

One Battle – One Victory – One Nation: Vimy makes Canada

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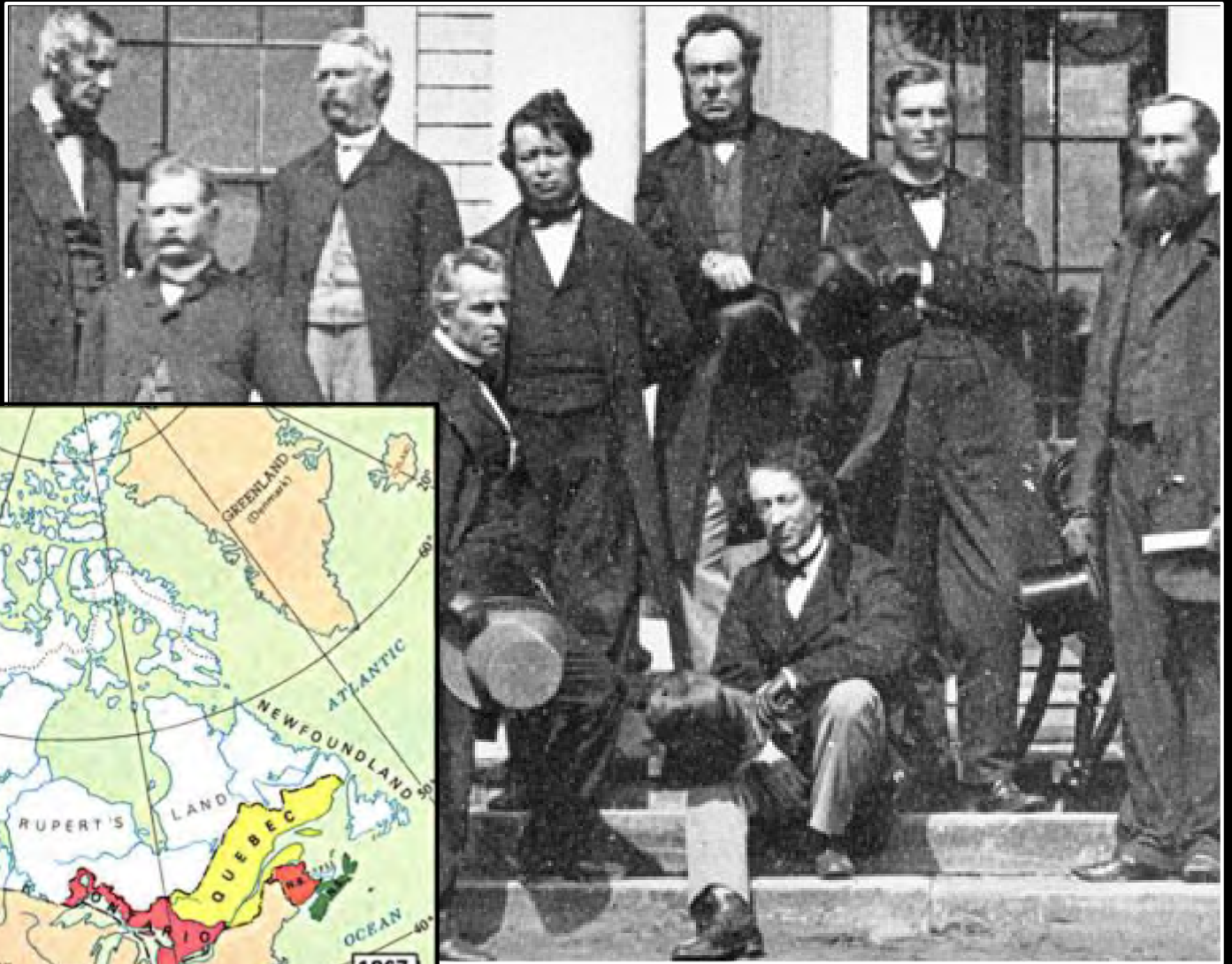


Canadian National Vimy Memorial



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Canada: a new country in 1867



**Canada:
early 1900s
... mainly a
rural country**





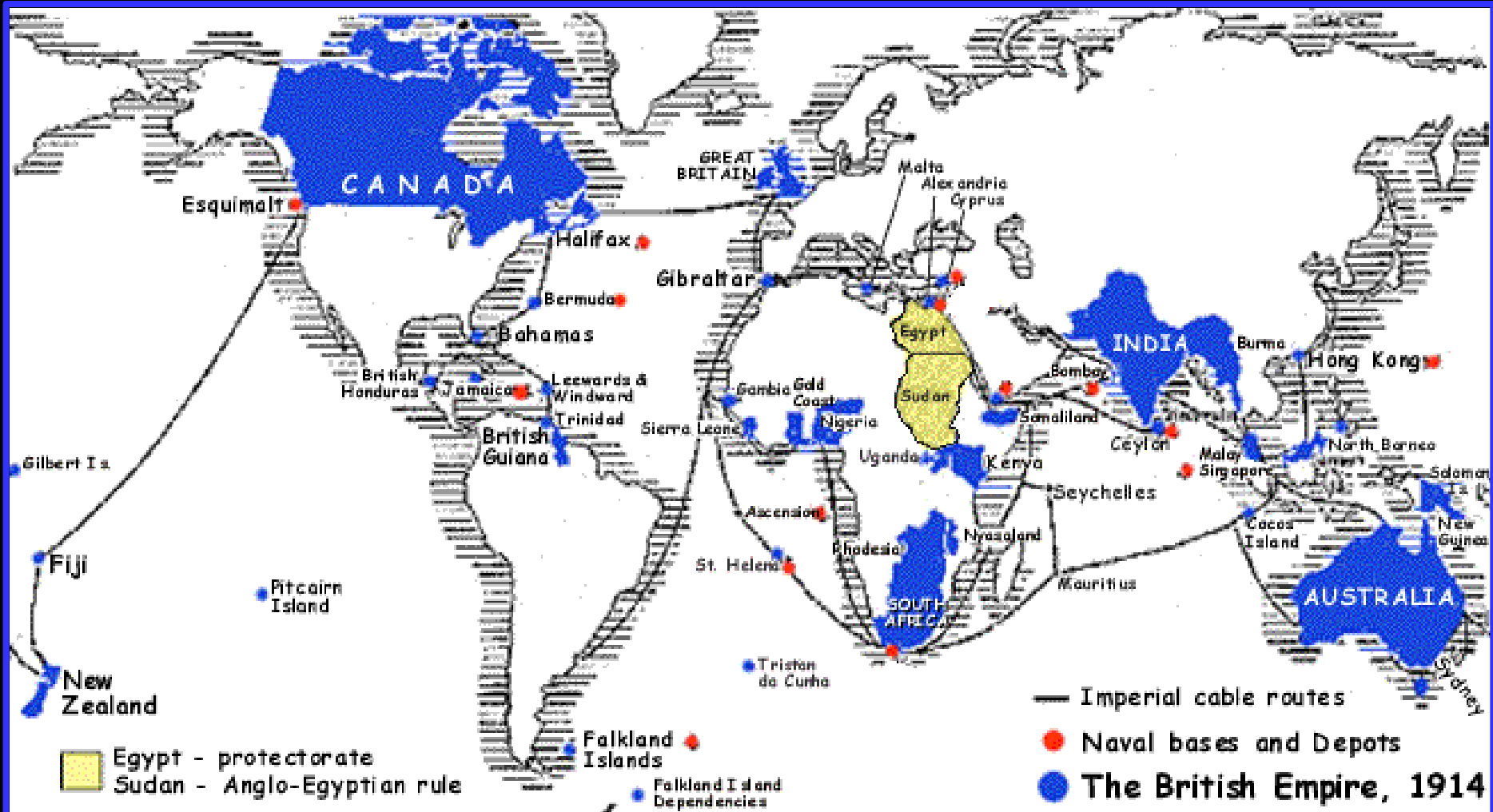
Nova Scotia



<u>DATE</u>	<u>ENTERED CONFEDERATION</u>
1867	New Brunswick Nova Scotia Ontario Quebec
1870	Manitoba Northwest Territories
1871	British Columbia
1873	Prince Edward Island
1898	Yukon
1905	Alberta Saskatchewan
1949	Newfoundland
1999	Nunavut

1914

The British Empire 1914



The British Empire 1914



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:The_Empire_Needs_Men_WWI.jpg

Canada: pre-1914

NO: TV, radio, national newspapers, Trans-Canada Highway, cell phones or Twitter, national airways

YES: national railway, wireless telegraphy, local newspapers **PLUS a national-international mail system that would enable 1000s and 1000s of letters to be exchanged between the battlefields and home**



MCpl Brandon Hanna of today's
Cape Breton Highlanders
will read some example letters

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**a rural country
goes to war
1914**

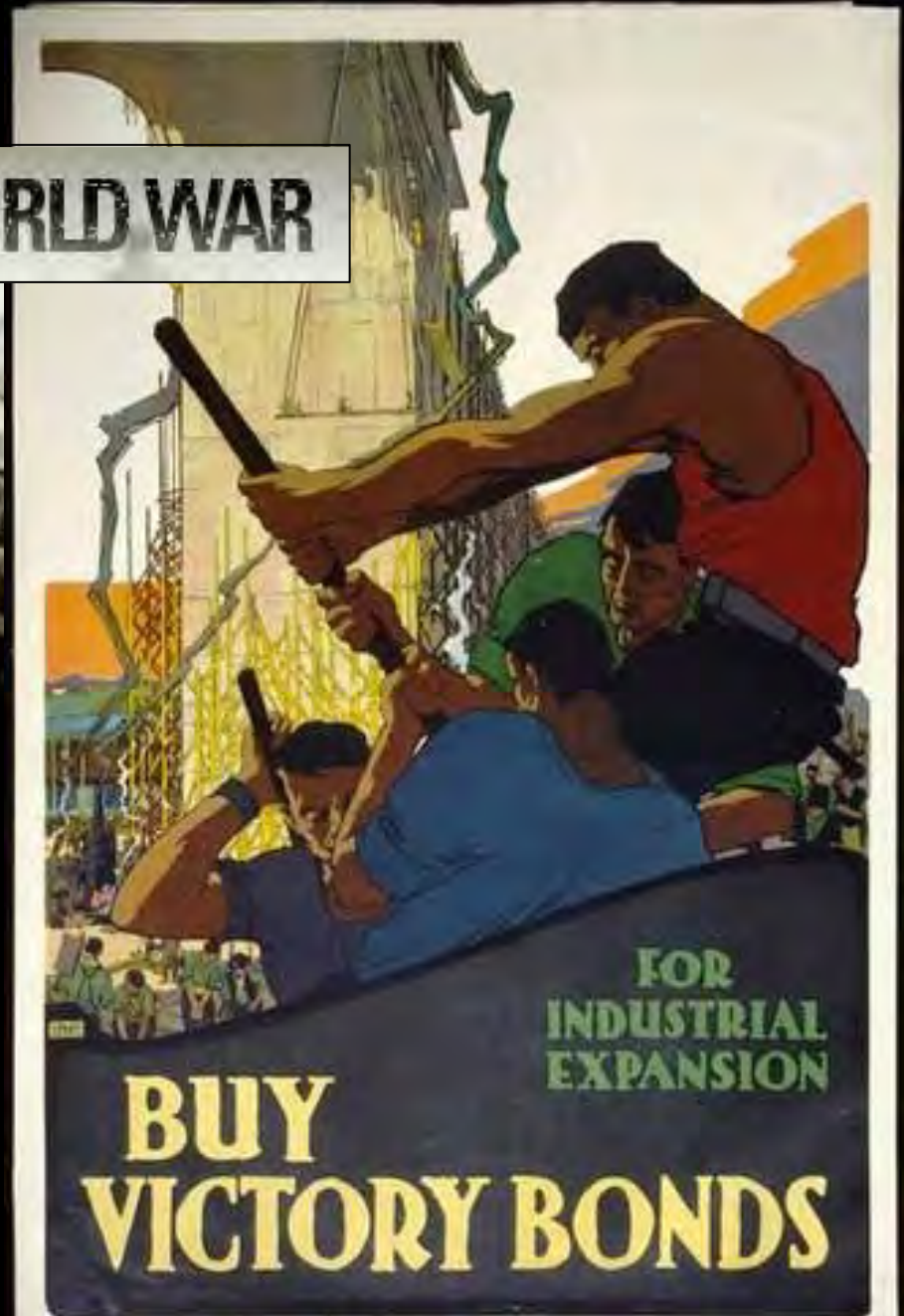


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Canada
becomes an
industrial country



Cape Breton Island: THE industrial hub of Canada

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Canadian Prime Minister Robert Borden

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PM Borden & Cabinet Minister
review troops at Valcartier



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United Kingdom
("The Mother Country")

and corner of
France
showing
Vimy





CANADA AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Population Statistics (1911)

Canada: 7.2 million

Nova Scotia: 492,000

Cape Breton: 122,000 (\approx 25% of NS)

Great Britain & Ireland: 45.4 million

The Battle of Vimy Ridge: 1917

CANADA AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR



**2017:
100 years
since Vimy**

NS Highlander William LeRoy Johnson

The Battle of Vimy Ridge: 1917



across Canada:
communities
contribute



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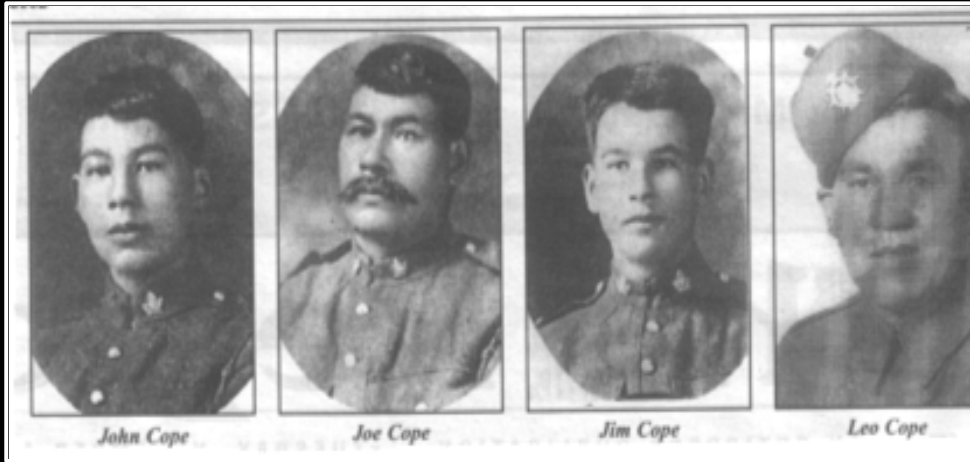
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Mi'kmaw Soldiers

The Cope Brothers from Hants County



<http://hrsbstaff.ednet.ns.ca/mwebb/Windtalkers.htm>



Aboriginal
communities
contribute



**Cree Soldiers
from Saskatchewan**

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<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/virtual/meninmines/archives.asp?ID=528>

Cape Breton
communities
contribute



THE COLOURS

185th Battalion Christmas Card
Sent By Angus L. Macdonald
Christmas 1916 or 1917

Frank Parker Day

- served first with 85th Canadian Infantry Battalion
- later helped recruit and commanded 185th Cape Breton Highlanders

wife Mabel Day

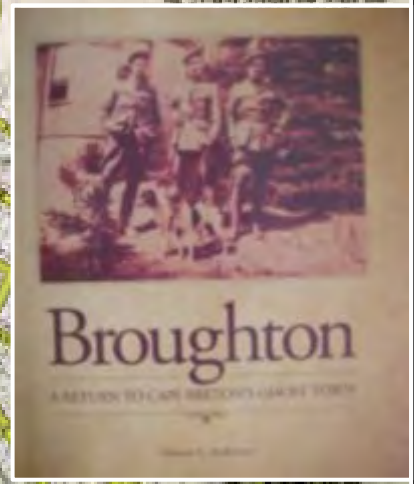
- designed insignia for flags of 185th Cape Breton Highlanders





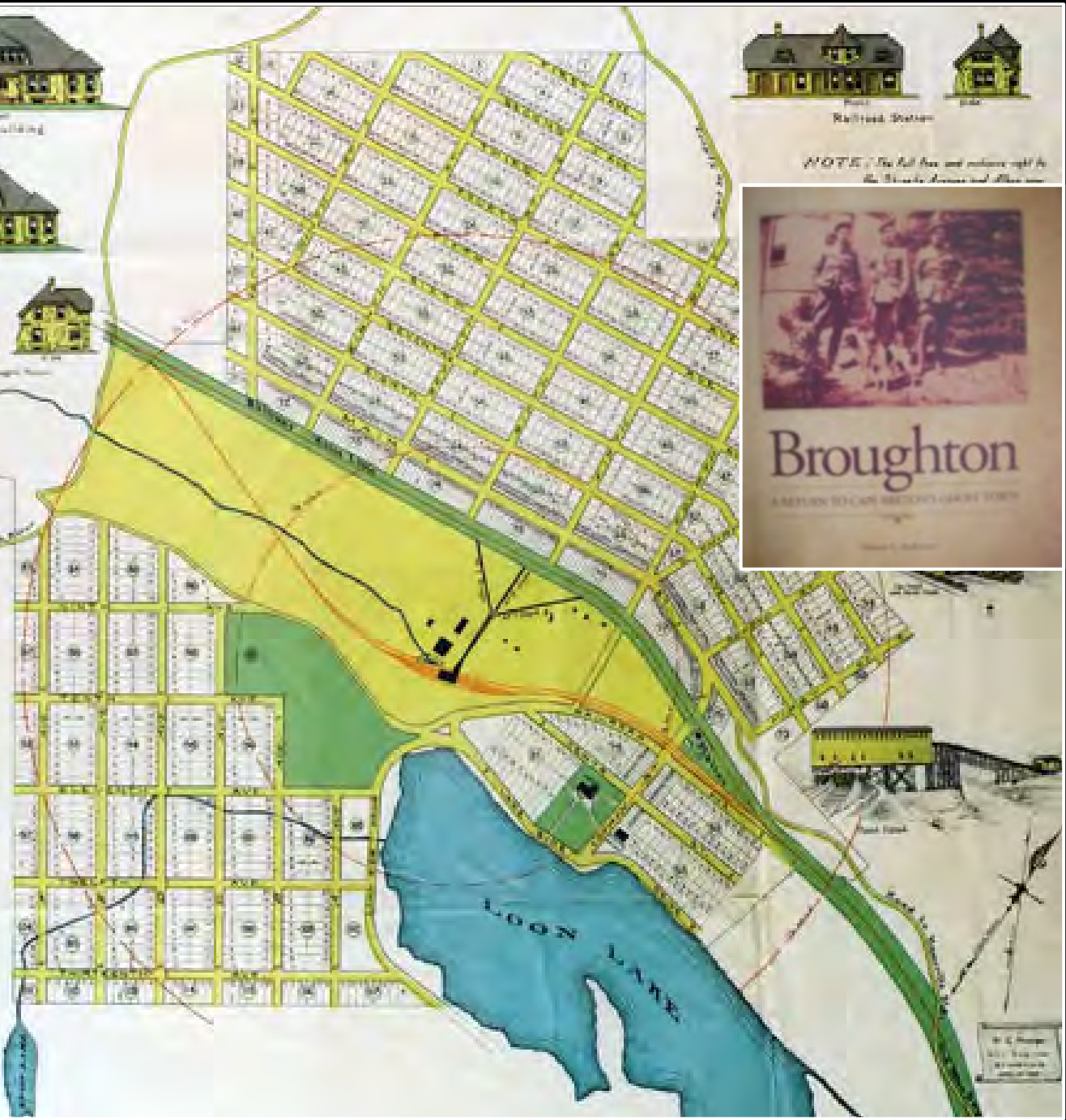
Railroad Station

NOTE: The All Area and railroad right of way shown in blue and black.

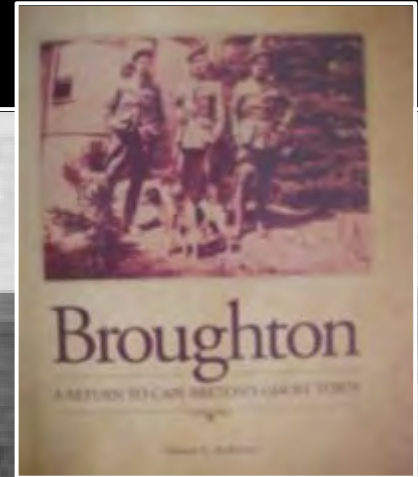


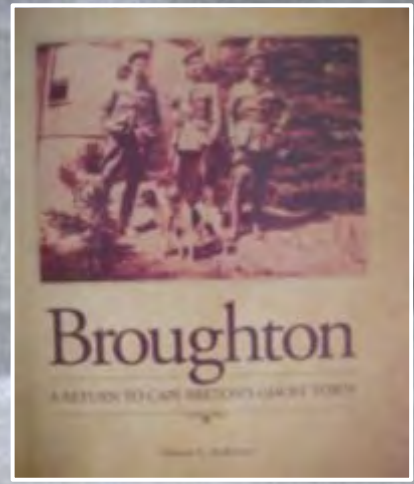
of
BROUGHTON
NOVA SCOTIA

Scale in feet



Officers of the 185th Battalion, 1916 in front of General Mines Building at Broughton, NS

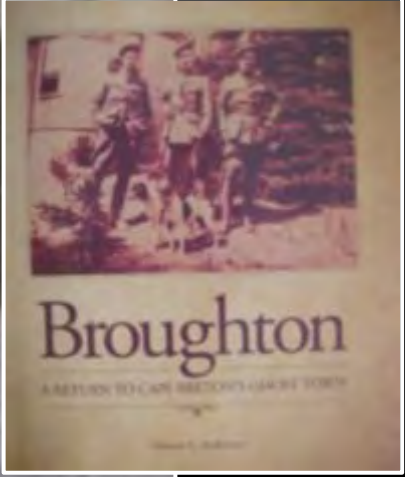




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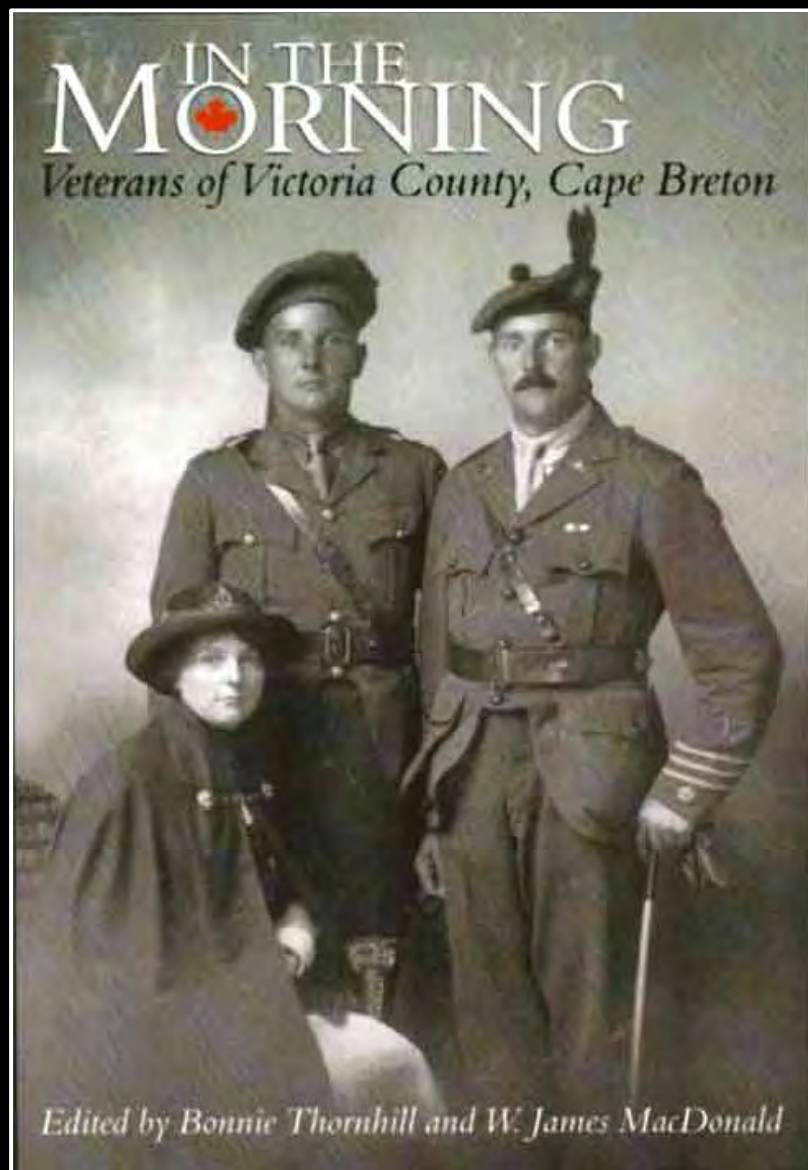


The Last Inspection



Leaving Broughton

The Anderson Family ... Baddeck, Cape Breton



**Anderson,
Percival William, M.C.
1885-1918**

**Anderson,
James Archibald, M.C.
1894-1964**

**Anderson,
Minerva Blanche, R.N.
1889-1981**

The Macdonald Brothers ... Dunvegan, Cape Breton



Matron-in-Chief

Margaret Clotilde MacDonald

No. 1 General Hospital, Canadian Army Medical Corps



Canadian General Hospital No. 7

Étaples, France, ca. 1917-1918

Library and Archives Canada, C-080026 and e002283126

NURSES

Helen Kendall

Katharine McLennan

Mary MacDonald

Minerva Anderson



Katharine McLennan





Officers who went to France with the 85th

Lt. Borden, Lt. Hensley, Lt. Hallett, Lt. Forbes, Lt. Manning, Lt. Haley, Lt. Reid, Lt. Crowley, Lt. Curry, Lt. Clayton,
Lt. McFarlane, Lt. McKay, Lt. McLean, Lt. Chapman, Lt. Rae, Lt. Wright, Lt. Parsons, Lt. Love, Lt. Graham, Lt. Wylie,
Cpt. Miller, Lt. Ruggles, Maj. Rutland, Maj. Morrison, Maj. Ralston, Lt-Col. Phinney, Lt-Col. Hayes, Cpt. Crowell,
Cpt. Anderson, Cpt. Layton,
Lt. Capt. Lt. Snow, Lt. Young, Cpt. Davidson, Lt. Verner, Lt. Campbell, Lt. MacKinnon, Lt. Robertson, Lt. Mooney,
Absent when picture was taken— Lt-Col. Borden, Maj. McKenzie, Maj. Miller, Lt. McKinnon.

“A year of Strenuous Effort, of Supreme Sacrifice,
of Victory complete and undeniable.”



85th CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
(Nova Scotia Highlanders),

B. E. F.,
GERMANY.

Hearty Christmas Greetings
and Sincere Good Wishes for the
New Year of Peace.

AMAZING  STORIES

VALOUR AT VIMY RIDGE

CANADIAN HEROES OF WORLD WAR I

TOM DOUGLAS

NEW
EDITION!



HISTORY/MILITARY

The Battle of Vimy Ridge: 1917

**Major-General
Arthur Currie**



**Lt.-General
Sir Julian Byng**



The Battle of Vimy Ridge: 1917

Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig



The Battle of Vimy Ridge: 1917

Captain Percival Anderson

Company Commander
185th Battalion





Vimy Ridge

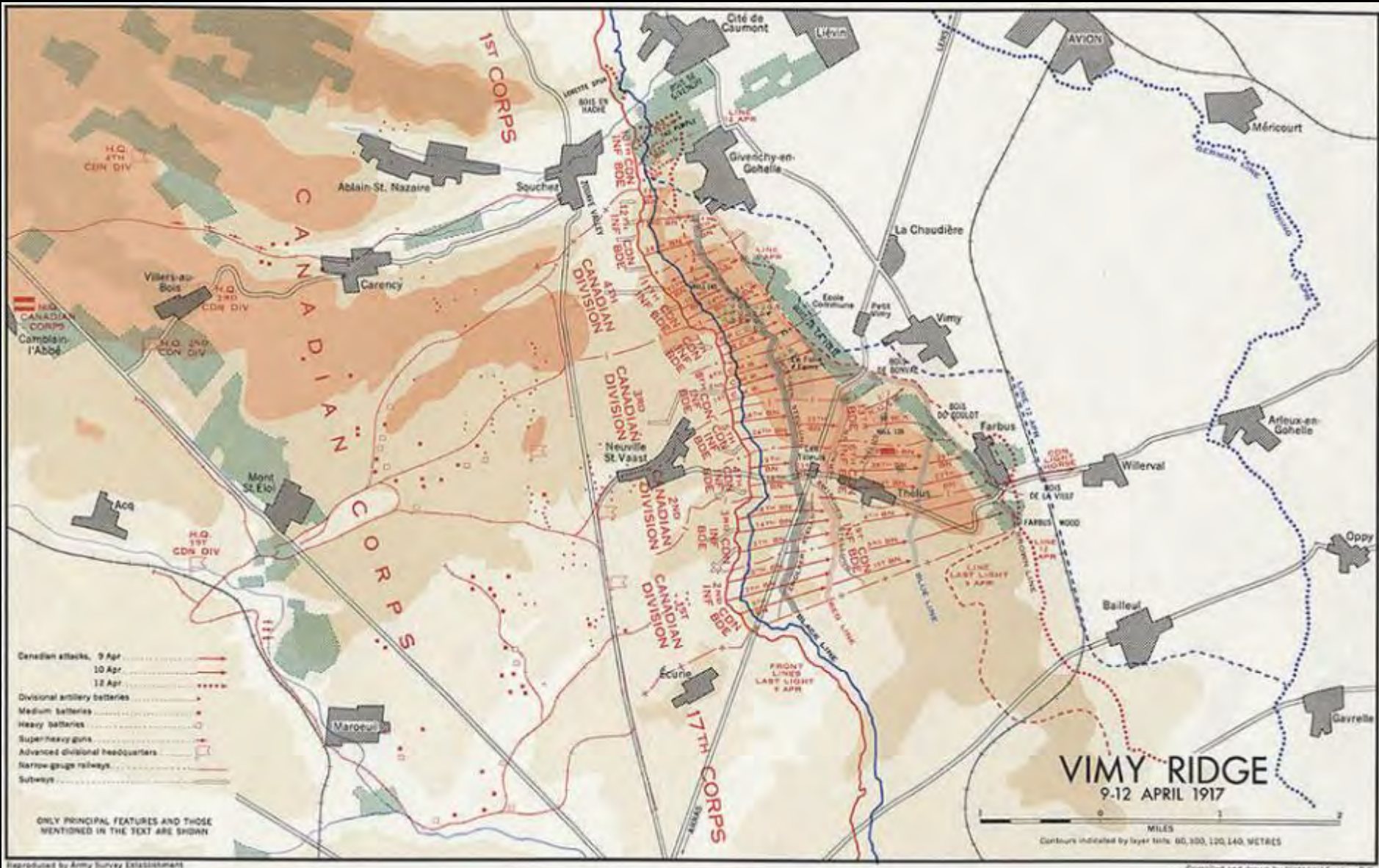


aerial photograph of Vimy Ridge -
portion of 4th Canadian Division Front 7 April 1917



Looking at Hill 145 from the Douai Plain

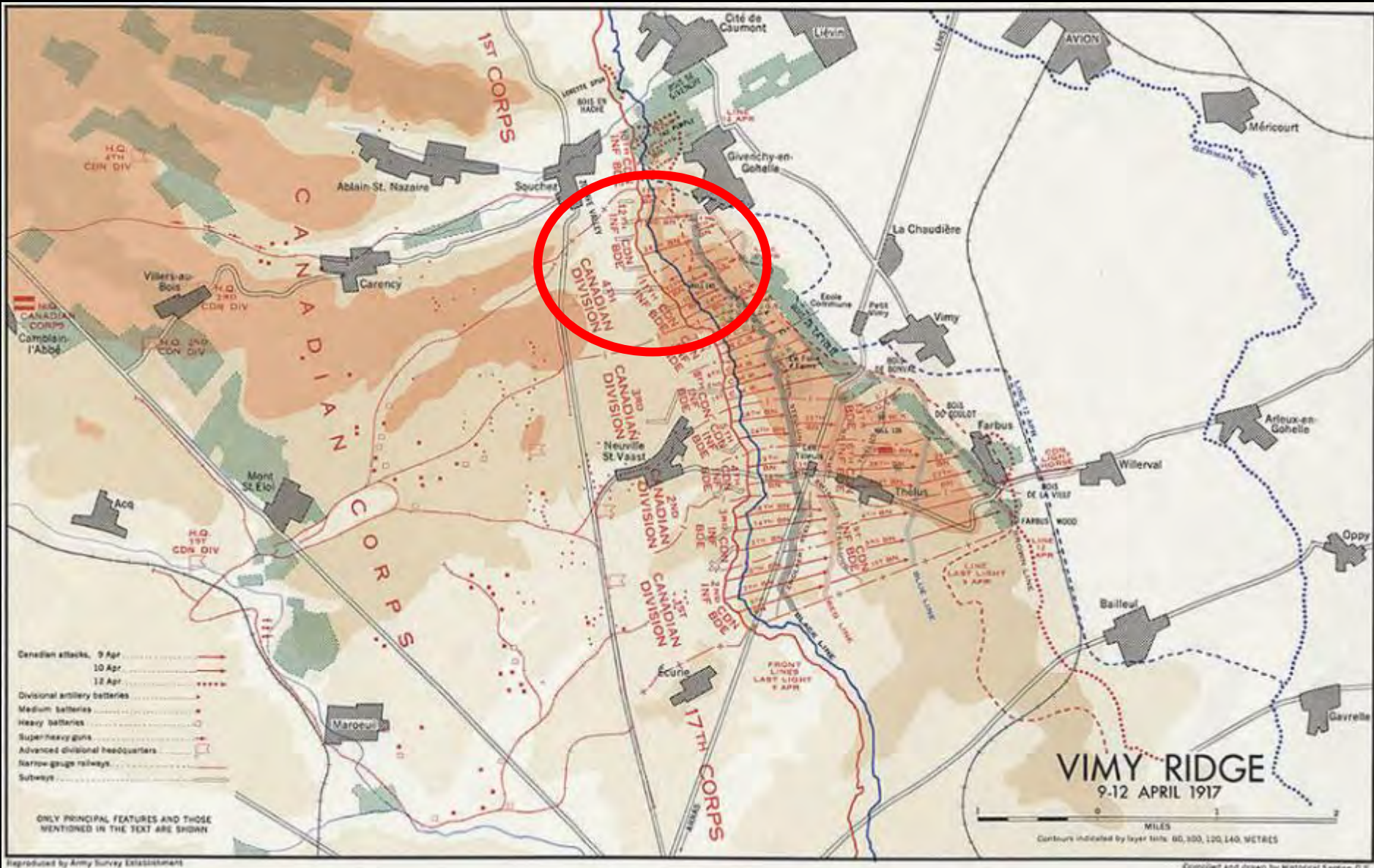
map of Vimy Ridge showing Canadian operations from 9-12 April 1917



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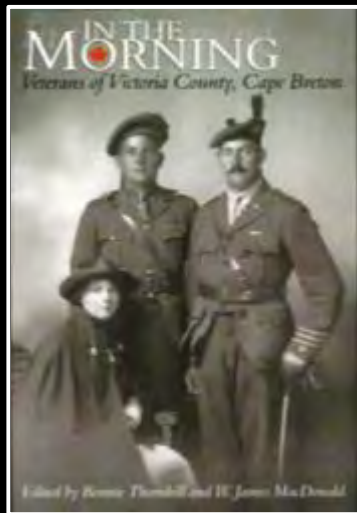
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The Victoria Cross
four awarded to Canadians
after Battle of Vimy Ridge



Percival and James Anderson - both brothers awarded the Military Cross -





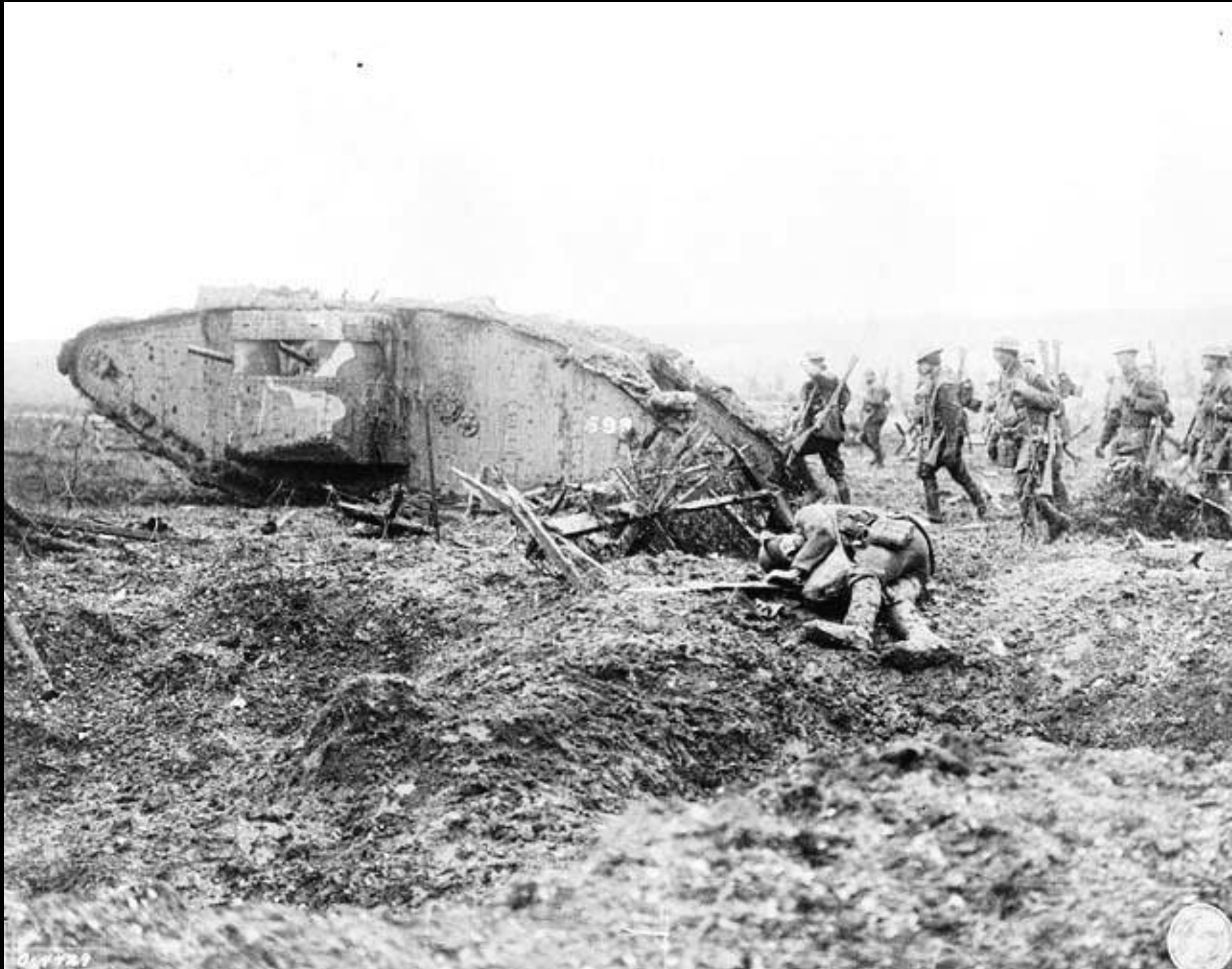




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**readings by MCpl Brandon Hanna,
a member of today's Cape Breton Highlanders**



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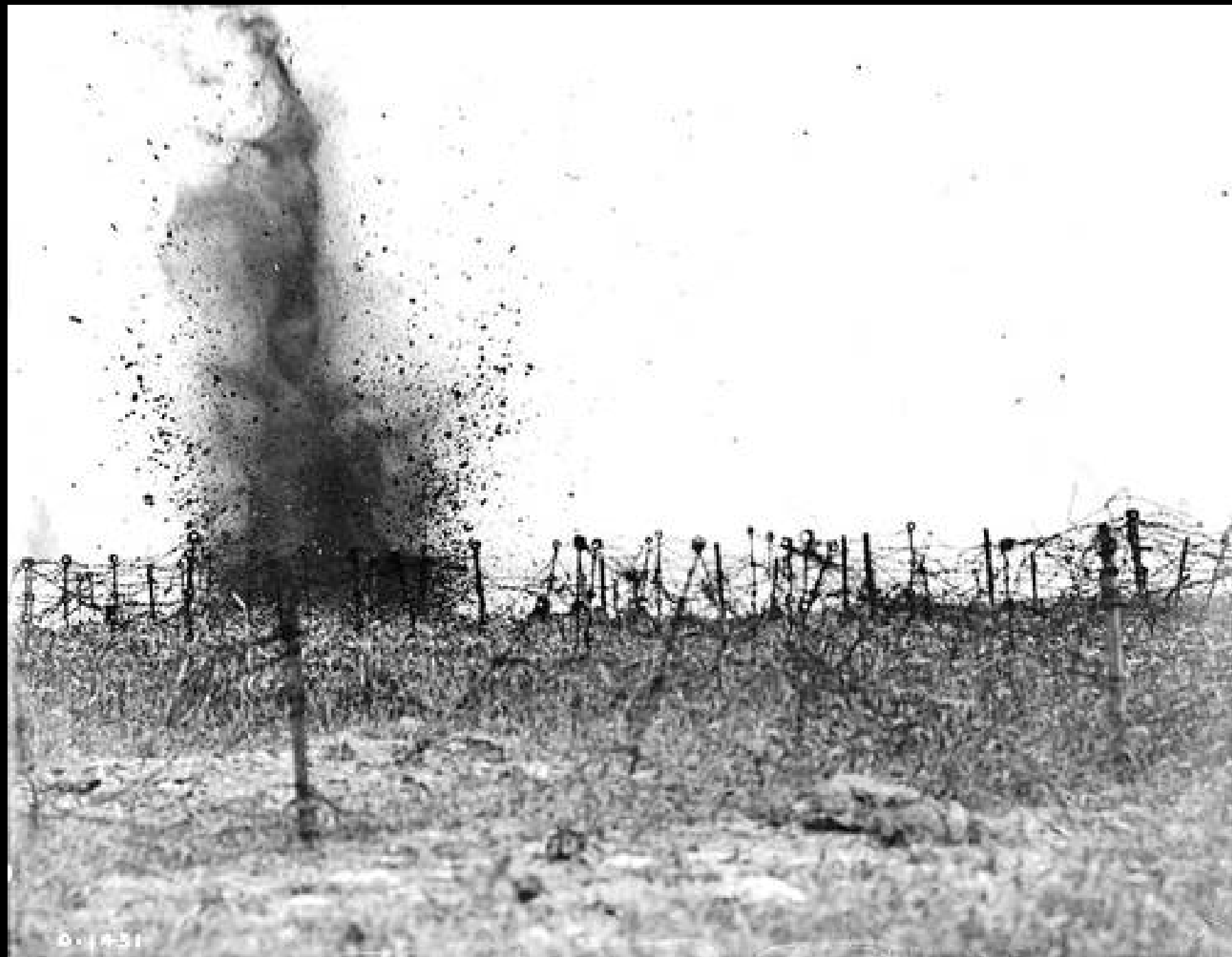






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Nurse Katharine McLennan's sketch of a soldier suffering from gangrene at "HOE 18" in Vasseny, 1917 ... nurse slashing open wounds to facilitate drainage.



Once again healthy!

Nova Scotia Highlander
May 1917

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rare photos album
recently sold on eBay





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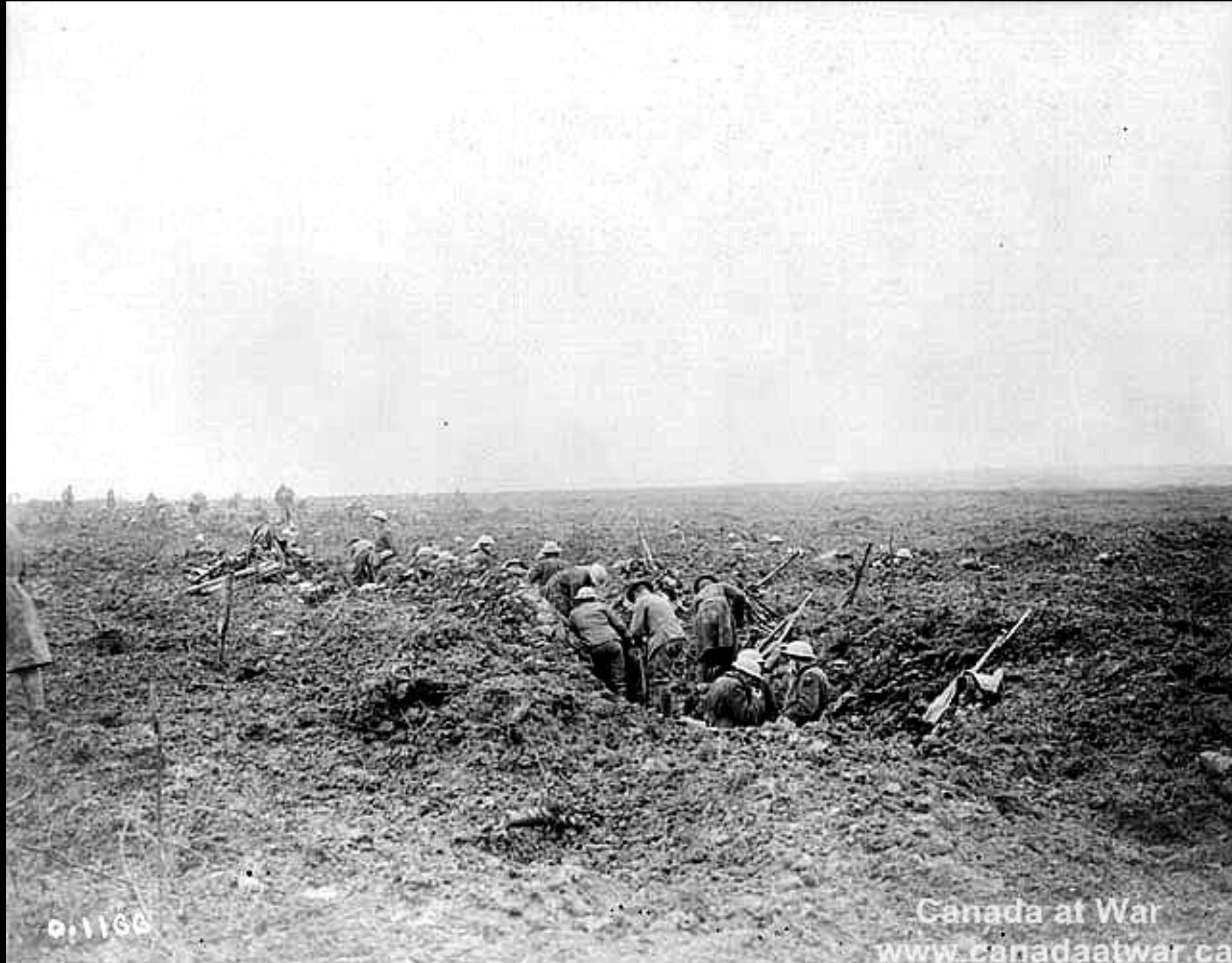




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Trench Foot





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**Canadians overlooking village of Vimy
after they have taken Vimy Ridge**



Canadians walking on street in village of Vimy



Canadians returning from Vimy



Canadians returning from Vimy



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The French said it was Canada's
Easter Gift to France.

The New York Tribune said Canada
fielded a better army than
had Napoleon.

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1907: Colonial Conference
1917: Imperial War Cabinet
1917: Conscription Crisis
1919: Treaty of Versailles
1922: League of Nations
1923: US - Canada Halibut Treaty
1926: Imperial Conference

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For years, the only statue of General Sir Arthur Currie was in London, England ... a hero in “The Mother Country” but little recognized at home in Canada ... until 2007 when a statue was placed in Ottawa as part of the Valiants Memorial.

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hooked wall hanging of 1920's era
Cape Breton Highlanders
badge

by:

**Lt. (Ret'd) John Leonard
Boudreau**

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