The Memory Project Archive houses more than 2,800 testimonies and over 10,000 images from veterans of the First World War, Second World War, the Korean War and peacekeeping operations. Among these entries are several Indigenous veterans’ testimonies. This list of resources has been compiled to further students’ knowledge of Indigenous contributions to Canadian military history. Students can read and listen to the articles and testimonies to learn more about the reasons Indigenous people joined the Canadian military, their achievements and challenges while serving, and their experiences following their service.

Teachers are encouraged to preview the testimonies before assigning them, as stories of war often include graphic content.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THE WORLD WARS

The First and Second World War presented the Indigenous peoples of Canada with opportunities to find employment, claim rights, and challenge social barriers.

INDIGENOUS VETERANS (VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA)

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people have made many contributions to Canadian military history. Aboriginal Veterans Day is commemorated on November 8.

FRANCIS PEGAHMAGABOW

Francis Pegahmagabow was an Anishnaabe chief, Indigenous rights advocate, and one of the most decorated Indigenous veterans of the First World War.

EDITH MONTURE

Charlotte Edith Anderson Monture was a Mohawk First World War veteran and registered nurse.
HENRY NORWEST
(VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA)

Henry Norwest, a Métis sharpshooter, served in France during the First World War, earning the Military Medal in 1917. He was killed three months before the war ended.

For additional resources on Indigenous histories in Canada, visit Historica Canada’s Education Portal and The Canadian Encyclopedia.

Historica Canada offers programs that you can use to explore, learn, and reflect on our history, and what it means to be Canadian. For more information, visit www.historicacanada.ca.

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