



**GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR COUNCIL**

BEAUMONT HAMEL 100th ANNIVERSARY EVENT
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Background

On July 1, 1916, Newfoundland suffered one of the biggest tragedies in its history. 835 men from the Newfoundland Regiment went into battle at Beaumont Hamel, France during an offensive in the Battle of the Somme. The next morning only 79 men were able to answer roll call as the rest were dead, injured or missing.

There are five Caribou Monuments in Northern France and Belgium to honour the Newfoundlanders who fought in WWI. The sixth is located in Bowring Park, St. John's. Newfoundlanders making the pilgrimage to visit these monuments refer to it as the Trail of the Caribou.

Event

Objective: This event is to introduce members of GGC Newfoundland and Labrador to the history surrounding the Newfoundland Regiment, the Battle of the Somme, and the Battle of Beaumont Hamel. It is a celebration of our heritage, our history, and our past.

This event is designed to take place over several hours. A lunch break would be at the discretion of the organizers. It can be completed as a long unit meeting. It is important to try to complete at least one activity from each station. There will be six stations, one for each Caribou, as well as opening and closing ceremonies.

A variety of activities for each station will be provided so that girls of all branch levels can participate. The activities suggested are guidelines. Similar appropriate activities that adhere to the theme may be used. We have not included branch specific notations for each activity. Guiders can determine which activities to use based upon ability and time.

Some of the activities have a link associated with them. All information/instructions will be located through this link. Where links are unavailable, resources are available at the end of the document in the appendices. Feel free to find your own resources for activities.

Some of these activities are serious in nature and are to be used at the discretion of the Guider. It is suggested that parents be informed of the nature of the event.

You may wish to have girls broken into groups prior to starting. Have all branches in each group.

The Caribou Monuments:



Additional Activities:

The following activities can be done as part of or in addition to the event. They are not meant to replace the event.

1. As an individual member, unit, or District take part in a local Remembrance Day Parade (All)
2. As an individual member, unit, or District take part in a school Remembrance Day Celebration (All)
3. Volunteer with the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign
4. Invite local veterans or Legion members to your event. Invite them to be observers, be guest speakers, or take part in the activities with the girls
5. Host an afternoon tea at a local seniors' center
6. Make poppies or forget-me-nots at a meeting and present them to seniors or veterans

Opening

A five to ten-minute gathering of all participants to introduce the event and set the tone.

Suggested components:

- Introduction of what Beaumont Hamel is and what it means to Newfoundland. This needs to be appropriate for all ages.
http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/history/first-world-war/fact_sheets/beaumont-hamel
- Invite local veterans or Legionnaires to speak (if available)
- Play “One More Will Stand” written by Chris Andrews of Shanneygannock
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPe30VErAzM>
- Have a map showing NL, France, and Belgium with the Caribou sites marked
- Introduce centres/stations
- Ode to Newfoundland (now or at the closing)

Closing

A five-minute wrap up/reflection. It is important that the girls leave this event having learned an important part of our history.

Suggested components:

- Invite girls to share what they liked about the event
- Invite local veterans or Legionnaires to speak (if available)
- Ode to Newfoundland (now or at the opening)
- An activity or song to end the day (Taps, Unit Closings, etc)

Stations

Bowring Park: *Newfoundland Regiment history*

Suggested Activities:

- Have someone who can talk to each group about the history. This can be a veteran, local historian, teacher, etc. Include signing up, Blue Puttees, first 500, the battle
- Have each girl make a dog tag representing a fallen Newfoundlander (use the links)
- Have books from a local library about the Regiment, the battles, etc.

Resources:

Dogtags:

- <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/pdf/remembrance/information-for/educators/beaumont-hamel/dogtags.pdf>
- <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/information-for/educators/learning-modules/beaumont-hamel/dogtags>

History:

- <http://www.heritage.nf.ca/first-world-war/articles/recruiting-the-newfoundland-regiment.php>

Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial (France) *Being a soldier*

The activities in this section may seem frivolous compared to the rest of the event but keep in mind you are working with children. They need the opportunity to be active and relax. Do this center away from the others if possible. If these activities do not suit your space, create another active station.

- Create an obstacle course for the girls to run through. Use chairs, benches, etc to have girls go over, under, around. Make it as difficult as ability allows.
- **Rescue the Injured Soldiers:** Split the girls into teams. In each group, designate one that is injured. The kids have to run across the yard to their injured teammate and wrap them up with a whole roll of toilet paper. Lay them on the gurney or stretcher (beach towel) and carefully carry them (one kid at each corner) to the home base. This last step may be omitted, depending on the age of the girls.

- **Capture the Flag:** For this Capture the Flag Army party game you need two teams. Differentiate the teams with brown and green camouflage face paint. Assign a safe spot where each teams' flags will be placed. Designate a jail area for each team. Assign defenders to defend the flag and the jail. Assign attackers to try to steal the flag and break free jailed team mates. Assign attackers to capture the opposition who have crossed the enemy line and put them in jail. The game ends when the flag is captured and brought to the opposite side.
- **Potato Peeler:** (*This game is recommended for kids over the age of seven*). Most kids have never peeled potatoes, but the army is legendary for having cooks who peel hundreds of pounds of potatoes in one day!! Give each kid a safe-grip potato peeler and a big potato, and see who can get the job done the fastest!
- **Drill Sergeant Says:** A Newfoundland Regiment version of Simon says. You can have an adult dress up in uniform to serve as the austere Drill Sergeant. He or she will give commands like: "Drill Sergeant Says -- Do 5 Jumping Jacks!" The kids have to respond "Yes Drill Sergeant!" and then do what he/she says. If the Drill Sergeant didn't say "Drill Sergeant Says" and a few of the kids carry on, they have to go down for a few push-ups

Gueudecourt Newfoundland Memorial (France) Postcards for Veterans

Through special events and acts of remembrance, we recognize the sacrifices our Veterans made.

Postcards for Peace provides an opportunity for youth to send postcards to express messages of thanks to those who served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace or to still-serving Canadian Armed Forces members. This learning activity allows youth to actively remember the sacrifices and achievements of Canadian Veterans.

- Explain yearly project. Full information is available from the link below.
- Provide the postcards from the Government site
<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/get-involved/postcard-for-peace>
- Have girls create their own postcards – 5x7 cardstock needed
- Send all postcards to the address provided after the event
- Send letters to troops serving now

Monchy-le-Preux Newfoundland Memorial (France) *A Soldier's Story*

In this station girls will learn the story of brave soldiers who fought the enemy and held their ground. These stories have been woven into our history. The links provide the story but they may need to be edited to make them age and time appropriate.

- Read the Tommy Ricketts story (*Rewrite the story to make it age appropriate*)
- <http://www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhh-dhp/gal/vcg-gcv/bio/ricketts-t-eng.asp>
- Read the story of Monchy-le-Preux
- <http://www.rnflr.ca/history.aspx?item=147>
- Activities following story:
 - Make a Blue Puttee soldier (see resources at end of document)
 - Use the attached colouring pages for younger girls if needed
 - Have girls colour and cut out the Victoria Cross, attach it to a ribbon and wear it for the rest of the event.

Courtrai Newfoundland Memorial (Belgium) *Flanders Field / Flowers of Remembrance*

Belgium has several sites that are important to the Newfoundland Regiment. The Caribou Memorial is located in the small village of Courtrai and is a stop on the Trail of the Caribou. The city of Ypres (pronounced *Ee-per*) has the Menin Gate (see resources page) and the Flanders Field Museum. Just outside of Ypres is Essex Farm. This was where Robert McCrae wrote the now famous poem.

- Read Robert McCrae's poem <http://www.flandersfieldsmusic.com/thepoem.html>
- Create a poppy (see resources)
- Have a large circle to place all poppies on creating a large wreath.
- Read the story of the Forget-me-not
http://www.veterans.gc.ca/pdf/remembrance/information-for/educators/beaumont-hamel/story_e.pdf
- Tissue paper flowers (see resources)
- Colouring pages (S,B) http://www.veterans.gc.ca/pdf/remembrance/information-for/educators/beaumont-hamel/forget-me-not_e.pdf
- Spoon flowers (see resources)

Masnières Newfoundland Memorial (France) *On the Homefront*

This station will focus on what was happening at home during WWI. Wives, mothers, fiancés, girlfriends, and daughters found ways to save money, look after each other, and help the war effort.

The war affected all children, but older children participated directly in a wide variety of ways, often through recreational clubs, community groups, or service organizations. Boy Scouts and Girl Guides collected money for the Canadian Patriotic Fund and other social support agencies. Young girls made bandages for the medical corps, and knit or sewed articles of clothing for care packages. Children assumed greater responsibilities in homes where fathers or older brothers were at war and mothers were in the labour force, and many worked on farms or in businesses at an early age.

- Make individual first aid kits
<http://www.notsofearlessleader.com/2012/09/Personal-First-Aid-Kit.html> ;
<http://familycrafts.about.com/cs/miscjewelry/a/blfcfirstaidn.htm>
- Talk about the need to recycle and create new things from old. Create t-shirt bags. <http://www.mommypotamus.com/no-sew-t-shirt-tote-bag-tutorial/>
- Many women had to take over on the farm while their husbands were away. Have girls plant seeds in a paper cup.
<http://theimaginationtree.com/2012/04/growing-beans-on-cotton-balls.html>

Program Connections:

Wondering how the activities in the Beaumont Hamel 100 Event fit into the rest of your unit's program? The tables on the following pages outline program connections for each branch. If you find other connections to your program, please feel free to give your girls credit for them (and email the Program Committee so we can update these tables!) This is not a comprehensive list, feel free to apply your activities to other parts of the program as you see fit. Remember that each activity you complete can accomplish multiple parts of the program.

If this event is organized by a District or Area, then the activities will involve bridging and count for program requirements.

Spark Program Connections

Section and Activity	Spark Program Connections
Bowring Park	The World Around Me
Beaumont Hamel	Being Healthy
Guedecourt	In My Community; The World Around Me
Masnieres	In My Community; The World Around Me
Monchy-le-Preux	The World Around Me
Courtrai	Exploring and Experimenting
Opening and Closing	Bridging

Brownie Program Connections

Section and Activity	Brownie Program Connections
Bowring Park	Key to My Community
Beaumont Hamel	Key to Active Living
Guedecourt	Key to STEM #1 Interest Badge – Community Counts
Masnieres	Key to I Can #2 Key to Girl Guides #1 Interest Badge – Girlfriends Through Time
Monchy-le-Preux	Key to The Arts Interest Badge – Family Heritage
Courtrai	Key to The Arts Interest Badge – Super Crafts
Opening and Closing	Key to My Community #3, #4 Key to Girl Guides #1 Interest Badge – Special Days

Guide Program Connections

Section and Activity	Guide Program Connections
Bowring Park	Interest Badge – Provincial Heritage
Beaumont Hamel	
Guedecourt	Interest Badge – Postal
Masnieres	Interest Badge – Recycling #7, #8 Interest Badge – First Aid #8 Interest Badge – Plants and Animals #2
Monchy-le-Preux	
Courtrai	Discover Your Creativity #2
Opening and Closing	Discover What's important to you #3 Interest Badge – Peace #8 Interest Badge – Provincial Heritage Interest Badge – Reporting #2,#3,#5

Pathfinder Program Connections

Section and Activity	Pathfinder Program Connections
Bowring Park	
Beaumont Hamel	We're a Team #4
Gueudecourt	
Masnieres	Follow that Woman #1 Survivor Girl #4 Everything Comes From STEM #5
Monchy-le-Preux	
Courtrai	The Arts from A to Z #7 (crafts)
Opening and Closing	Bridging the Gap #3 (assisting in Event) Beyond Pathfinders #3 (whole event) Be a Model Citizen- Celebrations #2 (whole event)

Ranger Program Connections

Section and Activity	Ranger Program Connections
Bowring Park	Community Connections #13
Beaumont Hamel	
Gueudecourt	
Masnieres	Environment, Outdoors and Camping #2
Monchy-le-Preux	Community Connections #13
Courtrai	Global Awareness #29
Opening and Closing	Community Connections #25 Explore Your Creativity #13 Global Awareness #12, #13

Resources

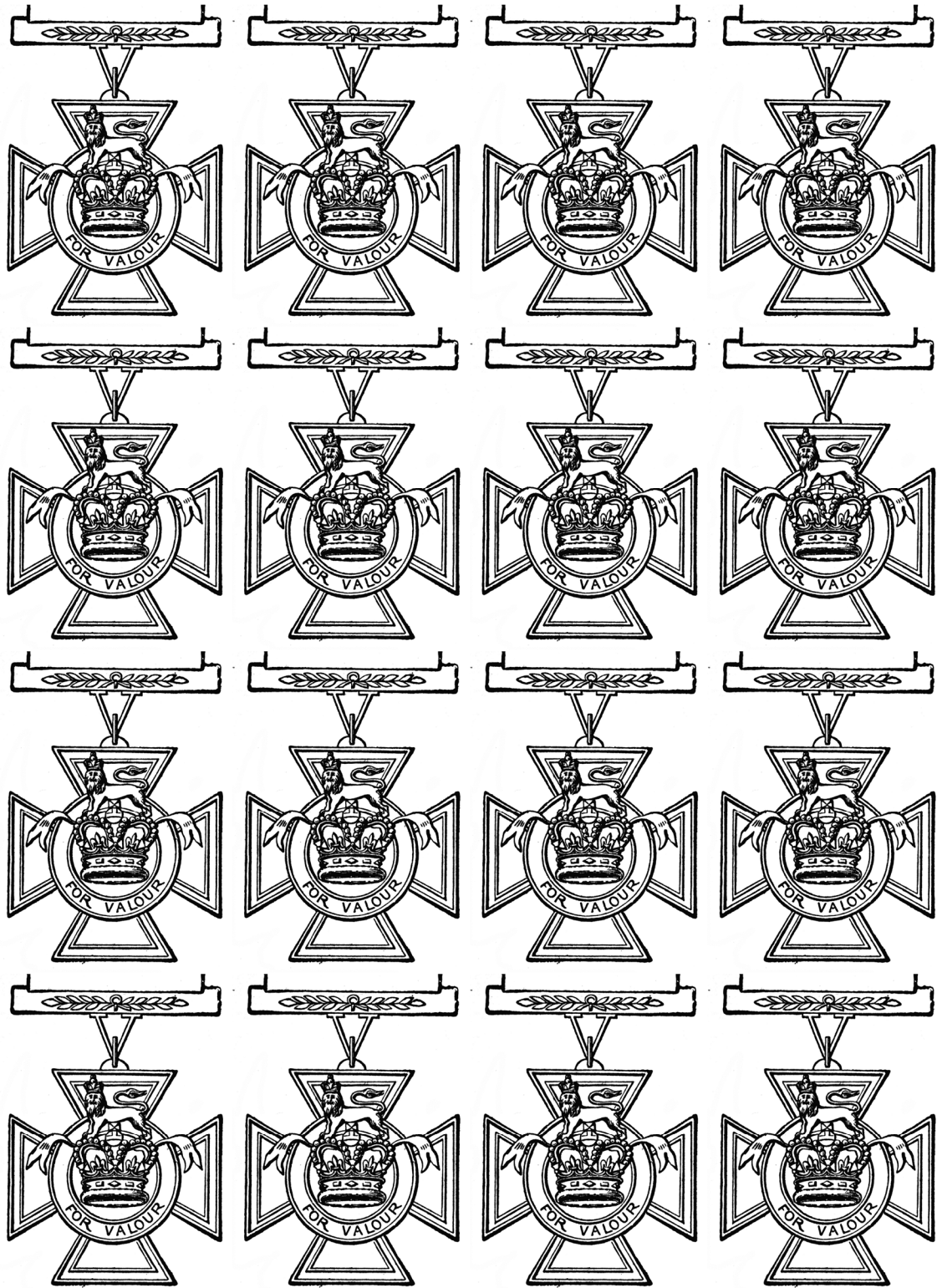
Many of the activities have website links within the description. Others are included here. The craft activities are included. If you find a more age appropriate activity for your units, use it. Many of the ideas came from Pinterest, colouring page websites, etc.

Clothespin Soldier: This activity can be done using two different types of clothespins. It is at the discretion of the Guider which style to use. Using the links and/or pictures below, have girls create a Newfoundland Regiment soldier. You will have to look at pictures to find appropriate colours as these links are not specific to that type of soldier.

<http://craftsbyamanda.com/clothespin-christmas-soldiers/>







Victoria Cross

Forget-Me Not Flower (Felt version) Use blue felt and a yellow button



Poppies and Forget-Me-Nots

HOW TO MAKE Crepe Paper Flowers







