

# **Studies of World War II Veterans, Lest We Forget**

## **(The Last Full Measure of Their Devotion)**

Searching out the wartime records of our loved ones will give us the opportunity to know them better as we understand the battles they were involved in and the sacrifices they made so that we can enjoy freedom today.

We want to collect as much information as we can for our own knowledge, as well as to preserve their legacy for future generations.

Our search will begin with the questions: When did they serve? Where did they serve?

Were they in the Enlisted Ranks or an Officer?

Clues: Photos of the soldier in uniform, medals and memorabilia, journals or diaries, correspondence, old newspaper clippings, family stories, grave markers, etc.

### **Ancestry.ca Military Records, War Records & Service Records**

Narrow by Category: Draft, Enlistment & Service, Casualties

Soldier, Veterans, Prisoner Rolls and Lists, Pension Records, Histories, News, Photos

Featured data collections: Canada Military Collections, U.S. Military Records, (All Wars)

U.K. Military Collections, Deutsche Militargeschichte (German Military Histories) -1500-1942

Canada, Soldiers of the First World War, 1914-1918

### **Ancestry.com Military Records for U.S., Australia, Canada, Germany, Sweden, U.K.**

**Find My Past.com Military Service and Conflicts – U.S., Canada, Ireland, U.K., Australia**

**And New Zealand.** Over 60 Million Military and Conflict Records.

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission** Casualty database lists the names and place of commemoration of the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died during the two world wars. It also records details of the 67,000 Commonwealth civilians who died “as a result of enemy action” in the Second World War.

**National Archives gov.uk** <http://www.armymuseums.org.uk/ancestor.htm>

**Most towns and counties in the UK have their own websites, i.e. St Helens Rolls of Honour**

**The Long Long Trail website for WW I Veterans**

**Fold 3 (by Ancestry) U.S. Historical Military Records,** <https://www.fold3.com>

Browse Military Records by War – 487,325,787 Total Records

**Veterans Affairs Canada – “Remembrance”** – Heroes Remember Interviews, History, Memorials and war cemeteries in Canada and around the world that honour Canadians who have served.

**Canadian Virtual War Memorial** – A registry to honour and remember the sacrifices of the more than 118,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders who, since Confederation, have given their lives serving in uniform. The names are also inscribed in the seven Books of Remembrance.

Today’s Honour Roll recognizes those who have fallen on today’s date.

**Honour Roll, Juno Beach,** [www.junobeach.info](http://www.junobeach.info) Names of all who lost their lives on Juno Beach, June 6, 1944. Lists of Regiments Involved in D-Day and meeting their objectives.

**Forces War Records U.K.** – [forces-war-records.co.uk](http://forces-war-records.co.uk) Free Tutorials Available

**The Memory Project – Historica Canada** – [www.thememoryproject.com](http://www.thememoryproject.com) “Search Veteran Stories” Veterans in The First World War, The Second World War, The Korean War, Peacekeeping.