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#### CANADIAN VIRTUAL WAR MEMORIAL

In memory of:

## Lieutenant Giles Dever Osgood

August 15, 1917

### Military Service

<b>Age:</b>	34
<b>Force:</b>	Army
<b>Unit:</b>	Canadian Infantry (New Brunswick Regiment)
<b>Division:</b>	26th Bn.

### Additional Information

**Born:**

August 14, 1883

Fredericton, New Brunswick

**Enlistment:**

June 19, 1916

Saint John, New Brunswick

Son of Giles and Margaret Osgood, of Fredericton, New Brunswick. Husband of Edith Hazel Bell Collins (formerly Osgood), of Saint John, New Brunswick.

Commemorated on [Page 304](#) of the *First World War Book of Remembrance*.

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## Burial Information

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**Cemetery:**

VIMY MEMORIAL

Pas de Calais, France

**Grave Reference:**

N/A

**Location:**

Canada's most impressive tribute overseas to those Canadians who fought and gave their lives in the First World War is the majestic and inspiring Vimy Memorial, which overlooks the Douai Plain from the highest point of Vimy Ridge, about eight kilometres northeast of Arras on the N17 towards Lens. The Memorial is signposted from this road to the left, just before you enter the village of Vimy from the south. The memorial itself is somewhat inside the memorial park, but again it is well signposted. At the base of the memorial, these words appear in French and in English:

TO THE VALOUR OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN IN THE GREAT WAR  
AND IN MEMORY OF THEIR SIXTY THOUSAND DEAD THIS

## MONUMENT IS RAISED BY THE PEOPLE OF CANADA

Inscribed on the ramparts of the Vimy Memorial are the names of over 11,000 Canadian soldiers who were posted as 'missing, presumed dead' in France. A plaque at the entrance to the memorial states that the land for the battlefield park, 91.18 hectares in extent, was 'the free gift in perpetuity of the French nation to the people of Canada'. Construction of the massive work began in 1925, and 11 years later, on July 26, 1936, the monument was unveiled by King Edward VIII. The park surrounding the Vimy Memorial was created by horticultural experts. Canadian trees and shrubs were planted in great masses to resemble the woods and forests of Canada. Wooded parklands surround the grassy slopes of the approaches around the Vimy Memorial. Trenches and tunnels have been restored and preserved and the visitor can picture the magnitude of the task that faced the Canadian Corps on that distant dawn when history was made. On April 3, 2003, the Government of Canada designated April 9th of each year as a national day of remembrance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

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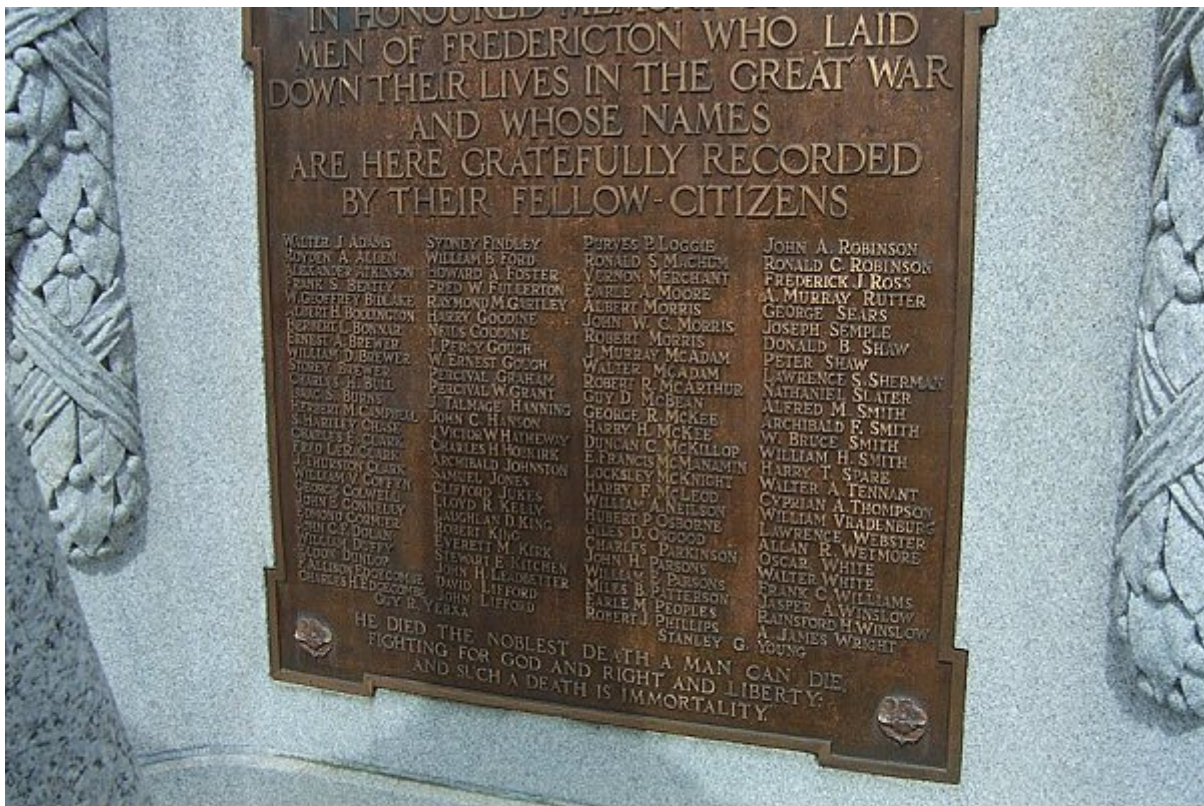
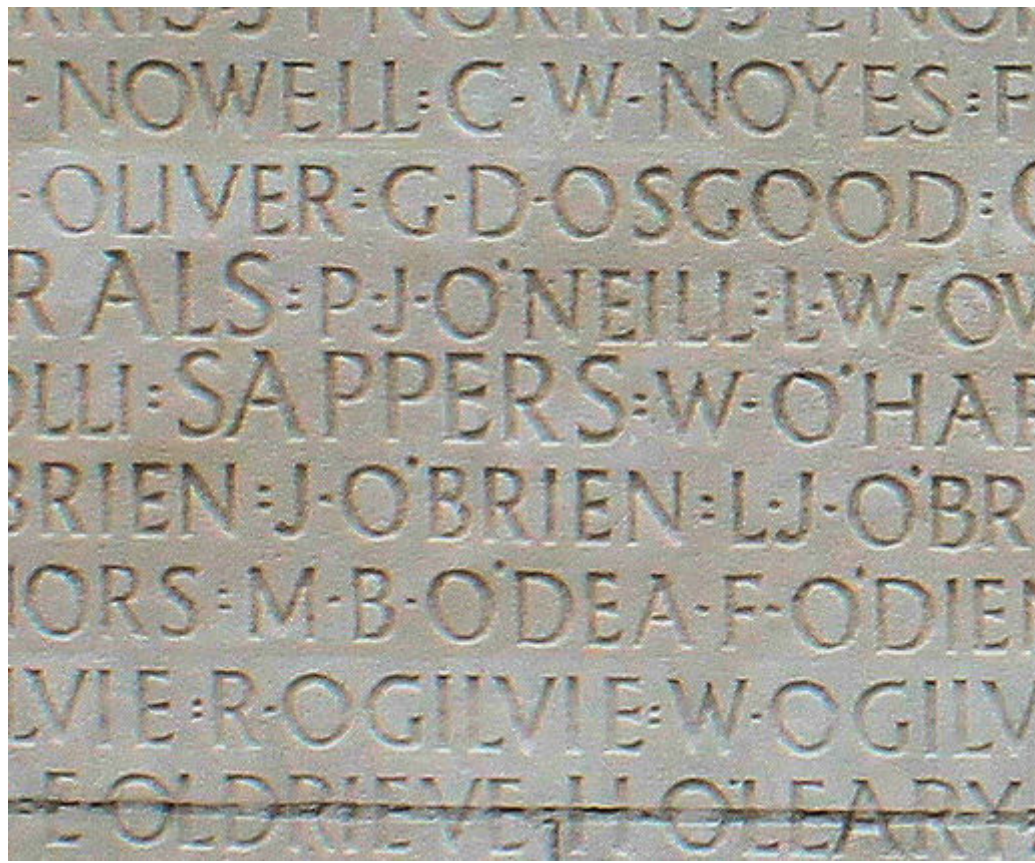


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