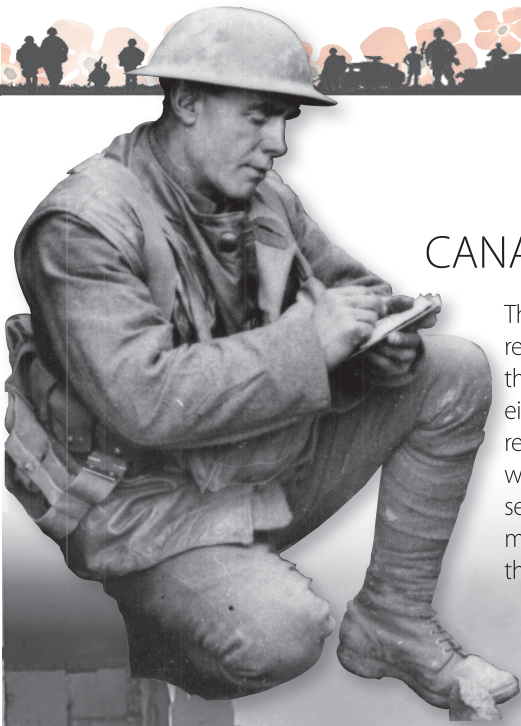


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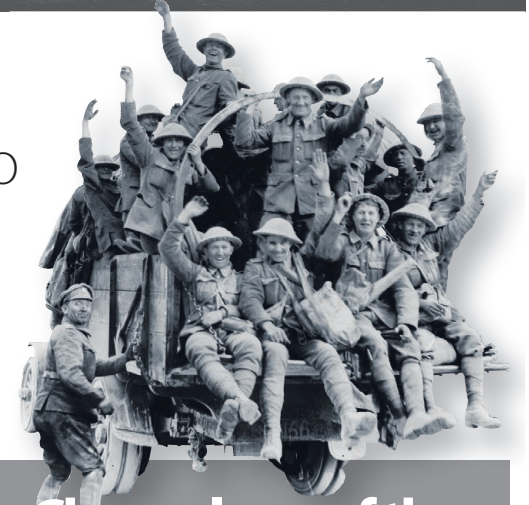


# The First World War

CANADA'S ROLE IN THE WAR THAT ENDED 100 YEARS AGO

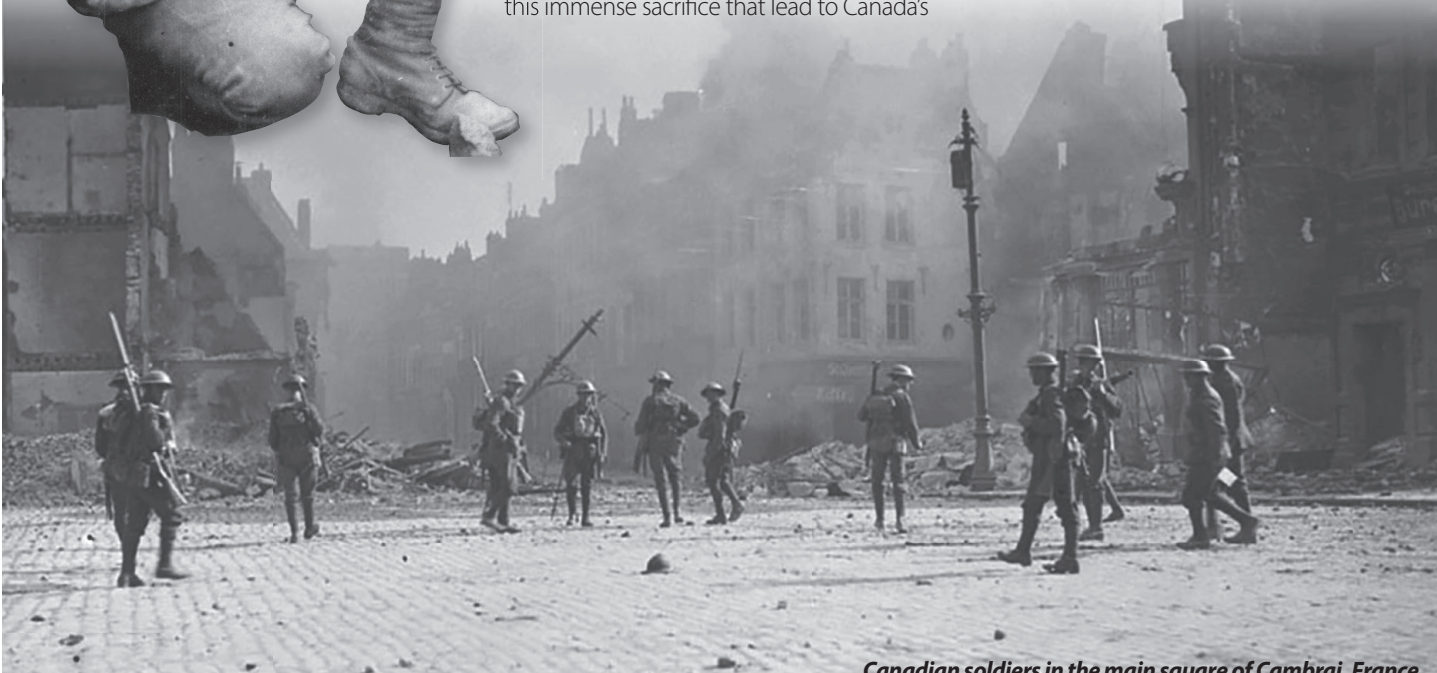
The armistice of November 11, 1918, brought relief to the whole world. Never before had there been such a conflict. For a nation of eight million people Canada's war effort was remarkable. More than 650,000 men and women from Canada and Newfoundland served — over 66,000 gave their lives and more than 172,000 were wounded. It was this immense sacrifice that led to Canada's

separate signature on the Peace Treaty. No longer viewed as just a colony of England, Canada had truly achieved nation status. This nationhood was purchased by the gallant men who stood fast at Ypres, stormed Regina Trench, climbed the heights of Vimy Ridge, captured Passchendaele, and entered Mons on November 11, 1918.



## Chronology of the First World War

- August 4, 1914:** First World War Begins
- April 22, 1915:** Canadians see first major action at Ypres
- July 1, 1916:** Newfoundland Regiment suffers heavy losses at Beaumont-Hamel
- April 9, 1917:** Canadians take Vimy ridge
- April 14, 1917:** Newfoundland Regiment holds off the enemy at Monchy-le-Preux
- November 1917:** Canadians capture Passchendaele in muddy battle
- December 17, 1917:** Some Canadian women first get to vote in a federal election
- November 11, 1918:** Armistice signed ending the war



Canadian soldiers in the main square of Cambrai, France, after liberating the city in October 1918.

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