





Building a Nation

A HISTORICAL TIMELINE OF THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES



The South African War (1899-1902) was the first overseas conflict in which Canada, as a young country, participated. Despite the controversy over whether our country should become involved in the struggle between the British and the Boers in South Africa, more than 7,000 Canadians volunteered for the war.



The First World War began on August 4, 1914. More than 650,000 men and women from Canada and Newfoundland served during the First World War. More than 66,000 gave their lives and over 172,000 were wounded. The fighting ended on November 11, 1918, with the signing of the Armistice.



The Second World War lasted from 1939 until 1945. It marked the first time Canada declared war on its own accord. More than one million Canadians and Newfoundlanders served, with more than 55,000 wounded and over 45,000 giving their lives.



On June 25, 1950, the forces of North Korea crossed the 38thParallel into the Republic of Korea. This marked the beginning of hostilities, which were to rage for more than three years. More than 26,000 Canadians served in the Korean War; 516 gave their lives.





Canadian Armed Force 1947 - 2017

Canadian Armed Forces members have played many important roles both here at home and around the world in the years since the Korean War. Whether protecting our frontiers, working with our Allies, providing humanitarian assistance, helping restore peace in troubled lands or fighting those who would deny freedom to others, the brave men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces have stood tall.





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remember the service and sacrifice of our armed forces, past and present. They served so that we may have liberty,

Please take time this November 11th to

democracy and the rule of law.

