

Thursday, May 25 — Vimy Memorial Park



The battlefield



Many historians say Canada came of age as a nation at the battle of Vimy Ridge. The April 9, 1917, battle was the first time that all four Canadian divisions fought together. Their victory showed what Canadians could do. But it was at a terrible price — 3,600 dead and 7,000 wounded.

Above: By Robert Judd.

Left: By David Judd.



Canadian trenches are preserved in concrete. The Canadian and German lines were so close in places that soldiers could hear each other talking across no man's land. The ground still shows signs of the battle's devastation.

Above: *By Mike Jarvis.*

Left: Mike McDonnell and Kelsey DePaepe photograph a concrete bunker. *By Robert Judd.*

The tunnel



Our guide shows tunnels where Canadians waited in silence for hours before launching their attack.
By Robert Judd.



By David Judd.



By Mike Jarvis.

