Thursday, May 25 — Vimy Monument





A tribute to Canadians

Unveiled in 1936, the memorial designed by Walter Allward is a tribute to all Canadians who served in the First World War, particularly those who died in France whose resting place is unknown. The monument's base contains the names of 11,285 Canadians, including 44 Norfolk men, whose graves are unknown. Twenty symbolic figures represent themes of shared ideals, the sorrow of a young nation and a prayer for peace. The top peace figure is situated about 110 metres above the Douai Plain.

Above: By Robert Judd.

Left: Canada Bereft. By Sheila Pilgrim.



Connections



Above: First cousins
Robert (left) and David
Judd wear lanyards
carrying a photograph of
their grandfather, Charles
Judd of Simcoe, who
fought at the battle of Vimy
Ridge.

Left: Dawn McArthur points to the inscription honouring her great uncle, R.Y. Daniel.



A group shot at the back of the monument.



Leesa Maxwell places a flag at the tomb of the unknown soldier.

By Ken Taylor.



Nancy Stelpstra and George Gardner take photos as Robert Judd and Kelsey DePaepe sketch.

By David Judd.



The Vimy Monument from the rear.

By Vanessa Barati.