

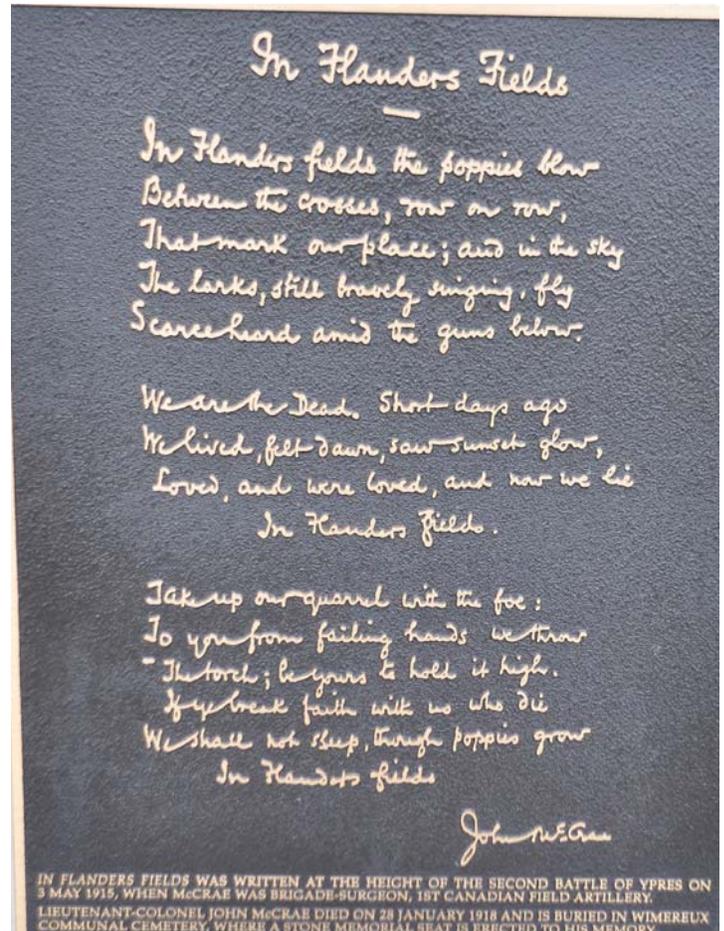
## Remembrance Day 2012

From a WWII grave marker in France, a personal epitaph for a young Canadian Soldier:

**“To the world he was but one, to us he was our one and only”**



Photos: SP Little



**The Brooding Soldier**  
by Frederick Chapman Clemesha  
Canadian Forces Memorial in Sint Juliaan,  
Belgium

THIS COLUMN MARKS THE BATTLEFIELD WHERE 18,000 CANADIANS ON THE BRITISH LEFT WITHSTOOD THE FIRST GERMAN GAS ATTACKS THE 22ND-24TH OF APRIL 1915. 2,000 FELL AND HERE LIE BURIED

*In Flanders Fields* was written at the height of the second battle of Ypres on 3 May 1915, when McCrae was Brigade-Surgeon, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian field Artillery. Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae died on 28 January 1918 and is buried in Wimereux Communal Cemetery, where a stone memorial seat is erected to his memory.

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### Announcements

The Toronto FHC will be closed on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

### What's New

**Ancestry** - Some British WWI records will be **free** at [Ancestry.co.uk](http://Ancestry.co.uk) from Friday 9 November until Monday 12 November. Included in the offer are British Army WWI Service Records, British Army WWI Pension Records, British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, Silver War Badge Records, and Citations of the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

The following Canadian military records are **free** at [Ancestry.ca](http://Ancestry.ca) until November 12<sup>th</sup>:

British and German Deserters, Dischargees, and POW's Who May Have Remained in Canada and the USA, 1774-1783; CEF WWI Commonwealth War Graves Registers; Militia and Defence Forces Lists, 1832, 1863-1939; Selected Service Records of Soldiers; Selected Service Records of War Dead; Soldiers of WWI; War Graves Registers: Circumstances of Casualty, 1914-1948; Kitchener, Ontario German War Graves; Old United Empire Loyalists List; Rebellion of 1837, Upper Canada; The life and times of Gen. John Graves Simcoe; The Loyalists in Ontario; and, War of 1812: Miscellaneous Canadian Records. (You will have to register but not pay to access these records.)

Ancestry has added three small UK military databases: Memorial Books WWI and WWII, 1914-1945 (London County Council Employees, University of London officer training core, Croydon citizens), British Officer Prisoners of War in WWI, and Commonwealth War Graves, data taken from CWGC (see Were You Aware...). The UK Prisoners of War WWII has been updated, as have the US Navy Lists 1888-1979 and the US Veterans Burial Registers. Another collection of digitized British books are now available to browse.

[DeceasedOnline](#) has added the first of eight cemeteries/crematoria for Bolton Lancashire today. This first one, Tonge Cemetery, opened in 1856 and contains 116,600 records with those after 1870 having maps. There are also photographs of 3,000 memorials. The other cemeteries will be included over the next few weeks. They have added grave/lair section maps to its range of records for Aberdeen City's largest cemetery, the linked Spital (St Peter's) Churchyard and St Peter's Cemetery; a series of three maps will indicate the small section of the cemetery where the grave is located.

The **Cambridgeshire County Council** and the Cambridgeshire FHS have updated the indexes for births, marriages and deaths, registered in local record offices. The two million index records, called CAMDEX, are available without charge from 1837 to the present [here](#). These locally registered documents **may** contain more information or be more accurate than those transferred to the General Register Office. The cost to order a birth, marriage or death record here is £10.

**The Church of Ireland in Dublin** has put online parish registers of baptisms, marriages and burials for the parish of [Delgany](#) (Glendalough) and vicinity in North Wicklow. The records (together with a name index) span the years 1666 to 1900. Access is free. The complete Delgany parish registers can also be downloaded as a pdf.

[ScotlandsPeople](#) has added a new collection of wills and testaments online covering the period 1902-1925. There are nearly 400,000 new records. In addition the cost of viewing a will or testament has dropped to 10 ScotlandsPeople's credits or a cost of about £2.33 (less that \$4 CDN).

[National Archives of Ireland](#) has added the digitized Tithe Applotment Books for Ireland (Griffith's Valuation) and Irish Soldiers Wills from 1914-1917. Also available online here are the 1901 and 1911 censuses and records of transportation to Australia. Access is free.

[Mocavo](#) has added 17,000 yearbooks with 3.5 million pages to their collection of searchable records. Shock – I am now in an historical collection of my university yearbooks!

[FindMyPast.co.uk](#) has added more than 6 million pages of historical newspapers from across England, Wales and Scotland. The collection contains more than 200 local newspapers for the period 1710-1950. I found lots of articles of interest. Downloading the articles is free at Family History Centres. Not yet available on the WorldWide site.

### Additions to Our Permanent Collection

We have four new books and one new fiche to add to our library:

*Birth, Marriage & Death Records - A Guide for Family Historians* by David Annal & Audrey Collins (England & Wales)  
*Tracing Your Caribbean Ancestors* by Guy Grannum  
*My Ancestor Settled in the British West Indies (with Bermuda, British Guiana, & British Honduras)* by John Titford  
*My Ancestor Was A Mormon - Guide to Sources for Family Historians* by Ian Waller – This covers Mormon records from around the globe.

New Fiche 6072845 ENG DEV Lustleigh BMBs 1631-1837, BTs 1608-1811

### **The Forum:**

The Forum is on hold this week. But please send in any questions about your family history.

### **News From the Trenches**

#### **My Favourite Ancestor – Remembering the Down Family**

Jerri Grimley wrote: “Because this is for Remembrance Day, I will pick not one ancestor, but my Down family. My great grandmother and great grandfather had 7 children that lived until adulthood. Four of the children were male: my grandfather Joseph and his 3 brothers, Charles, William and Richard. They all enlisted in the army for World War 1. Joseph was assigned to the Canadian Engineers as a Sapper. He was killed in Ypres, Belgium; April 24, 1915 aged 25, and commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres. Charles was attached to the Quartermaster Service of the Cavalry Field Ambulance. He developed TB and was released from service. He died June 17, 1915, in Toronto, aged 28. William was assigned to the Canadian Army Service Corps, 4th Ammunition Sub Park Division, he was killed October 5, 1916, aged 28, buried in Puchevillers British Cemetery, Somme France. Richard was the only brother to return from the war. He was assigned to the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, Ambulance.

“My grandmother was left with 5 children under the age of 12, she was already a widow with 2 children when she married my grandfather and they had 3 children together. I can not imagine the painful time the family must have had, losing a husband and sons in a war that seemed so very far away.”

### **Were You Aware ...**

#### **Websites of Special Interest on Remembrance Day**

[Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#) – This wonderful website commemorates the 1,700,000 men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the two world wars. Searching for a person brings up all their information including next of kin (often wife and parents), where they are buried or commemorated, and a very nice commemorative certificate. The cemetery database contains information about 23,000 cemeteries, memorials and other locations worldwide where Commonwealth casualties from the two world wars are commemorated; many have pictures. The histories of the major campaigns, battles and events of the two world wars can be found under *Learning and Resources*.

[Library and Archives Canada](#) has several databases of interest:

[Commonwealth War Graves Registers for WWI](#)

[Faces of War](#) – 2500 photographs of men and women who served in the Canadian Forces during the Second World War

[Medals and Honours](#) - these records indicate the medal, honour or award to which an individual was entitled – gives reference number on how to obtain records

To help you find a soldier or nursing sister in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in WWI, LAC has published a [blog](#). (Thanks to the Genealogy Canada blog for this item.)

[Veterans Affairs Canada - Records and collections](#) – has a range of materials about Canada's sacrifices in war, our military history and our Veterans' unique experiences.

Includes [Canadian Virtual War Memorial](#) – registry of graves and memorials for 118,000 Canadians

[Books of Remembrance](#) - contain the names of Canadians who fought in wars and died either during or after them. Each page of the books, which are stored in the Peace Tower, has been digitized to make each page more accessible to the public.

[Canadian Great War Project](#) – is intended to promote interest in Canada's participation in WWI and to research the Canadians who participated in the Great War 1914-1919 or other nationalities who served in the CEF. There are currently over 146,802 entries of individual soldiers.

[Wall of Honour](#) – Records of various war memorials in the United Kingdom. Memorials in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Kent, Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Sussex are particularly well covered. This also has a remarkable set of links.

[Kent Fallen](#) - has transcribed 565 Kent, England War Memorials and a number of regiments and territorial force associations.

[War Graves Photographic Project](#) – is trying to photograph every war grave, individual memorial, Ministry of Defence grave, and family memorial of serving military personnel from WWI to the present day. However, due to its popularity they have now extended their remit to cover all nationalities and military conflicts and make these available within a searchable database. This project now has 1.75 million names. It is international.

[Irish War Memorials](#) - presents a developing inventory of war memorials in Ireland. It includes photographs of each memorial, and details of the sites. With each memorial there is a PDF file with a transcription of the text on the memorial and, in many cases, further information about those whose names appear on them. There is a database of all of those named, which allows a search for individual persons, with links to the photographs of the memorials.

[Australian War Memorial](#) – The Australian War Memorial combines a shrine, a world-class museum, and an extensive archive. The Memorial's purpose is to commemorate the sacrifice of those Australians who have died in war. It contains several databases of names under the PEOPLE section, including a Roll of Honour, Remembrance Book, WWI Nominal Roll, WWI Red Cross Files and WWII POWs.

[Auckland War Memorial](#) has biographical and service details for over 115,000 New Zealand service men and women from the 19th century till today and especially from WWI and WWII. Even details of people who served in WWII and have recently died are included; these have been submitted to the site by relatives. There are embarkation lists for WWI which have been digitized.

[American Battle Monuments Commission](#) – is the guardian of America's overseas commemorative cemeteries and memorials and honours the service, achievements and sacrifice of U.S. Armed Forces.

[German War Memorial Website](#) - Its purpose is to memorialize the names of the dead and to collect, archive and make publicly available, particularly for use by genealogists, inscriptions from war memorials of the German and Austrian armies. The inscriptions collected here commemorate German and Austrian soldiers killed in various wars throughout history. It includes include memorial books (such as the [RJF Memorial Book](#), which memorializes Jewish World War 1 casualties of the German armed forces).

#### **Films received in the week ending November 8, 2012 and due for return January 11, 2013.**

<b>Film Content</b>	<b>Film No</b>
DEU - 11 Parishes 1808-1874	1742460
USA MI Alpena Co Marr Recs/Index 1922-1926	1995078
ENG KEN St. Nicholas-at-Wade BTs 1564-1813	1737005
ENG LAN Graveyard Inscript 1800-1950	1786241
ENG YKS Barton-le-Street PRs 1701-1887	1068376
IND BENGAL E Soldiers Reg N-Z, 1788-1839	1867445
PRU POM Szczecinek PRs 1787-1815	0904693

A patron wishing to view a film ordered by another should check first with staff. The ordering patron will always have priority. The description of the film given above may not be a full description but a search in the FamilySearch catalog will reveal the full content. The geographical abbreviations are Chapman codes.

Toronto Family History Centre Current Opening Hours:

**(Always phone us if you do not have a booking to ensure that we are open.)**

Monday 9:30 am to 2 pm

Tuesday 9:30 am to 2 pm (closed on November 20<sup>th</sup>), and 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Wednesday 9:30 am to 4 pm

Thursday 9:30 am to 12 noon and 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Friday 9:30 am to 12 noon

Saturday 9:30 am to 12 noon

Closures: If you do not have a booking, call before you come. Closed Tuesday morning, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**For a copy of a searchable listing of all films, fiche, CDs and books held at the Toronto Family History Centre in pdf format, go to the Toronto FHC Website at <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com/> and look for it under Resources.**

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