

# Lest We Forget Cenotaph Research Project



[www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/cenotaph](http://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](mailto: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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