



1998 ICE STORMS

During early January in 1998, three consecutive ice-storms devastated eastern Canada. Trees and power lines were knocked down, streets and sidewalks were coated with ice, and thousands of Canadians found themselves facing the winter chill without power. On January 8, Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick declared a state of emergency and requested the aid of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Many of the Canadian soldiers were on Christmas leave when they were recalled to their Canadian Forces Base. Within 24 hours the troops had assembled and were ready to move out.

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Members of the Canadian Armed Forces walk to their headquarters in Westmount, Que., on 9 January 1998. (Credit: Robert Galbraith/Canadian Press, <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/ice-storm-1998-1.4469977>)

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When they arrived in eastern Canada's devastated communities they found that the roads had been blocked with fallen trees and that some people hadn't had power for three days.

The troops quickly got to work clearing roads for emergency vehicles, restoring telephone communication, removing

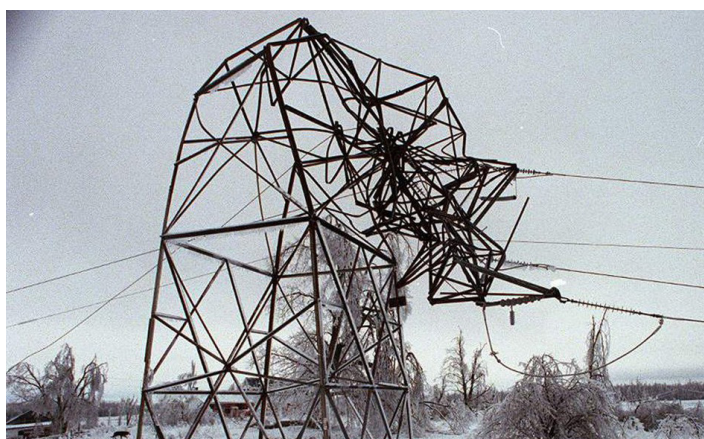


A convoy of troops from Petawawa arrive in Ottawa to assist their fellow Canadians during the state of emergency, 9 January 1998. (Credit: Sgt Marsha St-Dennis, DGPA/J5PA from the Canadian Armed Forces Imagery Gallery/ISC98-002-13)

debris, delivering badly needed supplies, assisting the local police, and visiting homes to identify at-risk individuals. Two soldiers even helped a dairy farmer milk his cows!

Over 14,000 Canadian troops participated in Operation Recuperation making it the largest peacetime military deployment in Canada's history.

For more articles like this, please visit our [online military history library](#).



Damage near Finch, Ontario, from the ice storm in January 1998 (Credit: Pat McGrath/Ottawa Citizen, <https://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/remember-the-ice-storm-of-98-it-was-the-most-devastating-and-least-ferocious-of-disasters>)

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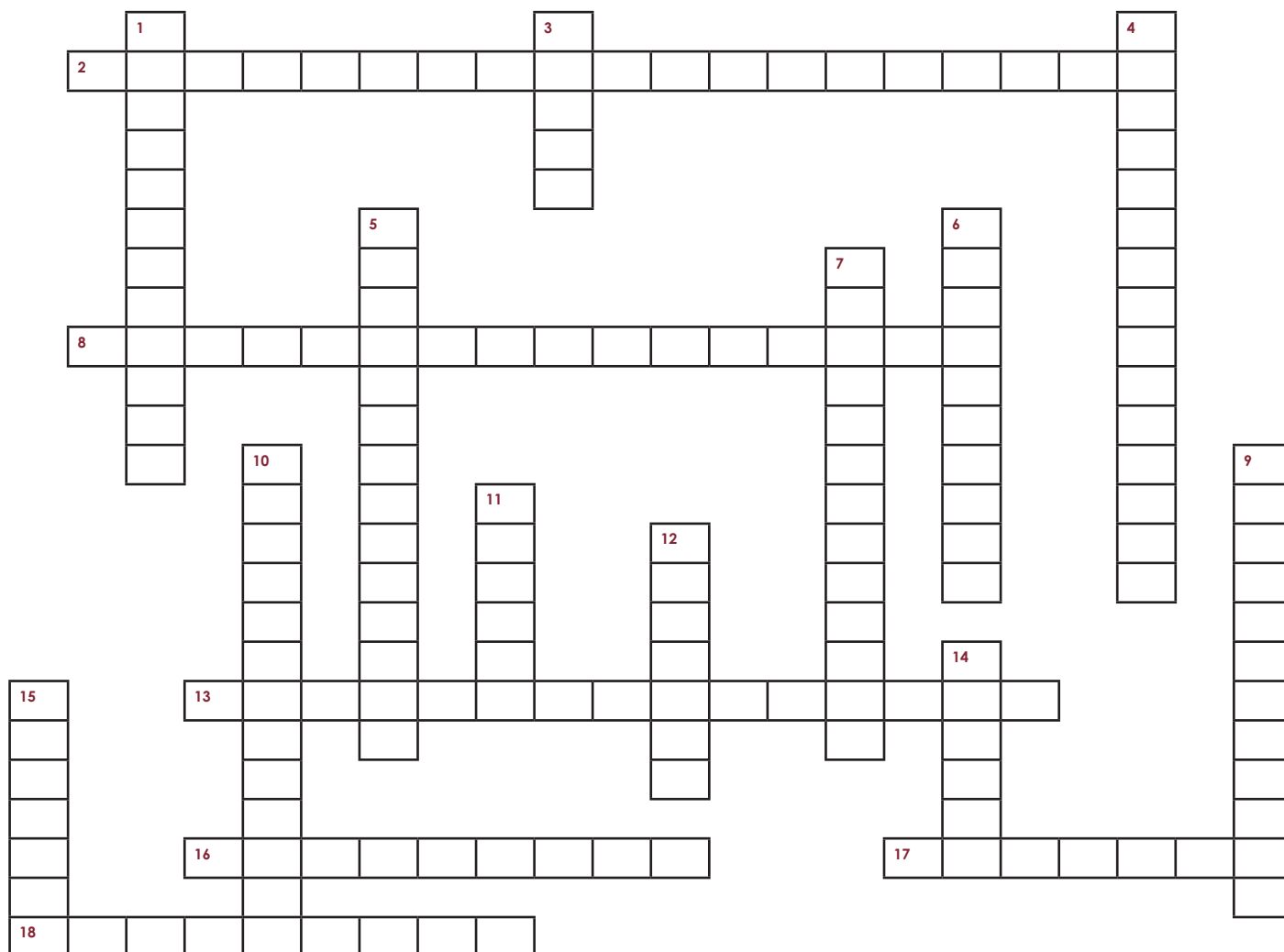
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CROSSWORD CLUES:

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| 1. _____ War Graves Commission | of two _____ sites outside of Canada. (2 Words) | Memorial designer |
| 2. Ottawa location of Canada's National War Memorial (2 words) | 9. The monument in Ottawa entitled <i>Reconciliation</i> commemorates Canada's role in international _____. | 13. The National Inventory of Military Memorials operates under the Canadian Department of _____. (2 Words) |
| 3. National War Memorial designer | 10. The Books of Remembrance commemorate all Canadians who have died in uniform since _____. | 14. Country hosting seventeen Canadian war memorials |
| 4. Inside the Peace Tower (2 words) | 11. There are currently 6,293 registered war memorials in _____. | 15. Saint Julien Memorial country |
| 5. Tomb of the _____ (2 words) | 12. Canadian National Vimy | 16. Vimy Memorial material |
| 6. 20\$ bill memorial (2 words) | | 17. Peace Tower architect |
| 7. Longest Book of Remembrance (3 words) | | 18. _____ Memorial to the Missing, Ypres, Belgium (2 words) |
| 8. The Vimy Memorial is one | | |

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- Valour Canada is excited to announce our second YouTube premiere, "**24 Hours in a Trench, with Andy Robertshaw**" (4m:44), scheduled to begin at 0900 MST on **Sunday January 24, 2021** (1100 EST). This will be the second short vignette in the *Valour Canada at War* series - a twelve-video series created to educate about Trench Warfare on the Western Front during the First World War. To view this video on Sunday January 24, 2021, please visit our [YouTube page](#).
- All other Spring 2021 events are postponed.

Valour Canada is excited to announce:

ONLINE PUB QUIZ NIGHT

on

Thursday March 04, 2021

at 1900 hrs (MST)

To register, please email: jordan.watson@valourcanada.ca

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- **Have you heard?** The Naval Museum Society of Alberta is having a membership drive! You can [sign up here](#).
- Check out our **2020 Valour Canada History & Heritage Scholarship** [winning videos here](#). Congratulations to all of our winners!

DEC 2020 WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Sergeant Major John Osborn | 6. First World War |
| 2. Winnipeg Grenadiers | 7. Second World War |
| 3. Victoria Cross | 8. Royal Navy |
| 4. Manchuria | 9. Japanese Labour Camps |
| 5. Hong Kong | 10. Prisoner of War |

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