FIRST WORLD WAR
Collection Research Guide

Photo of Staff of the Polish Army Camp at Niagara Camp, Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1919

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Introduction

The Niagara Region is rich with historical sites and museums which are dedicated to preserving the history of the area through thousands of artifacts and archival records. The Niagara Historical Society and Museum, (NHSM) located in the small, picturesque town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, has been one of these institutions since 1895. The town of Niagara-on-the-Lake is located at the mouth of the Niagara River on the southern shore of Lake Ontario, less than a half hour from Niagara Falls.

Anyone interested in the War of 1812 would know that the Niagara Region was a major theatre for the war and many people researching both United Empire Loyalists, and the War of 1812, visit the Museum to examine its research collection on these topics. What some people are unaware of however, is the rich First World War history in Niagara-on-the-Lake, due to Camp Niagara; a training ground for over 14,000 troops from 1914-1918, located on the Commons surrounding Butler’s Barracks in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Camp Niagara was also the winterized training camp for the Polish Army, comprised of Canadians and Americans of Polish descent, which was attached to the French Army and helped re-establish an independent Poland after the war. Over forty of these soldiers died in the influenza outbreak at Camp Niagara in 1918 and have a special burial site at the St. Vincent de Paul Church in town. Lastly, over one-hundred residents of Niagara-on-the-Lake participated in the Great War, twenty giving their lives for their country.

Due to these events, the NHSM has a collection of almost three-hundred items from the Great War, as well as associated research files, library books, and NHSM publications. This document has been produced in an effort to aid anyone wishing to
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research events or participants of the Great War in the Niagara region. The document begins with a list of everything in the Museum’s collection that pertains to the Great War. To simplify researching items, every item in the collection has been categorized into one of ten categories listed in the Table of Contents under Collection. Within each of these categories, the items are listed in ascending order of their accession number. The photo accompanying each item is, in most cases, only one of a number of digital images of the item that can be purchased from the Museum.

After the list of items in the Museum’s collection there is a list of the research files (compiled by museum staff and volunteers), books in the Museum library, and NHSM publications all pertaining to the Great War. The next section of the document explains how the Museum’s collection connects to the Ontario curriculum for teaching lessons or field trips, and gives a short description of the workshop available for students beginning in the spring of 2014. The final section contains a list of valuable research links for anyone looking for more information. Lastly, it should be noted that the Museum is always adding donated items to its collection and this list is everything in the Museum’s collection as of summer 2011. To inquire if any new items have been added, or to purchase digital copies of any images of collection items, contact the Museum directly (the Museum’s phone number and email can be found on the cover of this document).
A panoramic photograph of Ignacy Jan Paderewski on a podium at Camp Niagara. Seven people are standing on the podium surrounded by a crowd, in military dress. The wood frame shows a few chips. The bottom right hand corner reads "no.703 Photo by Panoramic Camera 239 Victoria." The date is noted on the back as November 8, 1918 (three days before armistice).

ACCN: 972.497

A panoramic photograph of Camp Niagara Staff (14 men sitting on chairs). The photo is dated 1916, is in good condition, and is 105cm x 37cm.

ACCN: 972.734.2

A panoramic photograph of officers, both on foot and cavalry. All the men are in military dress, and one man (left hand side of photo) is wearing a kilt. The camp is visible in the background. The wood frame shows some damage and the right bottom corner reads "Schutz (?) #1286 643 14 St. Washington D.C.". The photo is in good condition.

ACCN: 972.736.2
A panoramic photograph of Le Pan and Polish Officers during the First World War, in a wood frame (some damage is evident on the frame with chipping and some scratches). Twenty-four officers are depicted in the photograph, all in military dress. The right hand bottom corner reads "No. 690 Panoramic Camera." It is dated November 13, 1917, and is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 972.737.2

A panoramic photograph of a march of C.E.F. troops during the First World War. It is titled "March Past of C.E.F. Troops, Second Division Area, Reviewed by the H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught Governor General of Canada, Niagara, Oct. 7th, 1915". The photo is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 972.741.2

A panoramic photograph of the inside of Fort George during the First World War. The bottom right corner reads "Photo No. 839 by Panoramic Camera Co., 239 Victoria Street, Toronto". The photo is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 972.745.2

A First World War propaganda poster for the Canadian Patriot Fund. It has red, white, and blue printing with tears on the right side. It reads "Can I Afford To Pay for Freedom, Belgium Must Afford to Pay for Slavery, Canadians Can and Must Provide for Families of Those Men Who Are Saving Us From Belgium’s F... Subscribe Now to the Canadian... ". The poster is 50.5cm x 69.5cm and is in fair condition.

**ACCN:** 989.5.529
A First World War propaganda poster for the Canadian Patriot Fund. It has red, white, and blue printing with tears on the right side. It reads “How Can You Cheer For the Boys When They Come Home if You Have Neither Fought Nor Paid, Subscribe Now to the Canadian Patriot Fund”. The poster is 50.5cm x 69.5cm and is in fair condition.

ACCN: 989.5.530

A First World War propaganda poster for the Canadian Patriot Fund. It has red, white, and blue printing with tears on the right side. It reads “How Much Should I Give? It Averages $16 a Month From the Patriotic Fund to Keep the Family of a Married Soldier, For $16 a Month You Can Keep a Man at the Front, Subscribe Now to the Canadian Patriotic Fund”. The poster is 50.5cm x 69.5cm and is in fair condition.

ACCN: 989.5.531

A First World War propaganda poster for the Canadian Patriot Fund. It has red, white, and blue printing with tears on the right side. It reads “Some Women Are Sending Their Men, Some Men Are Giving Their Lives, What Are You Doing For The Cause of Freedom? Fight or Pay, Subscribe Now to the Canadian Patriotic Fund”. The poster is 49.5cm x 69.5cm and is in fair condition.

ACCN: 989.5.532

A First World War propaganda poster for the Canadian Patriot Fund. It has red, white, and blue printing with tears on the right side. Reads “Are You One of Those Who At This Crisis in Our History Are Neither Fighting Nor Paying That Others May Fight and Are Still Enjoying the Protection of the Union Jack? Fight or Pay, Subscribe Now to the Canadian Patriotic Fund”. The poster is 49.5cm x 69.5cm and is in fair condition.

ACCN: 989.5.533
A First World War propaganda poster for the Canadian Red Cross. It has red, white, and blue printing, and is fading. It reads “If You Cannot Give A Life You Can Save A Life by Helping the Canadian Red Cross”. The poster is 46.5cm x 62.6cm and is in fair condition.

ACCN: 989.5.534

A First World War propaganda poster for the Canadian Red Cross. It has red, white, and blue printing, the top right corner is torn, and it is fading. It reads “Our Boys Must Face the Ravages of War, They Need not Face the Ravages of Disease, Help To Keep the Lads Fit by Subscribing to Canadian Red Cross”. The poster is 46.2cm x 61.9cm and is in fair condition.

ACCN: 989.5.535

A First World War propaganda poster for the Canadian Patriot Fund. It has red, white, and blue printing with tears on both top corners. It reads “Have You Asked Yourself 1. Is British Freedom Worth Defending? 2. Am I Helping to Defend it? 3. If Not, Why Not?”. The poster is 49.5cm x 69.5cm and is in fair condition.

ACCN: 989.5.536

A First World War propaganda poster for Army recruitment. It has red, white, and blue printing with damage to the bottom and right edge. The poster is from Kitchener and is titled “Facts For Canadians Who Enlist for Overseas Service”. The poster is 53.1cm x 71cm and is in fair condition.

ACCN: 989.5.537
A First World War propaganda poster for Army recruitment. It has red, white, black, and blue printing with badly damaged edges. It reads “The Thin Khaki Line Keeps the Fate of Belgium From Your Hearth and Home, Get Into Khaki Now!”. The poster is 52.6cm x 71cm and is in fair condition.

ACCN: 989.5.538

A First World War propaganda poster for Army recruitment. It has red, turquoise and black printing, with damage to both right side corners. It is titled, “To the Women of Canada” and is in fair condition. The poster is 53.1cm x 71cm and is in fair condition.

ACCN: 989.5.539

A First World War propaganda poster for the Canada Food Board. It has yellow, green, blue, black, red, white, and beige printing. The poster is 46.4cm x 62.1cm and has some torn edges. Titled “Canada’s Pork Opportunity”. The poster is in fair condition.

ACCN: 989.5.540

A First World War propaganda poster for the Canada Food Board. It has yellow, green, black, red, white, and beige printing. The poster is 46.5cm x 61.8cm and has some torn edges. Titled “Canada’s Egg Opportunity”. The poster is in fair condition.

ACCN: 989.5.541
A First World War propaganda poster for the Canada Food Board. It has black, orange, white, brown, and grey printing. The poster is 33.8cm x 51.1cm and has both right corners missing. Titled “Make This Summer’s Garden Provide Next Winter’s Vegetables”. The poster is in poor condition.

**ACCN: 989.5.542**

A First World War propaganda poster for war savings certificates. It has white, blue, yellow, and black printing. The poster is 51.8cm x 68.8cm and has torn edges with a missing top right corner. Titled “Buy War Savings Certificates”. The poster is in poor condition.

**ACCN: 989.5.543**

A First World War propaganda poster for war bonds. It has beige, orange, green, yellow, and brown printing. The poster is 56.5cm x 71.2cm and has torn edges with a missing top right corner. It reads “Your Country Calls, Enlist, Plow—Buy Bonds”. The poster is in poor condition.

**ACCN: 989.5.544**

A panoramic view of the Polish Army at Camp Niagara during the First World War. There are several landmarks visible in the background including the Fort George hospital on the left, four Polish barracks in the middle, and Paradise Grove forest on the right. It is titled “Polish Army Camp, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Aug. 5th, 1918” and is in good condition.

**ACCN: 990.058**
A panoramic photograph of the reserve officer’s training camp at Fort Niagara, NY during the First World War. It is dated 1919 and says “Compliments of Col. Heavey” in black pen. It is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 991.039

A panoramic photograph of a review of the C.E.F. troops at the 2nd Divisional Area of Camp Niagara by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Governor General of Canada. It is dated October 7th, 1915 and is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 991.060

A panoramic photograph of the Polish Army Camp at Camp Niagara. Titled “Lt. Col. A.D. LePan, Commandant and Staff Polish Army Camp, With Major M. Mercadier and Attached French Officers”. The photo was taken by Ficar in Toronto on January 15, 1919, and is in fair condition.

**ACCN:** 991.737

A panoramic photograph of the Lincoln and Welland 98th Overseas Battalion taken at Camp Niagara in 1916. The photo is in good condition and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 993.542.144
A panoramic photograph of the Lincoln and Welland 98th Overseas Battalion taken at Camp Niagara in 1916. The photo is in poor condition with lots of creases and the exact date is unknown (same photo as 993.542.144).

**ACCN:** 993.542.145

A panoramic photograph of A Co. First Depot B++ at Camp Niagara in June 1918. It is in a chipped wood frame that is 23.6cm x 112.8 cm. The photo is in fair condition.

**ACCN:** 994.408

A panoramic photograph of the Dental Clinic Canadian Army at Camp Niagara. It is dated July 1918, and is in fair condition.

**ACCN:** 1999.004

A panoramic photograph of the 83rd C.E.F. Battalion at Camp Niagara in 1915. Fort Mississauga can be seen in the background. The photograph has been framed and is in fair condition with discolouration. It was taken by Panoramic Camera Co., 329 Victoria Street, Toronto. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2002.015.01
A panoramic photograph of the C.E.F. 2nd Division in front of the staff headquarters of Camp Niagara. The 35th, 74th, 76th, 58th, 92nd, and 94th Battalions are all present and it is dated 1915. The photo is in good condition with some fading, is framed, and is 22.5cm x 284cm. The exact date is unknown.

ACCN: 2005.007.052

A panoramic photograph of the Officers of the 58th Overseas Battalion of the C.E.F. taken at Camp Niagara in 1915 by Blaremore Studio, 91 King Street West, Toronto (No. 415). The photo is in excellent condition, is framed, and is 29cm x 80cm.

ACCN: 2006.001.013

A panoramic photograph of the Polish Contingent at Camp Niagara in March 1915. The photo is unframed and in excellent condition.

ACCN: 2006.001.015

A panoramic photograph of the 86th Machine-Gun Battalion of the C.E.F. taken at Camp Niagara in November of 1915. The caption on the bottom left reads "Official photo by Percy E. McDonald, 45 Walnuts St., Hamilton, Ont.". The photo is in fair condition, and is in a wooden frame that is 162cm x 32 cm.

ACCN: 2010.001.049

**ACCN:** 2010.101.050

A panoramic photograph of the 37th Overseas Battalion of the C.E.F. taken at Camp Niagara in 1915. It was developed by Panoramic Camera Co., 239 Victoria Street, Toronto. The photo is in poor condition, and is 123cm x 25cm. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2011.001.009

A large photograph printed on cardboard of the Staff H.C.I. Cadet Corps dated 1918-1919. The photo is in fair condition due to the rips and rough edges on the borders. The names of all the men are printed at the bottom of the photo as well. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2011.025.002
A photograph of Ignacy Jan Paderewski addressing the Polish Army at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The photo is in fair condition and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 979.11

A photograph of Wilfred Black in military uniform (presumably of a Scottish Canadian contingent but not verified). Taped over bottom of photograph is a label that reads “D.C.M.” meaning Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery in the field. The photo is in fair condition and is 8.7cm x 12.1cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.1.116

A photograph of Charles Cowley in military uniform. The photo is mounted on a card that has unrelated information written in it. The photo is in fair condition and is 7.5cm x 12cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.1.171
A photograph of Lance Corporal George Hill in military uniform. The photo is in good condition and is 10cm x 15cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.1.274

A photograph of J.H. Houghton in military uniform. The photo is in fair condition with some damage, and is 8.4cm x 11.3cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.1.282

A photograph of G.M. Matthews in military uniform, who enlisted in May 1918 and fought in France in September 1918. The photo is in fair condition, and is 8.5cm x 13.8cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.1.368

A photograph of F.J. Matthews in military uniform. The photo is in fair condition with some torn edges, and is 8.5cm x 13.8cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.1.369
A photograph of John Gordon Rankin and Joseph Donald Rankin in military uniform. Joseph was killed in action in July of 1918. The photo was taken by Raoul Duquet Vertus, is in good condition, and is 10cm x 12cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.1.498

A photograph of Captain George Smith (Indian descent) in uniform. Captain Smith trained Polish troops at Camp Niagara. The photo is in fair condition, and is 6.3cm x 10.8cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.1.564

A photograph of Major F.J. Smith in uniform. The photo is in poor condition with a tear and crease, and is 6.3cm x 10.8cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.1.566

A photograph of Corporal Hedley Thornton in uniform. The reverse side of the photo reads “C. Company, 98th Batt. C.E.F., Army Post Office, Shorncliffe, England”. The photo is in fair condition, and is 4.8cm x 13cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.1.590
A photograph of W.A. Wright in uniform. The photo is in fair condition with a smudge on it, and is 7cm x 10.2cm. The back of the photo has typing on it. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.1.641

A group photograph of the 69th Battery of the C.E.F. in Toronto (probably the Exhibition Camp) in 1917. The photograph is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 984.5.192

A group photograph of presumably either the Alpin Chasseurs or the Blue Devils of the Polish Army at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The photograph is in good condition and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.5.193

A group photograph of the Officers of the Polish Army at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The photograph is in good condition and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.5.194
A group photograph of Major Spoule and the Cadets taken at Camp Niagara. Writing on the back indicates that 12 of the boys enlisted during the First World War, one won the D.C.M., one won a M.M., and three died in action. The photo has the names of all the cadets written on the picture and is in good condition. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.5.195

A collection of 25 photographs taken at Camp Niagara and overseas during the First World War. Photos of Camp Niagara feature the 83rd Regiment, marches on Queen Street, and others from various locations in town. The photos are in good condition, and their dates vary and are unknown.

**ACCN:** 985.2.25

A group photograph of the Armistice Parade by Polish troops down Queen Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake in November of 1918. The photo is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 989.123

A photograph of the false Armistice celebration in Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1918. It was thought the war was over when it was not officially over yet. There is a man on a wagon with a jail cell on it and another man inside. The photo is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 989.124
A photograph of the false Armistice celebration in Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1918. It was thought the war was over when it was not officially over yet. The photo is of a group of men in a semi-circle (probably on Queen Street) and is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 989.125

A photograph of the false Armistice celebration in Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1918. It was thought the war was over when it was not officially over yet. The photo is of men in uniform holding signs that say “Can’t Get to Paris, We’re Bound for Hell”, and “Burn the Kaiser”. The photo is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 989.126

A photograph of the false Armistice celebration in Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1918. It was thought the war was over when it was not officially over yet. The photo is of men in uniform holding signs that say “Can’t Get to Paris, We’re Bound for Hell”, and “Burn the Kaiser”. The photo is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 989.127

A photograph of the false Armistice celebration in Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1918. It was thought the war was over when it was not officially over yet. The photo is of two men in uniform, two men dressed like women, and people in the background on Queen Street. The photo is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 989.128
A photograph of the false Armistice celebration in Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1918. It was thought the war was over when it was not officially over yet. The photo is of a group of men in a semi-circle (probably on Queen Street) and is in good condition (second copy of 989.125).

**ACCN:** 989.129

A photograph of the false Armistice celebration in Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1918. It was thought the war was over when it was not officially over yet. The photo is of a group of people on Queen Street and one man is holding a sign that reads “Carpenters Polish Army, Canada”. The photo is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 989.130

A photograph of the crowd on Queen Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. The photo is mounted on cardboard and the writing on the back says “Armistice Day, November 11, 1918”. The photo is in poor condition, is torn, bent, and fading, and is 45cm x 23cm.

**ACCN:** 989.132

A photograph of a “Troop Train” (presumably on King Street) during the First World War. The exact date and location are unknown. The photo is in fair condition with some fading.

**ACCN:** 989.178
A photograph of the first open air mass at St. Vincent de Paul’s Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake for troops from Camp Niagara during the First World War. The photo is in fair condition and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 989.179

A photograph of the army band on parade on Queen Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake during the First World War. The photo is in fair condition and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 989.180

A photograph of Roy Maess in military uniform mounted on a postcard. The photo is in poor condition with a large piece missing in the top left corner, and is 8.5 cm x 11.8 cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 989.220

A photograph of the Polish Women’s Army Corps at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The photo is in fair condition and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 989.335.1
A photograph of the Polish Women’s Army Corps at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The photo is in fair condition and the exact date is unknown.

ACCN: 989.335.2

A photograph of the Polish Women’s Army Corps on Queen Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake during the First World War. The photo is in fair condition and the exact date is unknown.

ACCN: 989.336

A photograph of Captain Edwin Shepherd in uniform. The photo is in fair condition with a tear on one corner. The exact date and location are unknown.

ACCN: 991.024

A photograph of several snow sculptures made by Polish soldiers in Simcoe Park in Niagara-on-the-Lake during the First World War. The photo is in good condition and the exact date is unknown.

ACCN: 991.134
A photograph of the crowd on Queen Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. The photo is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 991.716

A photograph of the crowd on Queen Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. The photo is in good condition (second copy of 989.132).

**ACCN:** 991.717

A photograph of the crowd and parade on Queen Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. The photo is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 991.738

A photograph of Prince Arthur and unidentified officers at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The photo is in fair condition and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 993.018
A photograph of the first open air mass at St. Vincent de Paul’s Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake for troops from Camp Niagara on August 9, 1915. The photo is in fair condition.

ACCN: 993.019

A photograph of two men in military uniform and a woman (possibly Babe McClelland) from the First World War. The photo is in fair condition, is 10.2cm x 7.2 cm, and the exact date and location are unknown.

ACCN: 993.542.031

A photograph of an unidentified man in military uniform with a leaf pin on his collar during the First World War. The photo is in fair condition and the exact date and location are unknown.

ACCN: 993.542.056

A photograph of an unidentified man in military uniform during the First World War. The photo is in fair condition with some fading, and the exact date and location are unknown.

ACCN: 993.542.062
A photograph of the crowd on Queen Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. “One of the views of some of those who were in the procession on November 11, 1918” is written on the back of the photograph. The photo is in poor condition with some tears, and is 43.2cm x 17.6cm.

**ACCN:** 994.012

A photograph of soldiers on King Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake walking from the docking area to Camp Niagara with railway cars in the background. The photo is in fair condition, is fading, and is 11cm x 6.7cm. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2000.016

A photograph of Robert C. Houghton in military uniform for the 134 Highlanders during the First World War. Houghton was killed in action on August 15, 1917. The photo is in fair condition. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2004.001.035

A photograph of Arthur Coffey in military uniform for the Air Force during the First World War. Coffey died of influenza on December 31, 1918. The photo has “Arthur Coffey” written on the front, and is in fair condition. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2004.001.037
A photograph of a group of soldiers in uniform with two ladies during the First World War. The photo has handwriting in blue ink and a stamp on the back, is in fair condition, and is 30cm x 25cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2004.027.116

A photograph of two soldiers, William Dyer is on the right, in military uniform during the First World War. The photo is in fair condition and is 6.2cm x 8.8cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2005.007.044

A photograph of Cecil Woodroof in military uniform during the First World War. The bottom of the photograph in red printing is “J. Bender and Co., The Central Studio, 179-181 City Road E.C.” from London. The photo is in good condition and is 10.5cm x 16.4cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2007.020.010
Postcards

A postcard of the military hospital at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The postcard is in fair condition. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.5.158

A postcard of Fort Mississauga showing Camp Niagara and the Niagara River during the First World War. The postcard is in good condition. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.5.182

Two postcards, one from Shanghai to Janet Carnochan from 1916, the second from W.J. Wright, of the 19th Canadian Brigade of the B.E.F. in France, to the Niagara Historical Society from 1917. The postcards are in good condition.

**ACCN:** 989.5.491.2
A postcard of a man in military uniform holding a rifle and writing a letter during the First World War. There is a poem at the bottom of the postcard titled “When the War is Over Maggie”. The postcard is in good condition and is 14cm x 9cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 994.485.001

A postcard of a man in military uniform sitting by a window with a woman holding her hand during the First World War. There is a poem at the bottom of the postcard titled “When the War is Over Maggie”. The postcard is in good condition and is 14cm x 9cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 994.485.002

A postcard of a group of soldier firing their rifles while the image of a woman appears in the clouds during the First World War. There is a poem at the bottom of the postcard titled “When the War is Over Maggie”. The postcard is in good condition and is 14cm x 9cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 994.485.003

A postcard of three men in military uniform in front of a brick wall holding rifles during the First World War. The back of the postcard reads “L… Chinn centre, right J. Walker, Signaller, left Pt. J. Wills”. The postcard is in good condition and is 14cm x 9cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 994.485.076
A postcard of a man in military uniform during the First World War. Written on the back is “Pte. E.W. Field 522740 1st Can. CCS B.E.F., France 193250 Pte. L.S. Quinn No. 2 Company 8 Platoon 15m Batton Canadians B.E.F. France”. The postcard is in fair condition and is 14cm x 9cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2000.021.011

A souvenir booklet of postcard of Camp Niagara during the First World War. The cover contains a photo of Fort Mississauga. The booklet is in good condition and is 13.5cm x 8.5cm x 0.5cm. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2005.007.003

A postcard of the tuck shop at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The postcard is in fair condition, and is 13.6cm x 8.8cm. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2005.007.046

A postcard of the Polish Army marching down King Street near Simcoe Park in Niagara-on-the-Lake during the First World War. The postcard is in fair condition, and is 13.8cm x 8cm. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2005.020.001
Five postcards from Camp Niagara during the First World War. The postcards are of Polish troops, the camp with tents, the artillery camp, A.S. Corps, and mess time. There are two names on the cards that read “Mrs. John Ellison” and “Master J.E. Brown”. The postcards are in good condition and are 14cm x 9cm. The exact dates are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2006.022.039

A group of seven postcards. Two of the postcards are from “Albert” from France and Poland (May 1919 and January 1920) to Charlotte Mastere. “Albert” was a soldier in Haller’s 8th Army that trained at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The postcards are in fair condition and are 14cm x 9cm.

**ACCN:** 2006.022.047

A postcard of Overseas Forces (possibly the Polish Army) training at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The postcard was produced by F.H. Leslie and is in good condition. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2007.015.012

A postcard of Overseas Forces (possibly the Polish Army) training at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The postcard is in poor condition, and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2007.015.013
A postcard of some of the C.E.F. forces at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The postcard is in poor condition with a tear on the bottom right corner. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2007.015.036

A postcard of the military hospital at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The postcard is in good condition. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2007.015.040

A postcard of a large crowd watching the C.E.F. depart from Queenston Heights during the First World War. The postcard is in good condition and was produced by F.H. Leslie. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2007.015.046

A postcard of a large crowding watching the C.E.F. recruiting from Queenston Heights during the First World War. The postcard is in good condition and was produced by F.H. Leslie. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2007.015.047
A postcard of the false Armistice celebration in Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1918. It was thought the war was over when it was not officially over yet. The postcard is of men in uniform holding signs that say “Can’t Get to Paris, We’re Bound for Hell”, and “Burn the Kaiser”. The postcard is in good condition.

ACCN: 2007.015.049

Three postcards creating a panoramic view of Camp Niagara during the First World War. The postcards are in good condition and are 13.8cm x 9cm. The exact date is unknown.

ACCN: 2008.001.004(A-C)

A postcard of an image looking down the Niagara River from Brock’s Monument dated August 3, 1918. The postcard is from Private George Woodruff from St. David Correspondence. Writing on the back reads “Glad you had good weather in France and Scotland”, signed “Nellie”. The postcard in good condition and is 13.8cm x 8.7cm. The exact date is unknown.

ACCN: 2009.001.017

A postcard of Premier Robert Borden overlooking the forces at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The postcard is in good condition, and the exact date is unknown.

ACCN: 2009.033.002
A postcard of a route march of the overseas forces approaching Brock’s Monument in Queenston Heights during the First World War. The postcard is in good condition, and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2009.033.006

A postcard of the Battalion Camp at Fort Mississauga during the First World War. The postcard is in good condition, and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2009.033.007

A postcard of a detachment in Paradise Grove in Niagara during the First World War. The postcard is in good condition, and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2009.033.008

A postcard of the Overseas Forces resting at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The postcard is in good condition, and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2009.003.009
A postcard of Navy Hall at Camp Niagara with a steamboat in the background during the First World War. There is a message on the back of the postcard and it is dated July 18, 1918. The postcard is in good condition and is 13.8cm x 8.7cm. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2010.004.013

A postcard of the military hospital at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The postcard is from Connolly Store at the corner of Queen Street and King Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The postcard is in good condition and is 13.8cm x 8.7cm. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2010.027.001
Newspaper Photographs and Articles, Scrapbooks, and Magazines

A collection of newspapers including the *New York Times*, *Detroit Free Press*, and *The Stars and Stripes* (among others), ranging from 1913 to 1933. *The Stars and Stripes* (from France—pictured) has many articles related to the First World War and it is from February 7, 1919. The newspapers are in fair condition.

**ACCN:** 987.5.282

A collection of newspapers and magazines including two issues of *The Illustrated London News* from November 30, 1918 titled “The German Naval surrender” and one from November 20, 1920 titled “Tribute to the Unknown Soldier”. The magazines are in good condition.

**ACCN:** 987.5.285

A scrapbook with an issue of the *Chicago Tribune* from 1916 and an issue of the *Chicago Sunday Herald* from 1917 that are completely full of photographs. The scrapbook is 45cm x 58cm and is in fair condition.

**ACCN:** 987.5.293
A collection of newspapers including the November 11, 1918 issue of *The Mail and Empire* covering the signing of the Armistice and the end of the First World War. The issue is brittle and torn, is in poor condition, and is 55cm x 45cm.

**ACCN:** 987.5.303

Fifteen scrapbooks completely full of newspaper articles dating all throughout the First World War. There are dozens of articles pertaining to the Niagara region including one titled “Niagara’s Part in Winning the War”. The scrapbooks are in fair condition and is 35cm x 29.5cm.

**ACCN:** 987.5.315.1-15

A Military History magazine containing photos of officers and soldiers taken at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The magazine is in fair condition and is 30.5cm x 22.5cm.

**ACCN:** 987.5.316

A copy of the *Canadian Daily Record* newspaper, issued by the Canadian War records Office to all units of the C.E.F dated June 16, 1917. The newspaper is in fair condition and is 27.5cm x 21cm.

**ACCN:** 988.5.008
An issue of *Canada: An Illustrated Weekly Journal* from September 11, 1915, covering issues from the beginning of the First World War. The magazine is in fair condition and is 32cm x 23cm.

**ACCN:** 988.5.222

Three issues of *Twenty Years After: The Battlefields of 1914-1918: Then and Now* from 1938 with photographs and articles about the First World War. The magazines are in good condition and are 28cm x 21.5cm.

**ACCN:** 988.5.223(A-C)

A newspaper clipping titled “More Honours for Niagara” listing soldiers who served in the First World War from the Niagara region. The clipping is in fair condition. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 993.542.091

A First World War Memorial Issue of an unknown newspaper with photographs of Camp Niagara, the Polish soldiers, and Paderewski. The magazine is missing the front cover and is 44 pages. The magazine is in good condition and is 59cm x 36cm.

**ACCN:** 995.5.080
Archival Records

A map of Niagara-on-the-Lake showing the sewer system servicing Camp Niagara during the First World War. Some landmarks on the map are Camp Niagara, the town, the Niagara River, and Fort George. The map is in fair condition and the exact date is unknown.

ACCN: 896.112(A-C)

A reprint of “History of the Great War: 1914-1918” by E.A. Cruikshank, published in 1929. The booklet is 73 pages, in poor condition, and is very brittle. It is 22cm x 15cm.

ACCN: 985.4.222

A copy of The Listening Post (No. 31) from July 1918 printed in France, edited by Major D. Philpot and censored by Sgt. J.W. Campbell (Chief Censor News Editor). The booklet is 24 pages (sewn together), is in fair condition, and is fragile. It is 27cm x 21.5cm.

ACCN: 985.4.498
A copy of *The Canadian War Pictorial (No.1)* from the First World War printed by Hoddard and Staughton from London and Toronto. The booklet is 30 pages, is in good condition, and is 29cm x 21cm. The exact date is unknown.  

**ACCN:** 985.4.539

A membership card for the Women’s Canadian Club of Toronto belonging to Elizabeth J. Thompson. The Royal Anthem (alternate version of “God Save the King” is pasted on the front and an alternative version of “O Canada” by Brigadier General Buchan is on the back). The card is in good condition and is 8.5cm x 5.5cm. The exact date is unknown.  

**ACCN:** 988.5.236

A handwritten list of all the men from Niagara-on-the-Lake who were killed in action during the First World War. Last names include Fisher (appears twice), Currie, Nesbit, Ryan, Mills, Brownlee, Whiteside, Longhurst, Thompson, Houghton (appears twice), Shepherd, Thomas, Best, Keith, Coffey, Teeple, Wright, Nash. The list is in fair condition and the exact date is unknown.  

**ACCN:** 989.5.502

A printed poem titled “A Patriotic Mother” (dedicated to the “Noble Women of Canada”) from the First World War. The poem is in good condition and the exact date is unknown.  

**ACCN:** 991.031.08
An identification card that would accompany a medal to honour the heroes both dead and living who fought at Verdun, France. The medals were given by the town of Verdun as a token of gratitude to Canadian soldiers. The card is in good condition and is dated as November 20, 1916.

ACCN: 991.5.132

A list of commanders and corps for a parade state in September 1915 at Camp Niagara. There is also an attached note addressed to Janet Carnochan. The list is in poor condition with creasing and tears.

ACCN: 992.5.008

A letter from Lt. Col. LePan, Commandant of the Polish Army at Camp Niagara, thanking Janet Carnochan for the use of her house on Wellington Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake by the Polish Army. The letter is dated December 6, 1917, is in good condition and is 25cm x 20cm.

ACCN: 993.5.069

A letter from Mrs. Edith Wright, widow of W.J. Wright who was killed overseas during the First World War, to Janet Carnochan dated March 10, 1919. The letter is in good condition and is 26cm x 16cm.

ACCN: 993.5.071(A&B)
A letter from Mrs. Edith Wright, widow of W.J. Wright who was killed overseas during the First World War, to Janet Carnochan dated May 15, 1919. The letter mentions receipt of five pamphlets for Mrs. Carnochan, the troops returning from war, and distress that her husband has been killed. The letter is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 993.5.093(A-F)

A handwritten list of all pupils who went overseas during the First World War who attended public or high schools in Niagara-on-the-Lake, or whose parents lived in the town. The list is dated September 1919, contains 88 names, and is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 993.5.097(A&B)

A handwritten manuscript for a speech to “Our Niagara Returned Soldiers”, dated September 1919, which explains that the Niagara Historical Society gave sterling silver medals to all who served from Niagara for “Active Service from 1914-1918”. The manuscript is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 993.5.098

A letter from Flora H. Wylie, a nurse during the First World War, to Janet Carnochan dated January 19? (could be January 19 with an unknown year or January 1919). Mrs. Wylie mentions that she was transferred to Portland, Maine, where hospital ships disembark. The letter is in good condition.

**ACCN:** 993.5.116(A&B)
An honourable discharge certificate for Private Lewis Arthur Warner (58th Battalion of the C.E.F.) from service during the First World War. The discharge is dated April 15, 1918 and is in good condition.

ACCN: 993.542.072

A “War Service Badge Issue” certificate entitling Private Lewis Arthur Warner to wear a Class “A” War Service badge for his service in France during the First World War. The certificate is dated August 9, 1918 and is in good condition.

ACCN: 993.542.171

A “War Service Badge Issue” certificate entitling Private Lewis Arthur Warner to wear a Class “B” War Service badge for his service in England during the First World War. The certificate is dated August 19, 1918 and is in good condition.

ACCN: 993.542.172

A discharge certificate for Private Lewis Arthur Warner (58th Battalion of the C.E.F.) from service during the First World War due to physical unfitness. The discharge is dated April 15, 1918 and is in fair condition.

ACCN: 993.542.175
A “Certificate of Military Qualifications for N.C.O. Appointments” for acting Corporal Lewis Arthur Warner, recommending him be appointed corporal full time. The certificate is in poor condition with creasing and tearing, and has a stamp dated June 6, 1916.

ACCN: 993.542.201

A receipt signed by Lewis Arthur Warner for receiving War Service badges Class “A” and “B”. The receipt is in fair condition and is dated August 30, 1918.

ACCN: 993.542.203

A letter to Private Lewis Arthur Warner regarding the receipt he signed for receiving War Service badges Class “A” and “B”. The letter is in poor condition and is dated August 22, 1918.

ACCN: 993.542.204

A program for the memorial service for Robert C. Houghton (“and all fallen and missing soldiers”) at St. Mark’s Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake on May 26, 1918. The program contains a full list of all hymns, readings and prayers, is eight pages long, in fair condition, and is 13.3cm x 20.6cm.

ACCN: 994.298
A list of typed “nite” songs from the First World War. The list is in good condition and is 21.5cm x 35.5cm. The exact date is unknown.

ACCN: 1998.089.119

A discharge certificate for Frank Manning Carnochan (81st Battalion of the C.E.F.) from service during the First World War due to demobilization. The discharge is dated June 8, 1919, is in fair condition, and is 22.6cm x 20.2cm.

ACCN: 1999.002

A notice to Camp Niagara of electric light and water rates from the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake dated May 7, 1917. The notice is in good condition, and is 21.5cm x 27.5cm.

ACCN: 1999.005.253

A booklet, issued by the General Staff of the Canadian Army in January of 1918, titled “Box Respirator Drill and Inspection”. The booklet describes how to use a respirator and keep it in good working order. It is in fair condition with fold marks, and is 9.7cm x 15.4cm.

ACCN: 2000.021.003
A list of all the men who served at Camp Niagara and were killed during service in the First World War. The list is nine pages and has soldier’s number, rank, unit, theatre of service, decoration, and date of death. The list is in fair condition and is 33cm x 40.5cm. The exact date is unknown.

ACCN: 2000.124(A-I)

A program for the farewell concert for the 2nd Machine Gun Depot of the C.E.F. at the Kitchener Theatre on June 4, 1918. The program is in fair condition and is 20cm x 32.8 cm.

ACCN: 2004.027.156

A program (dance card) for a dance at the Polish Army Camp in Niagara-on-the-Lake belonging to A.J. Coyne who ran the Apothecary in town. The program is dated April 11, 1918, is in very good condition, and is 7cm x 12cm.

ACCN: 2004.027.163

A telegram taken by Frank Carnochan (who served as a telegrapher during the First World War) notifying the troops of the armistice and that hostilities will cease at 11:00 am on November 11, 1918. The telegram is in poor condition and is 13cm x 17.5cm. The exact date is unknown but is presumably November 10 or 11, 1918.

ACCN: 2005.022.003
A collection of documents, one of which is a letter from Camp Niagara discussing the establishment of an honour roll containing the names of any local residents who have enlisted in the C.E.F., dated October 6, 1915. The letter is typed and is in fair condition.

**ACCN:** 2005.100.176

A “Roll of Honour” from St. Mark’s Church for anyone belonging to the church who enlisted in the C.E.F. during the First World War. The list is in poor condition, and is 55.5cm x 69cm. The exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2008.027.001

A collection of documents concerning electric light and water supply to Camp Niagara by the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake during the First World War. The documents’ dates range from January 18, 1916 to December 21, 1918. The letters are in fair condition and vary in size.

**ACCN:** 2009.027.010
Military Equipment and Weapons

A British Martini-Henry Mk. III 1879 rifle with a barrel length of 129.5cm, very likely used during the First World War and possibly the Second World War as well (the shoulder strap attached to the rifle is WWII era). The rifle is in good condition and the exact dates of use are unknown.

**ACCN:** 971.271

A German Gewehr 98 bolt-action rifle made by Mauser. The Gewehr 98 was the main service rifle for the German army during the First World War. The barrel of the rifle is 124.5cm and the rifle is in poor condition. The exact dates of use are unknown.

**ACCN:** 971.273.1

A homemade trench knife from the First World War with the initials “A.H.W” written on it. The knife also has a sticker with “M 31” written on it on the handle. It is in poor condition and has rusted.

**ACCN:** 982.1.27
A trench map from the First World War. displaying the trench systems near Oostnieuwkerke, Germany. Writing on the map is English suggesting the map is British made. The map is dated April 10, 1917, is in good condition, and is 59cm x 51cm.

**ACCN:** 986.098.1

A trench map from the First World War. displaying the trench systems near Oosthoek, Germany. Writing on the map is English suggesting the map is British made. The map is dated May 10, 1917, is in poor condition, and is 59cm x 51cm.

**ACCN:** 986.098.2

A trench map from the First World War. displaying the trench systems near Oosthoek, Germany. Writing on the map is English suggesting the map is British made. The map is dated May 10, 1917, is in fair condition, and is 59cm x 51cm (a second copy of 986.098.2).

**ACCN:** 986.098.3

A Canadian/British First World War water canteen with a blue enamel exterior. The canteen is inside a khaki wool carrying case with straps and has a rubber stopper in it attached to the canteen by a string. The canteen is in fair condition and the case in in poor condition with some holes. It is 32.5cm x 15cm x 6.5cm and its exact dates of use are unknown.

**ACCN:** 986.1.137
A homemade trench periscope from the First World War. The pipe used to construct the periscope is 27cm in length, is in poor condition and has rusted. The exact dates of use are unknown.

**ACCN:** 986.1.583

A silver metal flask from the First World War with a crest on the front reading “British Columbia, Duke of Connaught’s Own Rifles”, and the initials W.H.S. inscribed on the back. The crest also has all of the major Canadian battles and their dates inscribed on it. The flask was made in England, is in good condition, is 20cm x 11cm, and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 987.341

A British First World War contour map of the areas of Berkshire and Wiltshire. The map is in good condition, was made in England, and is 98cm x 70cm. The exact dates of its manufacture and use are unknown.

**ACCN:** 987.5.458

A British made Sam Browne military uniform belt and suspender from the First World War. The belt and suspender are in good condition and the exact date of their manufacture and use are unknown.

**ACCN:** 991.507.10(A&B)
A Canadian/British First World War water canteen with a blue enamel exterior and a rubber stopper attached by a string. The canteen is in fair condition with some rusting and chipping, and is 17cm x 13cm. The exact dates of its use are unknown.

ACCN: 995.005

A British First World War gas mask carrying case made of canvas with straps and buckles to close it. The case is in poor condition with tears, holes, and stains, and is 32.5cm x 21cm. The exact dates of its use and manufacture are unknown (not related to FA69.1119).

ACCN: 995.015

A large fragment of a German H.Z.05 shell fuse made in Strassburg, Germany in 1912 used during the First World War. Inscribed on one side is “H.Z.05/ Sb.12" and on the other is “m.V. nurG.Bz”. The fuse fragment is in good condition, is 7cm x 9cm. The exact date and location of its use are unknown.

ACCN: 996.035

A large fragment of a German Dopp Z. 96 n/A shell fuse used during the First World War. Inscribed on one side is “Dopp Z. 96 n/A” and on the other is “Sp.65”. The fuse fragment is in good condition, is 8.5cm x 4cm. The exact date and location of its use are unknown.

ACCN: 996.036
A Swiss Verner’s Pattern VII compass made in 1917 by E. Koehn and accompanying case made by French and Son in London in 1917. The compass and case are in good condition, the case is 7cm x 10cm and the compass is 6.5cm x 9.5cm.

ACCN: 1997.006(A&B)

A German Mauser 1918 T-Gewehr anti-tank rifle. The rifle has a bipod for mounting and a 98.3cm barrel, and is in good condition. Its exact date of and use is unknown.

ACCN: 2000.199

A German Maxim light machine gun made in 1918 captured by the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles on August 8, 1918 near Hangard, Germany. Inscribed on the top of the gun is “M.G. 08/15. Gwf. Erfurt 1918”. The gun is in poor condition with lots of rust and a barrel length of 71.9cm.

ACCN: 2000.200

A German Maxim light machine gun captured by the 50th Canadian Battalion on April 10, 1917 at Vimy Ridge in France. Inscribed on the top of the gun is “1268”. The gun is in poor condition with lots of rust and a barrel length of 71.9cm. The exact date of manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 2000.201
A Canadian/British First World War water canteen with a blue enamel exterior. The canteen is inside a khaki wool carrying case with straps and has a rubber stopper in it attached to the canteen by a string. The canteen and case are both in very good condition. It is 32.5cm x 15cm x 6.5cm and its exact dates of use are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2005.007.057

A German spoon and fork used during the First World War. The spoon and fork are attached by a swivel, are in poor condition with some rust, and are 23cm in length. The exact dates of manufacture and use are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2005.007.058

A German belt clasp used to hold up a military uniform belt (that carried a water bottle, bread bag, bayonet, and two leather pouches) from the First World War. The clasp has a crown inscribed on it suggesting the its owner was part of the Prussian regiment. The clasp is in fair condition and is 2.4cm x 3cm. Its exact dates of manufacture and use are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2006.001.019

A German Lederschutzmaske gas mask made post 1916 used during the First World War. The canister for filtering gas is still attached as well. The gas mask is in fair condition with some rust on the canister and some worn leather. The exact dates of its manufacture and use are unknown.

**ACCN:** FA69.1119
Medals, Pins, and Cap Badges

An active service medal given to Gerald S. Ball from the Niagara Historical Society for serving in the First World War. The medal is inscribed with “G.S. Ball” on the front and has a maple leaf in the background. The medal has a diameter of 2.2cm, is in fair condition and its exact date of manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 975.5

An active service medal given to E.H. Hewgill from the Niagara Historical Society for serving in the First World War. The medal is inscribed with “116 Bn.” on the front and “E.H. Hewgill” on the back, and has a maple leaf in the background. The medal has a diameter of 2.2cm, is in very good condition and its exact date of manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 980.17.1

A medal given to Private Jim Wilmot from the Niagara Historical Society for serving in the First World War. The medal is inscribed with “Presented to Pte. Jim Wilmot, Niagara Twp., M.S. 1919, Died.” on the front and has nothing on the back. It is in poor condition and its exact date of manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 986.1.320
A medal given by the American Volunteer Ambulance Corps for service during the First World War. The medal has a red cross in the middle and a blue border that reads “American Volunteer Ambulance Corps, 1914”. It is in fair condition with some rusting and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 986.1.340

A bronze medal with a figure of Britannia standing beside a lion. The medal is inscribed with “He Died For Freedom and Honour” and the name “Edward Thomas Edwards”. The medal is in fair condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 989.072

A campaign star medal given to Private Jim Wilmot posthumously for service during the First World War. The front has two swords and a wreath and is inscribed with “1914”, while the back is inscribed with “8249, Pte. J.W. Wilmot, 1/E. LAN:R.”. The medal is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 991.028.1

A commemorative medal given to Private Jim Wilmot posthumously for service during the First World War. The front has a man on a horse and is inscribed with “1914—1918”, while the back is inscribed with “GEORGIS V BRITT OMN REX ET IND IMP”. The medal is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 991.028.2
A victory medal given to Private Jim Wilmot posthumously for service during the First World War. The front has an angel on it, while the back is inscribed with “The Great War for Civilisation, 1914-1918”. The medal is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 991.028.3

A lapel pin given for service at the front in the C.E.F. during the First World War. The front is inscribed with “For Service at the Front, CEF”, while the back is inscribed with “Penalty for Misuse 500 Dollars or Six Months Imprisonment, 327594”. The lapel pin is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 991.1.089

A commemorative medal given to Lewis Arthur Warner for service during the First World War. The front has a man on a horse and is inscribed with “1914—1918”, while the back is inscribed with “GEORGIS V BRITT OMN REX ET IND IMP”. The medal is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 993.542.205

A victory medal given to Lewis Arthur Warner for service during the First World War. The front has an angel on it, while the back is inscribed with “The Great War for Civilisation, 1914-1918”. The medal is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 993.542.206
A campaign star medal given to Corporal J. Shawe for service during the First World War. The front has two swords and a wreath and is inscribed with “1914”, while the back is inscribed with “477831, Cpl. J. Shawe, R.C.R.”. The medal is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN**: 993.542.210

A commemorative medal given to Corporal J. Shawe for service during the First World War. The front has a man on a horse and is inscribed with “1914—1918”, while the back is inscribed with “GEORGIS V BRITT OMN REX ET IND IMP”. The medal is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN**: 993.542.211

A victory medal given to Corporal J. Shawe for service during the First World War. The front has an angel on it, while the back is inscribed with “The Great War for Civilisation, 1914-1918”. The medal is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN**: 993.542.212

A general service medal given to Corporal J. Shawe for service during the First World War. The front has George V on it, while the back is inscribed with “For Long Service and Good Conduct”. The medal is in fair condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN**: 993.542.214
A commemorative medal given to an unknown soldier for service during the First World War. The front has a man on a horse and is inscribed with “1914—1918”, while the back is inscribed with “GEORGIVS V BRITT OMN REX ET IND IMP”. The medal is in fair condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 995.300

A campaign star medal given to B.A. Kemsley for service during the First World War. The front has two swords and a wreath and is inscribed with “1914”, while the back is inscribed with “R.F.M., B.A. Kemsley, 5th S.A.M.R.”. The medal is in poor condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 995.303

An active service medal given to an unknown soldier from the Niagara Historical Society for serving in the First World War. The medal is inscribed with nothing on the front and has a maple leaf in the background. The medal has a diameter of 2.2cm, is in fair condition, and its exact date of manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 995.307

A cap badge (pin is missing) with a wreath of laurel leaves surmounted with the King’s crown. The bottom is inscribed with “Canada” and there is what appears similar to a Matilda tank in the centre. The cap badge is in fair condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 2001.455
A set of brass coat buttons (tied together) from the Canadian Army Gymnastics Service. The front of the buttons is inscribed with “C.A.G.S., Health, Strength, and Loyalty”, while the back is inscribed with J.R. Caunt and Sons Ltd., London, England”. The buttons are in good condition and the exact date of their manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 2009.100.016
Trench Art

A button cleaning plate, presumably, made from a brass artillery shell case from the First World War. The plate is in good condition, is 17.8cm x 4.2cm, and the exact shell case used and date of its manufacture are unknown.

**ACCN:** 969.430.1

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A button cleaning plate, presumably, made from a brass artillery shell case from the First World War. The plate is in good condition, is 17cm x 4cm, and the exact shell case used and date of its manufacture are unknown.

**ACCN:** 969.430.2

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A button cleaning plate, presumably, made from a brass artillery shell case from the First World War. The plate is in good condition, is 17.8cm x 4.2cm, and the exact shell case used and date of its manufacture are unknown.

**ACCN:** 969.430.3
A lamp base made from the two British 18 pounder artillery shell cases from 1915. The “inner” shell case has been cut to form leaves that come out from the base. Each leaf is inscribed with a famous Canadian battle including, “Ypres”, “Somme”, Passchendaele”, and others. The lamp base is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 986.1.524

A maple leaf made from a flattened brass artillery shell from the First World War. The leaf is in good condition, and the exact shell case used and date of its manufacture are unknown.

**ACCN:** 989.056

A maple leaf made from a flattened brass artillery shell from the First World War. The leaf is in good condition, and the exact shell case used and date of its manufacture are unknown.

**ACCN:** 989.057

A knife made from a piece of an artillery shell case and a Lebel Model 1887 rifle bullet case. On one side of the knife blade is inscribed “France 1917”, and it has a circular design on the other. The knife is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 989.058
A knife made from a flattened artillery shell case and a Lebel Model 1887 rifle bullet case. On one side of the knife blade is inscribed “France 1917”, and it has a plant in a pot with the initials “G.M.” on the other. The knife is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 989.059

A knife made from a flattened brass artillery shell case and a British Mk. VII rifle bullet case. The knife is in good condition, and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 989.061

A spoon made from a flattened brass artillery shell case and a Lebel Model 1887 rifle bullet case. The spoon has a floral decoration on the front and the initials “G.M.” in hearts on the back. It is in good condition, and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 989.062

A plate made from an unknown brass artillery shell from the First World War. The plate has a broad lip and many scratches on the top and bottom surfaces. It is in fair condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 989.063
A circular container made from two 1917 German 77mm brass shell casings. The container and lid have diameters of 7.7cm, and the overall height (with lid) is 9.9cm. The lid has a knob, the bottom has a flash burn on it, and overall it is in excellent condition. The container’s exact date of manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 2005.007.041

An ash tray made from a 1918 British Mk. II Howitzer brass shell case. The shell case has markings that read “4.5” Howr/11/Akscco/28.1.18 A/PL6”. It shows obvious signs of use, is in good condition, and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 2005.007.042

An ash tray made from an unknown 88mm brass shell case (research suggests it could be a German U-Boat shell casing) from the First World War. The ash tray has an outside diameter of 10.2cm and a depth of 2.6cm. It shows obvious signs of use, is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 2005.007.043

An ash tray made from a 1915 British Mk. II Howitzer brass shell case made at the Royal Laboratories in Woolwich Arsenal, England. The shell case has markings that read “4.5” Howr/I.R.L./C.F./1915”. It shows obvious signs of use, is in good condition, and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 2011.019.003
A quilt made by members of the Red Cross. People from Niagara-on-the-Lake bought one of the almost 100 squares on the quilt where their names were stitched (proceeds went to the Canadian Red Cross war effort during the First World War). The quilt was made in 1916, is in good condition, and is 164.3cm x 20.3cm.

**ACCN:** 972.263

A silver flower base from Camp Niagara in 1915. The base of the vase is inscribed with “Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Niagara Camp 1915”. It is 25cm high and is in good condition. The exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.4.1

A football trophy from Camp Niagara dated 1915. It is inscribed with “The Spalding Trophy, Niagara Camp, Football Championship 1915”. It has an overall height of 20.5cm and is in excellent condition.

**ACCN:** 986.1.296
A gold and red satin banner with a brass rod for hanging from Camp Niagara dated 1915. The banner reads “35th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force, Tug of War Championship 1915”. The banner has gold frills, is fraying badly, and was made by Reglia Jewels and Co., Ambrose Kent and Sons, 156 Yonge Street, Toronto. It is 73cm x 50cm and is in fair condition.

ACCN: 987.7.13

A gold and red satin banner with a brass rod for hanging from Camp Niagara dated 1915. The banner reads “Y.M.C.A. Baseball League Championship, Niagara Camp 1915, Won by D. Co.”. The banner has gold frills, has some fraying, and was made by Reglia Jewels and Co., Ambrose Kent and Sons, 156 Yonge Street, Toronto. It is 44cm x 66cm and is in fair condition.

ACCN: 987.7.16

A blue, gold, and red satin banner with a brass rod for hanging from Camp Niagara dated 1915. The banner reads “Prize Banner, Y.M.C.A. Football League Championship, Niagara Camp 1915, Won by D. Co., 35th Batt.”. The banner has gold frills, has some fraying, and was made by Reglia Jewels and Co., Ambrose Kent and Sons, 156 Yonge Street, Toronto. It is 44cm x 66cm and is in fair condition.

ACCN: 987.7.17

A silver teaspoon with “Niagara-on-the-Lake” engraved in the bowl, and General French with a British crown on the handle. The back has the British and French flags crossed and has the manufacturer engraved on it, reading “WM Robers and Sons AA”. The spoon is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

ACCN: 988.131
An American flag used in a joint victory ceremony in 1918 for the Canadian and American Servicemen and Fraternal Societies. The flag is in very good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 988.159

A watercolor painting of Fort Mississauga by M. Matthews, R.C.A. The painting shows tents on the golf course that surrounds Fort Mississauga as part of Camp Niagara during the First World War. The painting is in excellent condition and the exact date it was completed is unknown.

**ACCN:** 988.225

A white and orange cloth and lace souvenir from the First World War. There is text inside the orange border that reads “1918 Souvenir de France”, and each numeral in “1918” has the colour of a different flag of the Triple Entente alliance including Canada, Britain, France, Russia, the United States, and others. It is 32.7cm x 27cm and is in good condition. The exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 989.066

A handkerchief of an Italian soldier and a British soldier in uniform with rifles and bayonets, and “Britannia” in the background holding a sheathed sword and the scales of justice. The handkerchief was given to those at the Italian Day celebration on October 7, 1915 and comes with a box and lid. It is in good condition and is 32.6cm x 30.7cm.

**ACCN:** 2009.004.019(A-C)
Unverified Items

A photograph of Maud Fisher who served as a nurse in the Canadian forces during the First World War. The photo is in good condition and is 7.5cm x 8cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN: 984.1.215**

A photograph W.J. Wright who served as a soldier in the Canadian forces during the First World War. The photo is in good condition and is 11.2cm x 15cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN: 984.1.642**

A photograph of a crowd surrounding the Canadian Vimy Memorial in Vimy, France. The photograph is in good condition and is 20.5cm x 15.5cm. The exact date of the photograph is unknown.

**ACCN: 984.5.224**
A photograph of the Polish cemetery at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The photo shows some graves with wreaths on them, is in fair condition, and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 984.5.7

A photograph of Flora Wylie who served as a nurse in the Canadian forces during the First World War. The photo is in fair condition, and is 9.4cm x 12.7cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 989.434

A tent peg used at Camp Niagara (presumably during the First World War). The peg has manufacturer markings on it reading “C.C. Co., 1915). It is made of oak and iron, is in poor condition, and is 43.5cm x 4cm x 1.9cm.

**ACCN:** 992.191

A photograph of a young man and woman (possibly Babe McClelland). The back of the photo reads “Sgt. Bert McClelland, 4th Troop Fort Gary Horse, France, B.E.F.”. The photo is in fair condition and is 6.4cm x 10.9cm. The exact date of the photo is unknown.

**ACCN:** 992.542.030
A negative of a photograph of Janet Carnochan and Henry Pellat donating an ambulance to the Canadian Red Cross during the First World War. The negative is in fair condition and is 10.4cm x 8.1cm. The exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 994.134(A&B)

A souvenir program for the unveiling of the Vimy Memorial in France. The program is titled “Canadians Visit to the Cenotaph and the Grave of the Unknown Warrior” and it is dated July 1936. The program is in poor condition with stains, creases, and tears, and is 31.8cm x 25.4cm.

**ACCN:** 994.5.414

A group of four photographs of the Queenston Cenotaph unveiling dated November 11, 1926. The photos show flags hanging near the cenotaph and the crowd surrounding it. The photos are in fair condition.

**ACCN:** 2003.012.002

A photograph of Corporal Joseph Garland Keith who served as a soldier in the Canadian forces during the First World War. Joseph Garland Keith died on October 29, 1918. The photo is in poor condition and the exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2004.001.036
A photograph of Gordon Blake Ryan who served as a soldier with the Canadian forces during the First World War. Gordon Blake Ryan died on January 31, 1916. The photo is in very poor condition and the exact date and location are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2004.001.038

A poster titled “D Company Highlanders 92nd Overseas Battalion, C.E.F.” with four photographs of Camp Niagara from the First World War. The poster also has the names of all of the men from D Company who served. The poster is in excellent condition and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2004.001.045

A Royal Canadian Engineers belt owned by Col. Coldwell who trained at Camp Niagara during the First World War and later bought a house in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The belt buckle is gold plated with the crest of George V on it. The belt is in excellent condition and the exact date and location of its manufacture are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2004.002.001

A newspaper article by E. Ascher about the Polish Army at Camp Niagara titled “Fifteen Years Ago This Date”. The article was published on September 28, 1932 in an unknown newspaper, is in fair condition, and is 5.5cm x 23cm.

**ACCN:** 2004.027.155
A tape measure used by “Ernie” from Niagara-on-the-Lake at Camp Niagara (presumably during the First World War and possibly the Second as well). The tape measure was made by Lufkin in the United States, is 75’ in length, and is missing the first two inches. It is in fair condition, is 10.5cm in diameter and 2.5cm high, and the exact date of its use is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2005.007.053

A pair of metal field binoculars owned by Lt. A.C. Caldwell presumably used during the First World War. The binoculars have several inscriptions that read “Bausch and Lomb Optical Co.; Rochester, New York; Chicago; Zeiss Stereo Field Glass; Patent June 22, 1897; Power 8”. They are in good condition, are 10.5cm x 14cm x 4.3cm, and the exact date of their manufacture and use are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2005.007.055

A wooden mallet used to secure tent pegs presumably used at Camp Niagara during the First World War. The mallet is inscribed with a “C” with an arrow through it, and is 40cm long with a head measuring 16cm long and 8.5cm in diameter. It is in fair condition and the exact dates of its manufacture and use are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2005.007.056

An engineer’s kit owned by Lt. A.C. Caldwell presumably used during the First World War. The kit contains a knife, needle, hammer, pliers, corkscrew, saw blade, chisel, file, awl, screwdriver, can and bottle opener, and a drill bit. The tools are all made of stainless steel, while the case is made of leather. The kit is in fair condition measuring 40cm x 14.7cm and the exact dates of its use and manufacture are unknown.

**ACCN:** 2005.007.059(A-N)
A photograph of a Polish Soldier’s grave in the Polish cemetery at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The soldier died at Camp Niagara during the First World War due to the influenza outbreak at the camp in 1918. The church devoted a separate burial ground to the 40+ soldiers who died due to the influenza outbreak. The photo is in excellent condition and the exact date is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2006.016.001

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A bolt action shotgun made by Geha after the First World War. This shotgun was one of many shotguns made from converted Mauser GEW 98 rifles that were mass produced for the First World War. The shotgun has engravings on the barrel that read “Germany” and “Nitro”, and an engraving on the bolt that reads “3581”. The barrel of the gun is 78 cm, it is in good condition and the exact date of its manufacture is unknown.

**ACCN:** 2009.001.012

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A program for the unveiling of the Queenston Soldiers Memorial Monument dated November 11, 1926 to commemorate those who died in the First World War. The program is in good condition and it is accompanied by other notes and letters regarding the program.

**ACCN:** 2009.027.014
Research Files

The NHSM contains a collection of research files that pertain to many different people, buildings, and events from Niagara-on-the-Lake and the surrounding area. There are two research folders that would greatly assist anyone wishing to research the First World War in the Niagara region, namely:

- **Camp Niagara Research File** (containing a wealth of information, photographs, and paper publications on the camp during the First World War).

- **Houghton Family Research File** (containing scans of photographs of, and letters from, Joseph Herbert Houghton, Robert Charles Houghton, and Tom Hadley Houghton who all served during the First World War).

NHS Publications

The NHSM published 44 publications in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Two of these publications have information on people and events in Niagara-on-the-Lake during the First World War, namely:

- **“Whose Debtors We Are”, Niagara Historical Society Publication no. 34, printed in 1922.** This is probably the best source of information on anyone from the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake who served in the First World War. It was written by a local teacher, Catherine Creed, who was extremely detailed in her writing, explaining how most of the people were as students, and the nature of their enlistment, service, and in some cases, death.

- **“Polish Force in Niagara”, Niagara Historical Society Publication no. 35, printed in 1923.** This is a great source of information on the Polish Americans who trained at Camp Niagara during the First World War written by the NHS founder, Janet Carnochan. The piece explains why the Polish Americans came to train in Canada as well as the nature of their training.
NHSM Library Books

The NHSM has its own library containing a number of books that would greatly assist anyone wishing to do research on the First World War, namely:

- “Stick to the Guns! A Short History of the 10th Field Battery, Royal regiment of Canadian Artillery, St. Catharines, Ontario” by Colin K. Duquemin (St Catharines: Norman Enterprises, 1996).
Ontario Curriculum Connections

The NHSM’s First World War collection is a great resource for Ontario teachers who want to develop field trips to the museum or lessons based around items in the collection (or a combination of the two!). The Museum is planning a specialized First World War workshop for grade 8 or 10 History classes upon request beginning in the spring of 2014. The workshop will consist of two parts:

**Part 1:** Students will take a guided tour of the “First World War in Niagara” exhibit with some explanation of how the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake was affected by the First World War.

**Part 2:** Students move through four stations of artefacts and, through investigation and discussion, answer a worksheet which can be further discussed back in the classroom (as a debriefing and informative exercise, especially for those students who could not attend).

Listed below are the Ontario curriculum connections to the Museum’s collection for Grades 8 and 10:

**Grade 8 - Canada: A Changing Society:**

- Describe the factors contributing to change in Canadian society (e.g., immigration, technology, politics, globalization).

- Describe the treaties, alliances, events, and people that contributed to the start of the First World War, and explain their significance to Canada.

- Use a variety of primary and secondary sources to locate relevant information (e.g., primary sources: immigration posters, photographs of working conditions, journals and diaries; secondary sources: print materials, videos, CD-ROMs, Internet sites).
Grade 10 - Academic or Applied

- Explain how local, national, and global influences have helped shape Canadian identity.
- Analyze the impact of external forces and events on Canada and its policies since 1914.
- Assess Canada’s participation in war and contributions to peacekeeping and security.
- Analyze changing demographic patterns and their impact on Canadian society since 1914.
- Explain how and why Canada’s international status and foreign policy have changed since 1914.
- Analyze how changing economic and social conditions have affected Canadians since 1914.
- Analyze the changing responses of the federal and provincial governments to social and economic pressures since 1914.
- Gather information on Canadian history and current events from a variety of sources found in various locations.
- Interpret and analyze information gathered through research, employing concepts and approaches appropriate to historical inquiry.

More information, including the worksheet to accompany “Part 2” of the workshop can be found at this link: [http://niagarahistorical.museum/media/EducationalWorkshopDocument.pdf](http://niagarahistorical.museum/media/EducationalWorkshopDocument.pdf)
Valuable Research Links

There are a number of websites and books that are not in the Museum’s library but are very valuable for researching the Canadian Expeditionary Force in the First World War including:

Books:

- “From the Rideau to the Rhine and Back: The 6th Field Company and Battalion, Canadian Engineers in the Great War” by Major K. Weatherbe (Toronto: Hunter-Rose Co., 1928)

Websites: