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Tales of Animals in War



Remembrance Road Trip

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Hi! My name is Gandy the dog. My Remembrance Clubhouse friends are on their way here to Newfoundland and Labrador—my family's home province.

I'm pretty excited about them coming, and I'm getting ready for our adventure. Our plan is to travel for the next month, on a mighty road trip that will take us from Atlantic Canada all the way west to British Columbia.

Simone the cat e-mailed me today and wrote: "It's so great that we will be seeing all sorts of remembrance symbols across Canada! Going to each of our home regions makes it extra special."

Win the bear texted back and agreed wholeheartedly. "We are a huge country, more than 5,000

kilometres wide, but we share a common link: remembrance. We'll see it all across the country!"

Squeaker the pigeon has already made a trip by air to the Far North. He'll be sharing his unique "bird's eye view" of remembrance with us!

Ellie the elephant texted from the airport: "I haven't even taken off, but I already have butterflies in my stomach thinking of our new adventure! My luggage is stuffed with the gear we'll use to record our trip—laptop, camera, phone, and MP3 player... See you soon!"

Bonfire Jr. the horse quickly replied, "Taking photos, videos, and writing stories will be great to include in our travel diaries for this special edition of *Tales of Animals in War!*"

The six of us will get together tonight. We'll start our journey tomorrow at the July 1st Memorial Day ceremony in St. John's. I'll be remembering my great-grandfather Gander, who served in the Second World War.

Hey! July 1st is also Canada Day—what a perfect day to start our cross-Canada tour! We'll keep you posted along the way! Check out the next page for some details of our trip. If you want to be part of remembrance yourself, why don't you search for symbols of remembrance in your community? You could also try out our new board game **Which Way to Remembrance?** inside.

Canada—here we come!



Gandy the Dog in the Atlantic Provinces



Day 1 St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

Here we are at the Remembrance Ceremony, in front of the famous caribou in Bowring Park—my favourite monument! It's to remember Newfoundlanders who served in the First World War, like those who fought in Beaumont-Hamel, France, on July 1, 1916.

Photo: DND

Day 4 Halifax, Nova Scotia

Wow! There are so many remembrance symbols in Halifax! Cemeteries, monuments ... even a boat! HMCS *Sackville* is awesome! This ship, called a corvette, was used in the Second World War. It is now a floating museum. Don't get seasick!



Photo: DND

Day 6 Cavendish, Prince Edward Island

It was *sooo* hot today, that we decided to go to the beach in the National Park! We were surprised to find a monument there. It's for Canadians who died in war. It says: "THEY WILL NEVER KNOW THE BEAUTY OF THIS PLACE..." That makes us sad, but thanks to them, we are free to enjoy a fun day like this.



Photo: DND

Day 8 Dieppe, New Brunswick



Photo: VAC

We crossed the Confederation Bridge this morning! We stopped for lunch beside this mural. It has 907 stones from the beach of Dieppe, France—one stone for each Canadian who died there in 1942 during the Second World War. To honour those Canadians, the town of Léger's Corner changed its name to Dieppe. This monument rocks!

Simone the Cat in Québec

Day 10, Pointe-au-Père, Quebec



Photo: DND

Ah! *La Belle Province*! This memorial looks like a ship's bow to remember sailors from here who died at sea. The ground around the monument is shaped like a big poppy. Being here reminds me of my great-grandfather Simon who was a mascot on a war ship.



Day 11, Québec City, Quebec



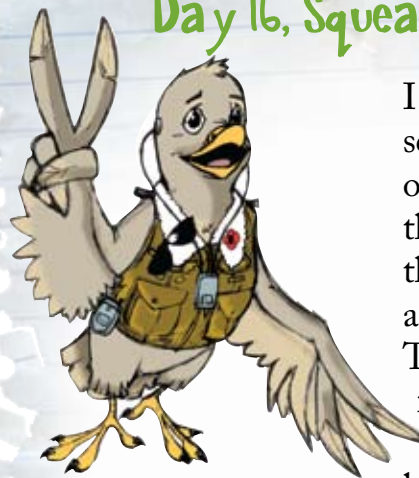
Photo: KEDL

Batisse, the Royal 22^e Régiment mascot, and friend.

We absolutely had to stop in Québec City to visit our friend Batisse the goat! At *La Citadelle*, we saw the changing of the guard and toured the *Royal 22^e Régiment* museum. We had a great visit and left humming *Vive la Canadienne*, the regiment's marching song!

Squeaker the Pigeon in the Territories

Day 16, Squeaker's flight



I asked him about the stone sculptures I saw while flying over Nunavut. He told me they are inuksuit, built by the Inuit to guide travellers and mark places of respect. There is one inuksuk in front of the Juno Beach Centre in France. It honours First Nations, Métis and Inuit soldiers.

We stopped in Ottawa to take pictures of the Parliament Buildings and I shared stories of my own adventure last month. I had been so excited about our road trip that I flew up north to Yellowknife to visit my friend Juno the Polar Bear. He is the mascot for the Canadian Army!



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Up north I also took a picture of a really cool monument in Mayo, Yukon. The big stone on top is shaped like the Yukon Territory!

Bonfire Jr. the Horse in Ontario



Photo: Public Domain



Day 18 Trenton, Ontario

Driving on Highway 401 has been an emotional ride. We pulled over to pay respect for a fallen soldier returning from Afghanistan. The 172-km stretch of this highway, from Trenton to Toronto, is the route taken when soldiers who died overseas are returned home. No wonder it's called the *Highway of Heroes*.

Day 22 White River, Ontario

Here we are, the birthplace of Win's great-grandmother Winnie the bear! During the First World War, trains would stop here to give the soldiers and horses a rest. One day, Harry Colbourn, an army veterinarian, bought a bear cub from a trapper. He named her Winnie in honour of his hometown Winnipeg.

His regiment adopted the bear as its mascot. Now there is a statue of Winnie here!

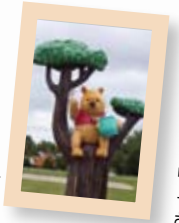


Photo: Township of White River

Onward to Manitoba! We can play **I Spy** to look for cars with Veteran licence plates. Every province in Canada has its own plate. What a great way to honour Veterans!



Photo: Ontario Ministry of Transport

Win the Bear in Manitoba and Saskatchewan

Day 23 Winnipeg, Manitoba



Photo: DND

Reaching the Prairies is awesome, especially cruising in Winnipeg, my hometown! One of my favourite streets is *Valour Road*. It was renamed in 1925 to honour three young men who grew up on this street and fought in the First World War. Can you believe that all three were awarded the Victoria Cross for their bravery?

Day 25 Regina, Saskatchewan

We are in the golden wheatfields of Saskatchewan! Ellie is a big football fan, so we went to see a game at Taylor Field stadium in Regina, home of the Saskatchewan Roughriders. It is named after Neil "Piffles" Taylor, a pilot who



Photo: Courtesy of the Saskatchewan Roughriders

was shot down during the First World War. He lost an eye and was captured, spending the rest of the war as a prisoner. Amazingly, he returned to quarterback the Roughriders after the war!

Day 26 Over Northern Saskatchewan

Today we took a float plane to see Wasden Lake, in northern Saskatchewan. The lake was named after Harold Wasden, who died in the Second World War. Six decades later, his nephew Dustin Wasden, was killed in Afghanistan.



Now an island in Wasden Lake is named after Dustin. As we dipped our feet in the water, we took a moment to think about all those who have died in war.



Photo: DND

Dustin Wasden

Harold Wasden

Photo: VAC

Ellie the Elephant in Alberta and British Columbia



Day 28 Calgary, Alberta

We saw an amazing mural here today at the Calgary Military Museums. It is a mosaic that is more than six metres wide and four metres high, made up of 240 individual paintings of military scenes. It was so cool!



Photo: VAC

Day 29 Jasper, Alberta

Today, we passed through the Rockies and learned about some special mountains dedicated to Canadians who were awarded the Victoria Cross. One of them is Mount Pattison, named after Alberta's John Pattison who earned the medal during the First World War's Battle of Vimy Ridge. Wow, his mountain sure is tall—fitting for a real-life hero!

Day 31 Vancouver, British Columbia

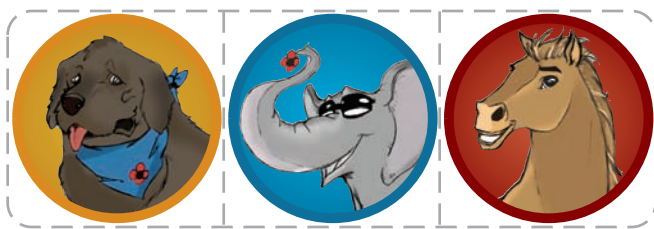
We saw 21 town cenotaphs driving across beautiful British Columbia and tallied up the scores for our **I Spy** game. Squeaker won—he counted 518 Veteran licence plates! And now we are in Vancouver at a special monument outside the train station. It is dedicated to railway workers who served and died in war. Speaking of trains, did you know that 17 soldiers on their way to the war in Korea died in a train



Photo: DND

crash in B.C. in 1950? Even travelling to war can be dangerous.

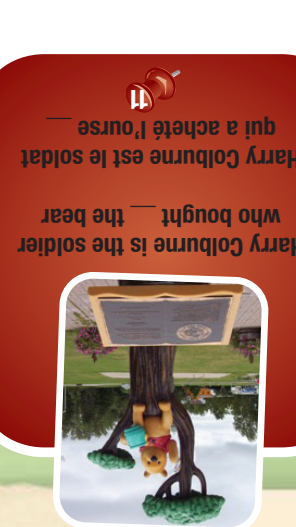
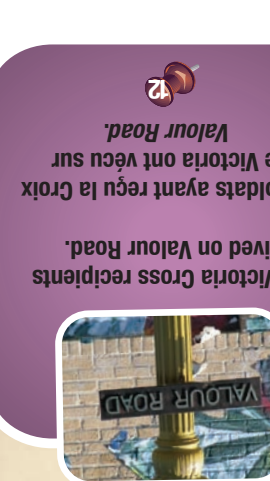
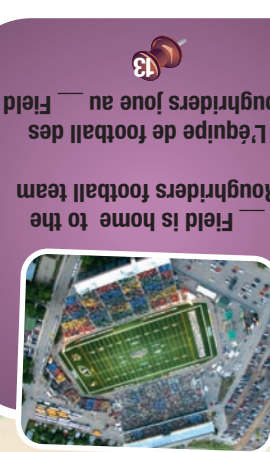
Well friends, our journey is over but remembrance never ends. Now the challenge is yours. **How will you remember?**



Which Way to Remembrance? ~ Sur la route du Souvenir

Did you know that Remembrance Day is on November 11?
Savais-tu que le jour du Souvenir est le 11 novembre?

Horses and elephants carried equipments during the war. Roll again!
Chevaux et éléphants transportaient des équipements durant la guerre. Joue à nouveau.



Did you know that more than 1.6 million Canadians served in wars?
Savais-tu que plus de 1,6 million de Canadiens ont servi lors des guerres?

Pigeons used to carry messages during wars. Roll again!
Les pigeons transportaient des messages durant la guerre. Joue à nouveau!



Cats, bears, dogs, even goats served as mascots during war time. Roll again!
Chats, ours, chiens, même des chèvres ont servi comme mascottes en temps de guerre. Joue à nouveau!



Rules of the game

For 2 to 6 players. Play with 1 die.
-Player who rolls highest number goes first.
-Roll the die and try to answer the question in the square you land on.
Answers are in the newspaper.
-If you answer incorrectly, you miss your next turn.
-If you land on your character's square, roll again.
-First player to reach the finish line wins!

Règles du jeu

2 à 6 joueurs. 1 dé à jouer.
-Celui ou celle qui obtient le chiffre le plus élevé débute.
-Roule le dé et répond correctement à la question sur laquelle ton pion s'arrête. Les réponses sont dans le journal.
-Une mauvaise réponse te fait perdre un tour.
-Si ton pion s'arrête sur la case de ton personnage, joue à nouveau.
-Le premier joueur à atteindre la ligne d'arrivée gagne!



The caribou statue is located in _____ Park, St. John's.
La statue du caribou est située au parc _____ à St. John's



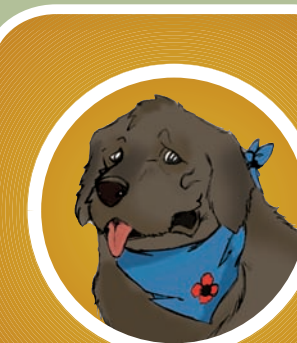
HMCS Sackville is located in _____
Le NCSM Sackville est situé à _____



In Cavendish, the monument is near the _____
Le monument à Cavendish est près de la _____



The Dieppe mural contains _____ stones
La murale de Dieppe contient _____ pierres



The memorial shaped like a ship bow is located in _____
Le mémorial en forme de proue de bateau est situé à _____



Name of the Royal 22^e Régiment mascot _____
Nom de la mascotte du Royal 22^e Régiment _____



Finish
Arrivée

Start!
Départ