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The Royal Canadian Mint is proud to issue a series of momentous collectibles commemorating the First and Second World Wars—epic chapters in Canadian history.



JUNE 28, 1914—AN ACT OF VIOLENCE IN SARAJEVO WOULD PLUNGE THE WORLD INTO THE GREAT WAR.

FIRST WORLD WAR

The assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand proved to be the catalyst to mounting tensions throughout much of Europe. Strong nationalistic sentiments, military build-ups and long-standing grievances had led to alliances between the European powers, which set the stage for a world war—if one country declared war, then its allies would likely be drawn into battle. Ultimatums and declarations of war ensued, and when Britain found itself at war against Germany on August 4, 1914, so too was its Empire—including Canada.



IMAGES (TOP LEFT TO BOTTOM RIGHT): 1: OUR FIRST CANADIAN ARMY—SCENE AT VALCARTIER CAMP, [P.Q.] RETURNING FROM DRILL. CANADA DND/LAC/MIKAN 3642184 2: 48TH HIGHLANDERS LEAVING TORONTO FOR OVERSEAS. SEPT. 1914. CANADA DND/LAC/MIKAN 3403482 3: CANADIAN TRANSPORTS ARRIVING AT DEVONPORT. CANADA DND/LAC/MIKAN 3403484



CANADA'S MILITARY TAKES SHAPE

A wave of patriotism and enthusiasm greeted the news in Canada, where many believed the war would be a short and glorious campaign. While pre-war Canada had a sizeable militia, it had a small standing army of only 3,110 men. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence, moved quickly to mobilise and equip Canada's military contribution to the world stage.

On October 3, 1914, the largest single movement of Canadians during the First World War—the largest convoy ever to cross the Atlantic to that point—set sail. Tens of thousands of fathers, sons, husbands and brothers made their way up roped gangways to steel ships that would take them, along with 7,000 horses and critical munitions and supplies, to England.

Trains also played an essential role in Canada's mobilisation as they brought soldiers across the continent to the new training camp in Valcartier near Québec City, or delivered them to the Port of Halifax, where they would head out to sea. Over the course of the war, more than 650,000 made that voyage. Sadly, more than 66,000 never returned home.

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4: AROUND HEADQUARTERS OF THE 1ST DIVISION AT VALCARTIER CAMP. H.J. WOODSIDE/LAC/MIKAN 3194208

5: 8TH BATTALION, WINNIPEG RIFLES, ON SALISBURY PLAIN. BAYONET PRACTICE WITH BAGS OF STRAW.

CANADA DND/LAC/MIKAN 3404368 6: SALISBURY PLAIN, [ENGLAND] 1914. CANADA DND/LAC/MIKAN 3397505

7: VALCARTIER CAMP—GUN EXERCISE. LAC/MIKAN 3337063



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TO BRING DEPTH AND
DIMENSION TO THE SCENE.

2014 \$10 FINE SILVER COIN— THE MOBILISATION OF OUR NATION

Would they ever see their loved ones again? What trials lay ahead? One can only guess the thoughts that percolated in the soldiers' minds as they crossed the Atlantic ocean. The coin design showcases a unique perspective that immerses the viewer in the scene, much as it unfolded.

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Every aspect of the coin represents the First World War. The convoy of ships that delivered Canada to war in 1914 can be seen in the background behind the imposing figure of a lone foot soldier, seen kneeling behind a crest that combines motifs used by the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Already shaped by the battles of 1915, this soldier looks to the horizon, where a line of battle-weary soldiers marches on—as they did through to the end of the war in 1918.

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SECOND WORLD WAR

The news was not unexpected—Germany’s military aggression in Europe was steadily escalating, with the “Anschluss” of Austria and the 1938-1939 annexation of Czechoslovakia. The politics of appeasement proved ineffective when Germany invaded Poland on September 1, 1939. Two days later, on September 3, France and Britain honoured their pledge to Poland by declaring war on Germany—Europe was once again divided by war, just 25 years after the onset of the First World War.

During that time, Canada had grown as a nation. Gone was the romanticized view of war, replaced by the collective memory of the heavy losses suffered during The Great War. The 1931 Statute of Westminster had granted Canada autonomy over its foreign policy, which meant it was not bound by Britain’s declaration of war. However, there was little doubt about Canada’s support for Britain and France; following a debate in Parliament, Canada issued its first-ever Proclamation of War on September 10, 1939.



IMAGES (TOP LEFT TO BOTTOM RIGHT): 1: WORKMAN WELDS SECTION OF BOMB AT THE CHERRIER PLANT. N. MORANT/NFB/LAC/MIKAN 3195898 2: WORKMAN PAINTS THE BODY OF A BOMB AT THE CHERRIER PLANT. N. MORANT/NFB/LAC/MIKAN 3195895 3: WORKMEN OPERATE LADLE THAT POURS MOLTEN METALS INTO BOMB MOULDS AT THE CHERRIER PLANT. N. MORANT/NFB/LAC/MIKAN 3195918 4: HUNDREDS OF BREN GUN SHELLS STACKED NEATLY IN A CANADIAN MUNITIONS PLANT. THE SHELLS AWAIT THE FINAL TESTS. A.C. KELLS/NFB/LAC/MIKAN 3195458 5: VIEW OF A PARTLY COMPLETED HULL OF A FRIGATE FROM A 40-TON OVERHEAD CRANE IN THE CANADIAN VICKERS SHIPYARD. R. JAQUES/NFB/LAC/MIKAN 3197161



"CANADA DECLARES WAR!"

— *The Globe and Mail*, September 11, 1939

A NATION ANSWERS THE CALL OF DUTY

When the Second World War began, Canada was hardly prepared to take up arms. Its regular army had a mere 4,500 men supported by 51,100 partly trained reservists. Fewer than 20 modern aircraft and only six warships were at the ready.

Despite seemingly modest resources that were dwarfed by the capabilities of its larger allies, this nation of 11 million people rose to the challenge in support of Britain and France. Within a month, over 58,000 Canadians had enlisted to assume military roles on the ground, in the air and at sea. By war's end, more than 1 million Canadians had joined the fight for freedom. Over 41,000 made the ultimate sacrifice with their life. But their struggles were not in vain—every battle they waged, and every inch of ground they gained was an important step forward that ultimately led to victory for the Allies on May 8, 1945.



6: WORKMEN ON THE ASSEMBLY LINE COMPLETE THE FINAL STAGES OF INSTALLING A GUN ON A LOCOMOTIVE TANK IN THE MONTREAL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS PLANT. R. JAUQUES/NFB/LAC/MIKAN 3197352 7: OVERHEAD VIEW OF MALE AND FEMALE WORKERS WORKING ON THE WINGS OF A DE HAVILLAND MOSQUITO AIRPLANE ON THE PRODUCTION LINE. R. JAUQUES/NFB/LAC/MIKAN 3194720 8: WORKMEN AT THE CANADIAN VICKERS SHIPYARD GUIDE A CRANE LOWERING A MARINE ENGINE INTO A FRIGATE DURING ITS CONSTRUCTION. R. JAUQUES/NFB/LAC/MIKAN 3197166



"WAIT FOR ME, DADDY": PRIVATE JACK BERNARD,
B.C. REGIMENT (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN
RIFLES) SAYING GOODBYE TO HIS FIVE-YEAR-OLD
SON WARREN. CLAUDE P. DETTLOFF / LAC C-038723



WAIT FOR ME, DADDY

It is perhaps the most famous photograph taken in Canada during the Second World War: a five-year-old boy breaks away from his mother's grasp to run after his father as he marches off to war. Taken in New Westminster, B.C. in the fall of 1940, "Wait for Me, Daddy" continues to resonate as a snapshot of the war's impact on Canadians, and the personal sacrifices they made.

These coins are a touching tribute to the individual contributions Canadians made to support the war effort at home and abroad.

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MILITARY HISTORY!

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The economic hardships of the Great Depression had left Canada's military undermanned and unprepared for the onset of war, and its equipment was at risk of being outdated. Thanks to a national recruitment drive, over 58,000 men and women enlisted. This coin pays homage to those who served with the Canadian machine gun regiment by showcasing a rare and often-forgotten scene of a soldier in training.

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LINE WELDS BREN GUN MAGAZINE
AT THE JOHN INGLIS CO. BREN GUN
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OF THE ERA SHOWS WOMEN
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Cover image: "Wait for me, Daddy": Private Jack Bernard, B.C. Regiment
(Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles) saying goodbye to his five-year-old son Warren.
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