy-le-Preux)	26-30 August
DROCOURT-QUEANT CANAL	2-3 September
THE BATTLES OF THE HINDENBURG LINE	
*HAVRINCOURT	12 September
*EPEHY	18 September
CANAL DU NORD (Capture of Bourlon Wood).	27 September-1 October
ST. QUENTIN CANAL	29 September-2 October
BEAUREVOIR LINE	3-5 October
CAMBRAI, 1918 (Capture of Cambrai)	8-9 October
*BATTLE OF YPRES, 1918	28 September-2 October
Pursuit to the Selle	9-12 October
*BATTLE OF COURTRAI	14-19 October
*BATTLE OF THE SELLE	17-25 October
BATTLE OF VALENCIENNES (Capture of Mont Houy)	1-2 November
BATTLE OF THE SAMBRE	4 November
Passage of the Grande Honnelle	5-7 November
Capture of Mons	11 November

OTHER THEATRES OF WAR

MACEDONIA 1915-17	DARDANELLES 1915-16.
EGYPT AND PALESTINE 1915-16, 1918.	
NORTH WEST PERSIA AND CASPIAN 1918-19.	
MURMAN 1918-19. ARCHANGEL 1918-19. SIBERIA 1918-19.	

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Register and Alphabetic Index of the Regiments and Corps of Canada and British North America since 1783

<http://regiments.org/default.htm>

Lest We Forget Cenotaph Research Project



www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/cenotaph

What is it?

The *Lest We Forget Project* is a hands-on project using primary sources, organized by Library and Archives Canada (LAC). It allows students to consult and research primary source documents by looking through the original military files of Canadian soldiers and nurses. Research can be done on military personnel who served in the First World War or who were killed in action during the Second World War.

- *Lest We Forget* can take place in your own classroom or on-site at 395 Wellington Street in Ottawa, Ontario where workshops last up to three hours.
- For students who wish to participate, but whose schools are located too far from Ottawa, teachers can order the files and have photocopies sent to their school.

The end result of each student's research is a biography of a soldier or nurse. See the *Lest We Forget* website for notes for teachers, student guidelines, completed examples, additional links and bibliographies.

Who is this project for?

The project is intended for history students in Grades 10 to 12. However, students in lower Grades are welcome to participate.

Is there a cost to participate?

There is no cost for the on-site workshop. Only photocopying charges apply where copies are desired.

How do I start?

- Choose either the First World War or the Second World War.
- Create a list of names of the military personnel, one soldier or nurse per student.
- Consider making a rubbing of the name if it is chosen from a cenotaph.

Where do I get the names?

- The local cenotaph
- Honour roll records from local churches, high schools or universities
- The local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, historical society, public library or provincial archives
- [Books of Remembrance](#)
- Library and Archives Canada

How do I order the files or make a reservation?

- Contact Debbie Jiang, the project coordinator, at Debbie.Jiang@lac-bac.gc.ca or call 613-943-3149 to book a time for the students to visit LAC.
- Fill in the order form on the website and send the list according to the instructions.

What can I do as a follow-up?

- Plan a trip to visit the Canadian battlefields and cemeteries in France and Belgium. Locate the grave of the soldier or nurse and make a rubbing of the name or tombstone.
- Publish a book of the biographies researched and written by the students.
- Submit the biographies for publication to *Legion Magazine* or to the Veterans Affairs Canada Canadian Virtual War Memorial.

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