

Canadians in Uniform, 1939-1945

Documenting Your Second World War Ancestor

May 1945 – The War is Over!



Canada Now Officially Entered In War Against Germany

Decision Is Made By Parliament Of Canada

Only Four Voices Raised in Commons Saturday in Disapproval Of Government's Attitude—Senate is Unanimous

By FRANK FLAHERTY, Canadian Press Staff Writer.

Canada officially entered the war against Nazi Germany Sunday when the Government gave effect to the almost-unanimous will of Parliament.

For the first time in history, the senior Dominion of the British Commonwealth, on its own account and by its own will, exercised the most awesome prerogative of nationhood by declaring a state of war: In 1914, the Government merely published the British war proclamation.

King of Canada Proclaims War

LONDON, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The King received Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner, in audience today and shortly afterwards issued a proclamation that "on the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council in Canada", the Dominion was at war with Germany. Mr. Massey presented to the King the recommendation of the Canadian Government that a proclamation should be issued declaring war between Canada and the German Reich. His Majesty signified his assent and a short time later the declaration of war was made in his name at Ottawa, 1,800 miles away.

to demand a recorded vote, decisions of the House of Commons are taken on sheets of "yes" and "no." Mr. Lacombe and Mr. Lavett stood but three more were needed. A minute later on the main motion to adopt the address, Mr. Woodsworth stood in sign of his opposition but again there was no record of vote and the motion was adopted.

Every single political party represented in the House sat-

Following is the text of the proclamation published Sunday in an extra edition of the Canada Gazette declaring a state of war exists between Canada and Germany:

Tweedsmuir,
(L.S.)

CANADA.

George the Sixth, by the grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these presents shall come or whom the same may in anywise concern,

Greeting.

A PROCLAMATION.

Ernest Lapointe,
Attorney-General, Canada.

Whereas by and with the advice of our Privy Council for Canada we have signified our approval of the issue of a proclamation in the Canada Gazette declaring that a state of war with the German Reich exists and has existed in our Dominion of Canada as and from the 10th day of September, 1939;

Now therefore we do hereby declare and proclaim that a state of war with the German Reich exists and has existed in our Dominion of Canada as from the 10th day of September, 1939.

Of all which our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent and the great seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. Witness: Our right trusty and well-beloved John, Baron Tweedsmuir of Elfield, a member of our most honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of our most dis-

CANADA AT WAR

tion would stand for the instrument of British soldiers anywhere?" he asked.

Mr. Lapointe ridiculed the idea put forth in some quarters that there might be a form of "mitigated" or "partial" neutrality.

"As a constitutional student—as I think I am—as a public man and as Minister of Justice in Canada, I stand, with all my responsibility, that there is no such thing as mitigated or partial neutrality."

"Could Canadians in one section in other sections remain neutral and to take steps of neutrality even against their own King if necessary?"

Others spoke of neutrality sympathetic to England but sympathy, like faith without good deeds was dead.

"I go further," said Mr. Lapointe, "I say neutrality at this time could not be other than a favorable move in the scheme of England."

"By doing nothing by remaining neutral we would actually be taking the side of Adolf Hitler."

"Some say we have nothing at risk in this war. They were saying that at the time an enemy submarine was torpedoing a British steamer carrying nearly 500 Canadian citizens."

Mr. Lapointe said he agreed with what the Prime Minister said with respect to sending an expeditionary force to Europe.

French M.P.'s Petition Is Ruled Out

Officials of the House of Commons Saturday ruled the petition against Canadian participation in the war submitted Friday by Maurice Raymond (Lib., Beauharnois-Laprairie) was "not in order". It was not addressed to the House of Commons in Parliament assembled, and it took the form of a declaration and contained no prayer.

"Applications are pouring in—and they come from Quebec also from people anxious to act."

"We have taken the position it is better to act in an orderly way and consult with those we wish to help."

"But if the need comes, does anyone think this or any government could prevent the thousands who would want to go and fight."

"No government could star in office refusing to do what the large majority of people in Canada want."

"One proposal I have read in reports of public meetings and I am almost ashamed to refer to it, is to let volunteers go but let England or those who organize the regiment pay the cost."

"This is a shameful, dishonorable proposal. Canadians will never be mercenaries. If they

go they will go as free Canadian volunteers, commanded by Canadians."

Mr. Lapointe urged that care be taken at this time to guard against inflicting "incurable wounds" upon one another as between those who now hold differing views.

There were two extremes of thought and opinion "which we should avoid and which would make for disunity in Canada", the Minister said.

One of these extreme opinions was held by "those who would close their eyes to realities and say Canada can and should remain neutral."

The previous speaker (Mr. Raymond) had said "in language not calculated to promote union" that Canada should remain neutral for the sake of unity.

"He should know that for the sake of unity in Canada we cannot remain neutral", Mr. Lapointe declared.

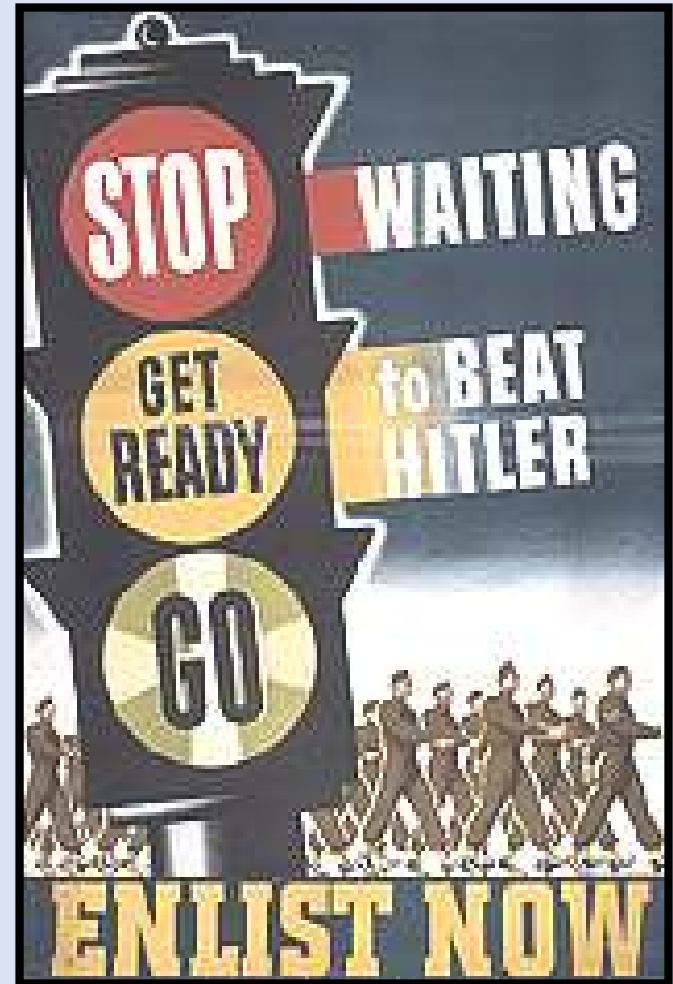
"The other school also closes its eyes to realities and proposes measures which would cause disunion", Mr. Lapointe declared. He referred to those advocating conscription.

"The whole province of Quebec would reject conscription for service outside of Canada—and I personally agree with them."

"Those in Quebec who say that we will have conscription in spite of what some of us are saying, are doing the work of disunion."

Our Armed Forces, 1939-1945

- **Canadian Army: 708,500**
- **Royal Canadian Navy: 98,500**
- **Royal Canadian Air Force: 222,500**
- **Merchant Navy**



Women in Uniform, 1939-1945

- **Canadian Women's Army Corps**
- **Royal Canadian Air Force Women's Division**
- **Women's Royal Canadian Navy Service**
- **Nursing Sisters**



And did women answer the call!

• CWAC: 21,000

• RCAF WD: 17,400

• WRCNS: 7,100

• Nurses: 4,500



**A NEW WORK
A NEW WORLD - A NEW HORIZON
for Women**

New fields for women have been opened in the Services. More than 30 different occupations, vital to the war effort, offer women the opportunity to serve their country.

Are Women Really Needed?
Yes—urgently! New fighting fronts are developing and fighting men **MUST** not be doing jobs which women can handle.

What Qualifications Do I Require?
You must be between the ages of 18 and 45, in good health, with Grade VIII education or better. You must be single, or married without dependent children.

I've Never Been Away From Home Before
In the Forces you will live in a friendly atmosphere with girls like yourself who have decided to carry their share. You will meet splendid women from all over Canada, see new places, do new things, form new friendships. You will find plenty to interest you both on and off duty.

What About My Health?
It is watched over more carefully even than at home. You'll have regular hours—plenty of exercise and sports.—lots of good food—medical and dental care. In a few weeks you'll find yourself feeling and looking better than ever before.

Is The Pay Enough?
Yes—for you receive free all equipment, shelter, food, clothing, medical and dental services.

Perhaps I Won't Fit Into The Work?
Every effort is made to fit each member into the job for which she is best suited and which she finds most interesting. The choice is wide and thorough training is given to meet needs.

What Training Do I Get?
You start with 4 weeks basic training. After that there are training courses in scores of different trades.

Is There Chance of Promotion?
Certainly! The three Forces are expanding rapidly, and promotions are made from the ranks. Additional training is given where needed. Every encouragement is given to developing your talents and securing advancement. You may lay the foundations of a new career after the war, through the training received. Lifetime horizons will be broadened. Best of all, you'll have the satisfaction of doing your part now.

WRCNS
Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service

RCAF • **CWAC**
Royal Canadian Air Force • Canadian Women's Army Corps

Canadians at War

- Fall of Hong Kong, December 1941
- Dieppe Raid, 1942
- Invasion of Sicily/Italy, 1943
- D-Day and the Invasion of France, 1944
- Liberation of Holland, 1945
- British Commonwealth Air Training Plan
- RCAF and the Air War
- Battle of the Atlantic/Merchant Navy and Convoys, 1939-1945
- War Brides

Individual Service Records – where they are not

- Canadian War Museum
- Royal Canadian Legion
- Department of National Defence
- Veterans Affairs Canada

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Military Heritage

Library and Archives Canada holds an extensive collection of records of the Canadian men and women who have served their country in the military and in the early years of the North West Mounted Police. There are records relating to Loyalists, the War of 1812, the Rebellions, the South African War, the First World War and the Second World War, many of which are featured in databases, research guides and virtual exhibitions. The records include muster rolls, military service files, unit war diaries, medal registers, photographic collections, documentary art and posters, as well as published sources.

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Accessing war service records

- living veterans
- deceased less than 20 years
- deceased more than 20 years
- war dead and killed in action ... all open



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The Second World War took place from 1939 to 1945. It was the third major conflict Canada participated in and over 45,000 Canadian lives were lost.



Douglas Boston, Operation
Jubilee,
Dieppe, France.
[Source](#)

Attention!



- Using ATIP
- Letter
- Identify individual
- Proof of death
- Request entire file
- Send \$5
- 30 day limit

What's it all about?

- Attestation or enrolment
- Personal history summary
- Postings
- Medical
- Promotions
- RCAF: training, photo



Received _____ Checked E Conf ✓ Observations _____

IMPORTANT
DISPOSABLE
PROPERTY

M.P. 1
 1944

(It is incumbent on the applicant to take steps to see that his records are up-to-date.)

Date 11/25/44 P.O. Sty. R.C.A. Regimental Number 211187

CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE
ATTENTION FORM

1. Name COOPER
 2. Christian Name Russell
 3. Present address 22 Graham Avenue, BRANTFORD, Ontario, Canada.
 4. Date of birth July 1, 1915
 5. Place of birth Canada Ontario NIAGARA-CO-THO-LAKE
 6. Religion (state denomination) Baptist
 7. Trade or Calling Truck Driver
 8. Married, Widower or Single Single
 9. Name of next of kin Mrs. Caroline Louise Cooper

10. Relationship Son
 11. Address of next of kin 221 Graham Avenue, BRANTFORD, Ontario, Canada.

12. Have you served in any Naval, Military or Air Force? YES
 13. If previous war service, state arm, force and regimental particulars NO

14. Do you now belong to or have you served in the Active Militia of Canada? YES
49th Field Battery R.C.A., STAM November 1939-40.

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DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTENTION

I, Russell Cooper, do solemnly declare that the above particulars are true, and I hereby engage to serve in the Canadian Active Service Force as long as necessary, in war, invasion, riot or insurrection, real or apprehended, until, and for the period of demobilization until such emergency ceases to exist, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so require my services.

Date June 10, 1940. Witness R. Cooper

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTENTION

I, Russell Cooper, do solemnly swear and swear for others to do so, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty R. Cooper (Signature of Recruit)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR ATTESTING OFFICER

The Recruit above named was questioned by me that if he could say false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided by law. The above questions and answers were then read to the recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been fully correct as required, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me.

at Brantford this 10th day of June 1940.

[Signature]
 Capt. 11/25/44 P.O. Sty. R.C.A. **FINELY PRINTED**

N.B.—ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT ANY PERSON MAKING A FALSE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Name in full Cooper Russell Date June 7 1940

Part 1. Information obtained from the recruit.

1. Age 24 2. Have you ever suffered from any of the following diseases?

a. Rheumatism	<u>NO</u>	j. Head trouble	<u>NO</u>
b. Tuberculosis	<u>NO</u>	k. Ear disease	<u>NO</u>
c. Brucella or typhus	<u>NO</u>	l. Eye disease	<u>NO</u>
d. Heart disease	<u>NO</u>	m. Epilepsy	<u>NO</u>
e. Kidney or bladder disease	<u>NO</u>	n. Nervous or mental disease	<u>NO</u>
f. Gouty or rheumatic	<u>NO</u>	o. Syphilis	<u>NO</u>
g. Syphilis	<u>NO</u>	p. Gonorrhoea	<u>NO</u>
h. Venereal disease	<u>NO</u>	q. Have you ever worn glasses?	<u>NO</u>
i. Flat or detached foot	<u>NO</u>	r. Are you subject to any of the following conditions: (If so give details)	<u>NO</u>

Recruit's remarks to attend R. Cooper

Part 2. Information obtained by medical examination. The recruit must be stripped.

1. Identification marks or scars. (If operative obtain history.)
Round scar right of 12th dorsal vertebrae

1. Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>9 1/2</u> inches	2. Weight	<u>162</u> pounds
4. Complexion	<u>FAIR</u>	5. Eyes	<u>HAZEL</u>
Hair <u>BROWN</u>			
6. Chest measurement—Chest on full expiration	<u>37</u> inches		
Range of expansion <u>3</u> inches			
1. Vision, right	<u>20/20</u>	left	<u>20/20</u>
8. Condition of mouth and teeth	<u>NO</u>	9. Hearing, right	<u>GOOD</u>
left <u>GOOD</u>			
10. The abnormalities (congenital and pathological) found on examination are as follows: <u>Print & reflexes normal</u>			

Part 3. We, the examiners find no evidence of the diseases mentioned in Question 1, Part 1, except as specified in the remarks. We have examined the Recruit in accordance with the pamphlet "Fitting standards and instructions for the medical examination of recruits" and he is found fit for Category A. Special remarks where category lower than A.

[Signatures]
 REGISTRAR GENERAL

Age	Service and category	Med grade at discharge
24 40	CHIT 1940-44	THREE
27 40	THREE	
28 40		
29 40		
30 40		
31 40		
32 40		
33 40		
34 40		

OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY FORM

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE INDIVIDUAL OR BY THE AGENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL. THE INFORMATION OBTAINED IS FOR THE USE OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND IS NOT TO BE RELEASED TO ANY OTHER AGENCY OR TO THE PUBLIC. THE INFORMATION OBTAINED IS NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE. THE INFORMATION OBTAINED IS NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE. THE INFORMATION OBTAINED IS NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ON THE INSIDE OF COVER BEFORE COMPLETING FORM

Section A—GENERAL INFORMATION

1. (a) Print name in full: **COOPER, Russell** (b) Post No: **E-11148**
 2. (a) Kind of service: **Army** (b) Unit: **12th FA, Reg't, RCA** (c) No: **Quartermaster**
 3. (a) Date of birth: **1-7-15** (b) Place and any dependencies: **Brantford, Ont.**
 4. (a) Place of enlistment: **Brantford, Ont.** (b) Date of enlistment: **10-6-40**

Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) Grade was in: **17 yrs** (b) Were you attending school at (when up to the time of enlistment)? **No**
 6. State definitely highest schooling received at public, technical or high school (for instance: "4 years Public School", "two years High School", "High School Graduate", or "3 years technical course in printing", etc.): **3 yrs High School**
 7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree conferred: **N/A**
 8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship? **No** (b) If so, for what occupation? **N/A** (c) Did you learn it? **N/A** (d) How long did you learn it? **N/A**
 9. (a) What language do you speak fluently? **English only** (b) Do you read it? **English only**

Section C—EMPLOYMENT CONDITION AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

10. (a) State whether you were WORKING OR NOT WORKING at time of enlistment. (Enter here only "Working" or "Not Working", as case may be.) **Working** (b) At time of enlistment at what trade, union or professional society were you a member? **None**

Section D—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

ANSWERS TO 11 TO 13 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED AT ENLISTMENT

11. Had you ever been employed fairly regularly since leaving school? **N/A**
 12. (a) If answer to 11 is "Yes", state exact trade or occupation at which you actually worked: **N/A** (b) State how long you had worked at the trade or occupation: **N/A**
 13. If answer to 11 is "No", state exact trade or occupation for which you had qualified: **N/A**
 14. If you had been employed after leaving school, state when you last worked fairly regularly before enlistment: **N/A**
 15. Give details of last employer, if any: Name: **N/A** Address: **N/A**
 16. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "barber", or "building contractor", or "road builder", or "coal dealer", etc.): **N/A**
 17. (a) In what year last employment was in a business of your own, state nature and address of business: **N/A** (b) Date of the termination: **N/A**



Section E—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE EMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

ANSWERS TO 18 TO 22 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO WERE EMPLOYED AT ENLISTMENT

IF YOU WERE AN EMPLOYEE WORKING FOR AN EMPLOYER AT THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 18 TO 22

18. Name of employer: **Colias Photo Co.** Address: **Toronto, Ont.**
 19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "barber", or "building contractor", or "road builder", or "coal dealer", etc.): **Real construction**
 20. (a) Your position: **Truck driver** (b) Duration of your employment: **3 1/2 yrs**
 21. (a) Did your employer furnish you with any tools or equipment as described? **No** (b) Did your employer furnish you with any tools or equipment as described? **No** (c) If so, when? **No**

IF YOU WERE UNEMPLOYED OR EMPLOYED UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, STATE IF YOU HAD RECEIVED A TRADE, A TRADE APPRENTICESHIP OR A TRADE COURSE, AND IF SO, STATE THE NAME OF THE TRADE, THE TRADE APPRENTICESHIP OR THE TRADE COURSE

22. (a) Name of business: **N/A** (b) Where was it located? **N/A**
 23. (a) Nature of your business: **N/A** (b) Have you made or will you make plans to make any investments in the business or a similar business or business? **N/A**

Section F—PARTICULARS OF FARMING EXPERIENCE

24. (a) Do you wish to engage in farming after the war? **No** (b) Do you feel qualified to be a farmer? **N/A** (c) If so, in what kind of farming? **N/A**
 25. (a) When you were a child, did you have any farming experience? **No** (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had? **N/A** (c) In what province and in what country? **N/A**

Section G—MISCELLANEOUS

26. Have you made any arrangements other than indicated above, for readjustment in civil life after discharge? **No**
 27. If so, what nature of your plans. For example, do you plan to return to school or have you been awarded a job, etc.? **N/A**
 28. Have the arrangements indicated or described in 26 or 27 been other than indicated elsewhere in this form? **None**

DATE: **10-2-45**

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SIGNATURE: *Russell Cooper*

(a) Report		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	
Date	From whom received	Unit	Record of all occasions regarding promotions (acting, temporary, leave or extensions), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, etc., including all pay, wounds, accidents, admission to and discharge from Hospital, Casualty Clearing Station, etc. Date of demobilization and embarkation from a theatre of war (including foreign sea) in accordance with para. 1 of Note to Table I of Appendix III of Field Service Regulations, Volume I	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Army rank as at (e)	Army Force or other authority for entry to be shown
12-8-41		12 th Regt	S.O.S. to Canada on embarkation at Halifax on 16-7-41	Halifax	16-7-41	Private	124 d/6-8-41
12-8-41		"	703 Overseas on 19-7-41 and disembarked at Liverpool on 30-7-41	Field	30-7-41	Private	124 d/6-8-41
12-8-41		"	landing leave 5 days from 7 Aug. to 11 Aug. 41 incl.	"	7-8-41	Private	124 d/6-8-41
5 Jan 42	C.F.R.	12 th Regt	S.O.S. to No. 1 Gen Hosp	"	29 Dec 41	Private	2 d/7 Jan 42
8 Jan 42	"	ICARU	T.O.S. from 12 th Regt (6 weeks)	M.I.R.	30 Dec 41	"	4
8 Jan 42	"	"	Admission to No. 1 Gen Hosp.	"	29 Dec 41	"	4
21 Jan 42	"	"	Discharged from No. 1 Gen Hosp.	"	12 Jan 42	"	20-9-14 Jan 42
20.1-42.	"	"	S.O.S. to 42 nd F.R.	"	28 Jan 42	"	20-16
27 Feb 42	Spec Sec	Spec Sec	T.O.S. Special Ammunition (Removal No. 10)	"	12 Jan 42	"	11 d/2 Feb 42
21 Feb 42	"	"	Count 7 supplies (1) from 3-11 Feb 42 and returned to 42 nd F.R.	"	3 Feb 42	"	15 d/20 Feb 42
30 Mar 42	"	"	S.O.S. to 12 th Regt F.R.	"	30 Mar 42	Private	24 d/31 Mar 42
30 Mar 42	12 th Regt A.I.B.	"	T.O.S. from 12 th Regt	"	30 Mar 42	"	27 d/31 Mar 42
8 June 42	"	"	(P.1) STAMM - 12 Regt 42 F.R.	"	12 May 42	Private	100 d/12 Jun 42
21 Aug 42	"	"	P.R. 28 Feb 42 Ret 4 Aug 42 F.R.	"	28 Feb 42	Private	37 d/19 Aug 42
7 Jan 43	"	"	Phys. 28 Feb 42 plus 42 nd Regt (P.1) M.A.	"	2 Jan 42	Private	2 d/15 Jan 43
26 Jan 43	Cas Sec	"	Admt 23 Feb 42	Field	23 Jan 43	Private	80 6 4 Feb 43
26 "	"	"	Removal to 16 Gen Hosp	"	23 Jan 43	"	80 6 4 Feb 43
26 "	"	"	S.O.S. to No. 1 C.A.R. 42	"	23 Jan 43	"	80 6 4 Feb 43
30 Jan 43	"	ICARU	T.O.S. from 12 th F.R. (16 Gen Hosp)	"	24 Jan 43	"	P.O. 25
11 Feb 43	"	"	Discharge 16 Gen Hosp	"	9 Feb 43	"	20 35
2-2-43	"	"	Discharge 1-2-43 to R. 3-23 A.R.	Call	18-43	"	21
17 Feb 43	"	"	Discharge 2200 hrs 31 May 43 - 1900 hrs 17 Feb 43	"	17 Feb 43	"	P.O. 18
29 Feb 43	"	"	Removal to 42 nd F.R. (P.1) 42 nd F.R.	"	29 Feb 43	"	P.O. 19
29 Feb 43	"	"	Granted increase in pay 1.50	"	1-43	"	Sp. D.O. 1
11 Jan 43	"	"	S.O.S. to 12 th F.R.	"	10 Jan 43	"	30 137
7 Feb 43	"	"	T.O.S. from ICARU (B-121)	"	11 Feb 43	"	26-183-43
16 Feb 43	"	"	P.R. 7 days to 15 Jan 43	"	16 Feb 43	"	80 16 Jan 43
	"	"	Proceeded on 1st duty 1st	"		"	
	"	"	6 days leave from 11 to 16 Feb 43	"		"	
	"	"	3 days leave from 17 to 19 Feb 43	"		"	
	"	"	Returned from 1st duty	"	5 Feb 43	"	40-21 Feb 43

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Introduction

During the Second World War, approximately 1,159,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders served.

The number of deaths totalled 44,090:

- 24,525 of the 709,000 who served in the Canadian Army
- 17,397 of the 250,000 who served in the Royal Canadian Air Force
- 2,168 of the 200,000 who served in the Royal Canadian Navy

The records

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Burial of 55 infantrymen of "A" Company, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada

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29th July, 1944.

Mrs. Caroline Cooper,
51 Graham Avenue,
Brantford, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Cooper:

It is with deep regret that I learned of the death of your son B11148 Gunner Russell Cooper who gave his life in the Service of his Country in France on the 5th day of July, 1944.

From official information we have received, your son died as the result of wounds received in action against the enemy. You may be assured that any additional information received will be communicated to you without delay.

The Minister of National Defence and the Members of the Army Council have asked me to express to you and your family their sincere sympathy in your bereavement.

We pay tribute to the sacrifice he so bravely made.

Yours sincerely,

H. F. G. LETSON
Major - General
Adjutant - General

JUL 26 1944
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Major-General,
Adjutant-General.

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Mrs. Caroline Cooper
51 Graham Avenue
Brimford, Ontario.

Any further communication in this matter should be addressed to—

THE DIRECTOR OF ESTATES,
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

and the following number quoted—

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ESTATES BRANCH
OTTAWA, ONT.



November 8, 1944

For the purpose of record and in the event of there being any Service estate available for distribution (according to law) on account of the late

COOPER, Maxwell, Gnr. No. B.11148

It is necessary that certain information regarding the deceased and his relatives should be furnished the Estates Branch. You are asked therefore to read the enclosed memorandum before completing pages 2 and 3 of this form. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration on page 4 should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner for Oaths, Notary Public or a Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

If there is insufficient space for complete particulars to be given opposite any question on pages 2 and 3 of this form, the space under "additional remarks" on page 4 should be used.

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L. G. Pelton
Director of Estates

ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

STATEMENT of the Name, Age and Address or Dates of Death, of all the relatives that the Deceased ever had in each of the degrees specified below:

Degree of Relationship	RELATIVE Name as to be entered on	DEGREE OF FULL		AGE	ADDRESS OR FULL or last preceding date of residence in the name and care of those to whom dependent.
		of the Deceased	of the Deceased		
1	Wife of the Deceased	None (Single)			
2	Children of the Deceased and Date of their Birth	None (Single)			
3	Father of the Deceased	John Cooper	56		51 Graham Ave Brimford Ontario
4	Mother of the Deceased	Carrie Louisa Cooper	59		same
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Jack Hilbert Cooper	33	268 Clarence St Brimford Ontario Canadian Army.
		Half Blood	Walter Clyde Cooper	31	
		Half Blood	Kenneth Earl Cooper	25	57 Graham Ave Brimford Ontario
		Half Blood	Norman Calder Cooper	21	57 Graham Ave Brimford Ontario
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Irene Evelyn Sadygova	23	51 Graham Ave Brimford Ontario
		Half Blood			
7	Name of Clergyman, Priest, Magistrate, Notary Public or Commissioned Officer in presence of whom signed	William Cooper		15	Sept. 18, 1944 Accidentally killed at Brimford Airport

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Gunner
Russell Cooper
July 5, 1944

Military Service:

Service Number: 8/11148

Force: Army

Unit: Royal Canadian Artillery

Division: 12 Field Regt.

Additional Information:

Cemetery: [BAYEUX WAR CEMETERY](#); Calvados, France

Grave Reference: IV.F.17.

Commemorated on [Page 279](#) of the Second World War Book of Remembrance.

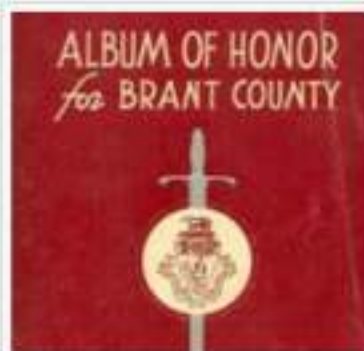
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Gnr. Russell Cooper

Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Cooper, died of wounds in France while serving in a local Battery in 1940.

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Kozack, Gunner Alexander of Rosburn (H 67144). Royal Canadian Artillery. He died 11 October 1944 at the age of 28 and is commemorated at the Adegem Canadian War Cemetery in Belgium. He was the son of George and Irene Kozack (née Konyk) of Rosburn. *Kozack Island* (64 I/3) in North Knife Lake was named after him in 1995.

Ruck, Bombardier Rudolph of Winnipeg (H 35287). Royal Canadian Artillery. He died 4 April 1945 at the age of 39 and is commemorated at the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery in Holland. He was the son of Godfrey and Bertha Ruck and was survived by his wife Rose Ruck of Winnipeg. *Ruck Lake* (62 P/16), west of Family Lake was named after him in 1973.

Morison, Major Herbert C. J. of Winnipeg. Royal Canadian Artillery. He died 8 February 1945 at the age of 27 and is commemorated at the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery in Holland. He was the son of Major J. B. and Lydia M. Morison of Winnipeg. *Morison Lake* (64 F/6), northwest of Wells Lake was named after him in 1995.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Camp Sussex	18 Jul 41	0330 0600	<p>Reveille</p> <p>After 11 months of training in Camp Sussex the 12th. Field Regt. marched out of the unit lines in full marching order at dawn to board a troop train on Camp Sussex siding. The Regiment was the first of the units in Camp Sussex to leave on the movement overseas. Colonel Inch and Capt. Ward left for Halifax in advance on the 17 Jul. Maj. McConkey was O.C. train.</p> <p>The Regiment proceeded to Halifax (Point of embarkation, via Moncton and Truro, the day was clear and very warm. The trip was uneventful, one man Unr. Coon had to be removed to hospital in route. The men were cheerful and in excellent spirits during the journey</p>	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
Halifax	18 Jul	1500 G.O.C. 3 rd. Cdn. 1600	<p>Troop train arrived at Pier 21, point of embarkation, Halifax, where it was met by Col. Inch and Capt. Ward. Maj. General Price was on the Pier for a short time.</p> <p>The Regiment embarked on S.S. Duchess of York. This ship was hardly what the Regiment anticipated. The ship's passengers consisted of civilians, Imperial Troops, Navy, Air Force, rescued sailors, survivors of CHRTE. Free French, Free Belgians, and Canadian Troops. The quarters provided for all ranks were cramped, about 25% about had to spend the night on deck in spite of the efforts of officers and N.C.O.'s to improvise quarters. The S.S. Duchess of York stopped at Halifax after an 8 weeks cruise from Singapore, via Capetown, this probably explains the mixed ship's company.</p> <p>In spite of the difficulties the discipline of the men was excellent. The North Shore Regiment of New Brunswick embarked at 1800 hrs. and added to the confusion. Col. Inch was appointed O.C. Canadian Troops. Capt. Ward adjutant Canadian Troops. R.S.M. Smith R.S.M. Canadian Troops.</p> <p>Canadian Troops on board consists of:-</p> <p>A company of R.C.E. North Shore Regt. (NB) 12th. Fd. Regt. RCA, H.Q. 8th. C.I.B. & L.A.D. which is attached to 8th. C.I.B.</p> <p>Major McConkey became ^{A/}C.O. of the Regiment, Major Brigger ^{A/} 2 i/c. Lieut. Walker adjutant, and B.S.M. Snyder became ^{A/}R.S.M. for the voyage</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
S.S. Duchess of York	19 Jul	0630	<p>Reveille, weather cloudy, showers</p>	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>

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12 CDN PD REGT

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
FIELD	JUNE			
	1		There was considerable air activity last night, one bomb fell in the wagon lines of the 13 Cdn Pd Regt which was in its standings on the FAREHAM-BOTLEY road. Five M7s and two Sherman tanks were badly damaged. Some houses were wrecked and set on fire. Moore was killed, but several gunners and civilians were injured. This regiment spent the day on personal maintenance, 5 mile route marches and base ball. Some serials left for their assembly areas.	<i>Jm?</i>
	2		Several more serials left for their assembly areas. The day was uneventful.	<i>Jm?</i>
	3		All the gun groups left for their assembly areas except for the 11 Battery, who are assembling in the present camp. Recce parties, COs and group commanders party left for camp C 7.	<i>Jm?</i>
	4		Troops were loaded onto their LCTs. It was a tight fit but all were loaded without incident. The wind blew up in the afternoon and gale warnings were sent out. Exercise "OVERLORD" was postponed for 24 hours.	<i>Jm?</i>
	5		The wind subsided somewhat, but the SOUTHAMPTON waters were fairly rough. At 2100 hrs it was officially announced to all members of the assault that exercise "OVERLORD" would take place at "H" hour at approximately 0730 hrs 6 June 44. The remaining parties who were not already briefed were briefed, and the 3 Cdn Divisional convoy sailed for its rendezvous approximately nine miles off the coast of FRANCE, our beaches being between the town of LA RIVIERE and COURSELLES SUR MER. 12 Pd Regiment was scheduled to land on Mike Red. <i>Jm?</i>	<i>Jm?</i>
6		The assault on the beaches was preceded by heavy bombardment from naval forces consisting of two cruisers, four destroyers of the Hunt class, rocket craft and LCGs etc as well as our own 105mm guns who were firing 120 rounds apiece. At the last minute it was found that the Avries were late, and this caused some confusion to the landing parties, as many of the beach obstacles were not removed. Our recce parties landed at approximately H plus 15 with the leading assault companies of the infantry. They met heavy mortar fire and Major E. PICKERING 2 i/c of the Regiment was wounded and Sign. SWAN was killed. Gnr. A.A. ELLMAN, batman, was badly wounded as was Major J.D. ROSS of the 16 Battery. Lt. E.C. GOTHARD, CPO of the 43 Battery was also wounded.	<i>Jm?</i>	

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12th Canadian Field Regiment, RCA.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendix and initials
FIELD	JUNE 6		<p>Heavy fighting took place on the beach. The enemy flooded the low land behind the beach, and the beach exits became impassible. The Engineers worked furiously with bulldozers to clear them. In the meantime the regiment landed and took up a gun position on the beach. In many cases engaging the enemy over open sights. Snipers and mortars were taking a heavy toll of the men on the beach. The WINNIPEG RIFLES managed to get forward and clear out several machine gun nests, but the REGINAS were held up for some time at the little village of GRAYE SUR MER. It was approximately 1600 hrs when the squadrons of the INNS OF COURT managed to get through the beach exits and get away on their job of blowing the bridges from CAEN east and north towards the beaches. At approximately 1700 hrs 12 Fd Regiment was able to take up its position near gun area "MARY" which was between the town of BANVILLE and SAINT CROIX SUR MER. Prisoners began coming in and the 13 Fd regiment managed to land all their troops excepting one whose ramp door had become jammed. By 1000 hrs 7 Brigade forward companies had reached the intermediate objective which was known as code word "ELM". On this line BRIGADIER FOSTER decided to re-organize for attacking the following morning.</p>	
		7	<p>The attack was launched early Wednesday morning supported by 12 and 13 Field Regiments and two batteries from the ROYAL MARINES armoured support regiment who are under command of the 12 and 13 Fd for the invasion. The attack was slowly pressed home, and by late afternoon the WINNIPEG RIFLES were on the final objective known as "OAK" which was the railway line running from CAEN to BAYEUX. By this time elements of the 3rd A/Tk and 246 and 248 batteries ROYAL ARTILLERY plus several squadrons of armour had been landed, and were able to take part in an anti-tank role. In the centre the REGINA RIFLES were a little short of their objective while on our left flank the 9th Brigade who had come through the 5th Brigade were still short of the objective, due to stubborn enemy resistance, one of which is the RADAR STATION near BENE SUR MER and which is still in enemy hands although surrounded.</p>	J.F.
		8	<p>The weather became better to-day, and although the LUFTWAFFE had been pounding the beaches and our forward troops by night, more men and material had been landed, and everyone felt we were going stronger and stronger. To-day was a day many of us will never forget as the enemy threw in attack after attack, the regiment firing on EF and DP SOS tasks, Mike and Uncle targets practically all day and all night. In the after-</p>	J.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
HAUTMESNIL MR 086521	13		Harrassing fire, smoke with a few rounds red smoke in screen, counter mortar, and M targets fired. Busy day. One shell in quarry. Preparation for operation TALLULAH by 3 and 4 A Divs. Four guns out of action due to breakages. Heavy shelling near-by during afternoon. No casualties to us. Harrassing fire fired all night. 200 rds per gun smoke drawn for big smoke screen in support operation TALLULAH.	<i>E 2nd</i> Task TABLES + Trace APPX 6
BOIGNOLLES MR 128506	14		Harrassing fire tasks until dawn. Day bright and clear. Progress slow towards FALAISE. This day will long be remembered by the regiment for it was a disastrous one. Heavy RAF bombers were scheduled to bomb German positions near our lines. During the morning they dropped bombs in areas occupied by our troops. CO reported bombing near 7 CIB but little damage done. More reports of bombing wrong places came in. At about 1400 hours recon parties were standing by to go to a new position. Then the regimental area was systematically bombed by Lancasters in several waves. Yellow smoke, flags, air OP interference had no effect. 16 Battery badly hit, then 11th. Nearly all vehicles and trailers of the 16 Battery were destroyed, and most guns damaged. 11 Bty damage not quite so great. 43 Bty not hit at all. As most of HQ vehicles were in tunnels, damage was light. Heavy casualties suffered by 16 and 11 batteries. 11 killed 1 missing, 1 died of wounds and 53 wounded. Only one officer slightly hurt. HQ did fine work during and after the bombing. He worked in a tunnel and but for this cover loss of life might have been greater. The regiment at once set about re-organising, and by evening 43 battery, and a battery, mainly 11th with what 16 vehicles were still available, were able to move to BOIGNOLLES MR 128506, where a quiet night was spent. 16 battery remained in area of quarry to re-fit. 11 bty had to tow guns and trailers from any available vehicles, and to make several trips for personnel and stores.	<i>E 2nd</i>
OLENDON MR 146435	15		Clear and bright, very hot and dusty. 16 battery remained all day in quarry to re-fit. The bty drew some vehicles and checked losses. Most guns repairable. Battery recovering from a bad case of nerves. Whole regiment was badly shaken and moral definitely hit. About 1300 hrs the regiment, less 16th battery, moved to MR 146435 near OLENDON. Greeted there by two Spitfires which attacked our troops very close by and started fires. Later on several Mustangs attacked vehicles on the road near position and destroyed a 60-cwt of the 43 Battery. No-one hurt as the crew hit the ditch in time. Personnel very nervous now, and dive for slit trenches at sound of a plane -	

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12 CANADIAN FIELD REGIMENT, RCA

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MR 900314, Sheet L2 1-100000 BAGBAND	5 May 45		At 0235 hrs the 8 Bde Rep ordered us to fire our SOS which we did for the first time since the Battle of the Scheldt. At 0735 hrs Div ordered that guns would not fire before 0800 hrs when the "Cease Fire" was given and that any loaded guns would be unloaded by other means. The Regiment was given permission to go out of action and the 11 and 16 Btys started moving their guns and vehicles onto hard surfaces. The ground is becoming softer as the rain continues and there is no sign of a break in the weather. Major MARTINEAU returned to Army HQ this morning.	
861485		6	The Regiment was ordered to be ready to move at 0800 hrs and the Recce parties left almost immediately. The Regiment started to move at 1300 hrs in Regimental convoy to a new area at MR 861485. When we arrived the Germans were still here and the Commandant turned over the keys to the whole camp. We have very good billets and have showers as well as a movie which helps to keep men happy. The weather has improved 100% and the sun is very warm.	
		7	The "T" Force came in to the camp to check the types and amount of ammunition in the dump. All bunkers and camp warehouses were put out of bounds. The Allied Military Government took over the surrounding camps for the use of the misplaced personnel as a result we had to change billets of the 11 Bty and RMQ. All the Germans told they were leaving by 0900 hrs on the 8th. A skeleton crew are being kept to take out the demolition charges in each of the bunkers. The weather to-day has been excellent.	
		8	<u>VE DAY</u> - The Regiment is busy on the cleaning of guns and vehicles and the maintenance of all our technical equipment. The German Commandant was taken down to AMG HQ and turned over to them and all the officers and men marched to AURICH and were turned over to the German authorities for demobilization. The report on the ammunition was completed by the "T" Force and they are now prepared to move off. There was a Regimental parade at 1420 hrs at which the CO told the men of the forthcoming events which would concern them and the Regiment. After which Churchill's speech was listened to. In the evening there was a Regimental Officers Mess dinner and Brig Clarke was the guest of honour. All the officers and men heard the King make his speech.	

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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1.11.44	BALISAR (P) 212000 MC. VII (P) 212000 MP. 206 (P) 212000 " (P) 212000 " (P) 212000 " (P) 212000	P/O BROWN, S.J. P/O ALLEN, R. P/O BROWN, S.J. P/O BROWN, S.J. P/O BROWN, S.J. P/O BROWN, S.J.	Checkman	1735	2344	This A/B attacked the primary in this low cloud tops about 5,000 ft. Red and green flames seen at 2027.6 hrs. Bombs were dropped on concentration of fires at 2027.6 hrs. from 19,000 ft. 0400 - 140 IAL. On run up approx. 25 red and green flames were burning. On arrival 6 green flames were blowing on bombed concentration of fires. Smoke area was above with fires scattered over whole city. Ground smoking could have been more effective. Load seen as A/B "W" since 4 x 500 lb. G.P.F.B.	A.2220
1.11.44	BALISAR (P) 212000 MC. VII (P) 212000 MP. 203 (P) 212000 " (P) 212000 " (P) 212000 " (P) 212000	P/O GARDNER, A.V. P/O GARDNER, A.V. P/O GARDNER, A.V. P/O GARDNER, A.V. P/O GARDNER, A.V. P/O GARDNER, A.V.	Checkman	1711	2301	Attacked primary in 6-7/10ths St. cloud tops 7,000 ft. with A.2220 very good visibility. Flames red, yellow and green were seen at 2031 hrs. Bombs were dropped in centre of red flames at 2031 hours from 21,000 ft. 0400 - 150 IAL. All flames were well concentrated. Bomb bursts and incendiaries well concentrated in built up area. Load seen as in A/B "X".	A.2221
1.11.44	BALISAR (P) 212000 MC. VII (P) 212000 MP. 737 (P) 212000 " (P) 212000 " (P) 212000 " (P) 212000	P/O JONES, A.A. P/O JONES, A.A. P/O JONES, A.A. P/O JONES, A.A. P/O JONES, A.A. P/O JONES, A.A.	Checkman	1708	2302	Primary target was attacked in 6-7/10ths St. On top 6,000 ft. with good visibility. Red, yellow and green flames were seen at 2033.5 hrs. Bombs were released in centre of red and green flames at 2033.5 hrs. from 19,000 ft. 0400 - 140 IAL. Red and yellow flames were concentrated but green scattered. On landing incendiaries appeared to be taking hold. 1 x 1000 250 GAF T.B. hung up over target and was jettisoned safe at 2100 - 0400 at 2100 hrs. from 10,000 ft. Aircraft damaged by heavy flak at 2100 - 0400 at 2100 hrs. from 19,000 ft. LOAD 1 x 2000 lb. H.C.H.L. - 5 x 1000 lb. 250 GAF T.B.	A.2222

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The Records

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) holds medal registers, citation cards and the records of various military awards. As there are no service files for the Canadian military in the 1800s, those records often provide the only proof of service for 19th century conflicts. Many of the medals were awarded to recognize active service rather than acts of bravery. For example, all those who served in the North West Rebellion, 1885, were entitled to the North West Canada Medal.

The names of the recipients of the Queen's South African Medal are indexed in our [South African War](#) database and the registers have been digitized.

Many of the medal registers are very fragile, oversized ledgers, some of which (such as those available on microfilm) have been digitized. A number of the medals registers have been indexed and included in this database (see below).

Library and Archives Canada also holds the following records that have not yet been indexed yet and are therefore not included in this database.



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This database contains an index to the Attestation papers of men and women enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) of the First World War. Information contained in the database includes: name of enlistee, address, birthplace, birth date, age, name and relationship of next of kin, and regimental number.

Published & Online Resources

- Histories of the war and regiments
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- Canadian War Museum
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1931 - 1946

THE WORLD CRISIS

1931-1939

In the 1930s, several international crises led to world war.

Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party came to power in Germany in 1933 and quickly established a ruthless dictatorship. Germany seized Austria in 1938, and occupied Czechoslovakia in 1938-39. Italy, another dictatorship, attacked Abyssinia (Ethiopia) in 1935 and occupied Albania in 1939. After invading Manchuria in 1931, Japan attacked China in 1937. Britain and France appeased these brutal regimes in an effort to avoid another world war—a policy supported by most Canadians.

The Nazis' military aggression led directly to the Second World War. In August 1939, Germany insisted on territorial concessions from Poland. Finally abandoning 'appeasement', Britain and France pledged to assist the Poles and stop Hitler. On 1 September 1939, Germany invaded Poland and, two days later, Britain and France declared war on Germany. The Second World War had begun.



Veterans Affairs Canada > Remembrance



The screenshot shows the Veterans Affairs Canada website. At the top, there are navigation links for "CANADA.CA", "FRANÇAIS", and "MY VAC ACCOUNT". Below the navigation is a "MENU" dropdown and a search bar. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Remembrance > Wars and conflicts > Second World War". A large black and white photograph of military vehicles and soldiers in a village is the background for the main heading. The heading reads "Second World War" with the dates "1939 - 1945" below it. To the left of the heading is a short introductory paragraph. To the right is a vertical timeline titled "ORDER OF EVENTS" with three entries: "1 September 1939", "3 September 1939", and "10 September 1939". At the bottom left, there is a link for "Second World War battles".

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Second World War

1939 - 1945

In 1939, Germany invaded Poland. This started more than six years of bitter fighting in the Second World War, which finally ended in 1945. More than one million Canadians and Newfoundlanders served in uniform, both here at home and around the world. Over 45,000 of our brave men and women in uniform gave their lives and another 55,000 were wounded.

Second World War battles

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- 1 September 1939**
Germany invades Poland, setting off fighting in Europe
- 3 September 1939**
Britain enters Second World War and the [Battle of the Atlantic](#) begins
- 10 September 1939**

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MOORE, Reginald F. "Reg"



Reginald was born in Lindsay on April 23, 1924. He enlisted in the Army on June 3, 1941 and served with the 32nd Battery, 4th Light Anti Aircraft Regiment, 3rd Cdn Infantry Division and 13th Field Regiment. He served in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany during World War II. He was discharged on October 23, 1945. While in England, Reg met and married his wife Bertha (Poppy) Manning. Following his discharge, he worked as a mailman in Peterborough until he joined the OPP in January of 1951. He had a very successful career and was rewarded with many advancements and promotions including spending 1976 in Osaka, Japan as Sergeant in charge of officers providing security at the Canadian Pavilion at the World's Fair, where he met many dignitaries including the Crown Prince and Princess of Japan, and Pierre Elliot Trudeau. He retired from the OPP in 1985 with the rank of Inspector, unable to accept his newly acquired promotion to Superintendent due to increased hearing loss from damage during his service in World War II. Reg was a past president of The Royal Canadian Legion, Bark's Falls Branch and was a member of the St. Dem Hughes Branch 37 in Lindsay for 49 years.

MOORE, Thomas H.

Thomas was born in Cork, Ireland on October 21, 1900. He enlisted in the Army in 1920 and served with the British Imperial Army, Governor Gen. Hesse Guard in Canada, India, the United Kingdom and Continental Europe during World War II. He was discharged in 1945. Thomas was a member of the Simcoe Legion Branch 79 before he passed away on September 17, 1983.



MOORECROFT, Arthur A.

Arthur was born in Toronto, Ontario on December 20, 1889. He enlisted in the Army on April 5, 1916 and served with the 3rd Battalion Cdn Infantry in France during World War I. Arthur was killed in action at Fiches, 4 1/4 miles south of Arras, France. Whilst advancing with his Battalion on the Arras-Cassel Road he was severely wounded in the head by an enemy machine gun bullet. He was given immediate attention and taken to No. 22 Casualty Care Station where he died on September 28, 1918. He left behind a wife and a young son. He is buried at Bucquoy Road Cemetery in Fiches, France.



Watching the War

National Film Board: War, Conflict and Peace – WW II Archival Films

<https://www.nfb.ca/subjects/war-conflict-and-peace-world-war-ii-archival-films/>

LAC: Newsreels

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLleZTAHrKS4EH5jAa5OiRfipt0O15HlmW>

War Amps of Canada: The Canadian Army Newsreels

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