

## IMAGINE ...

... that you're a 16-year-old during the First World War. Your father answered the call to arms, and is serving overseas. And then, one day, you see this poster nailed to a tree at the end of your street.

You know what's at stake. You know what the enemy is capable of, and what might happen if the Allies don't win.

Would you have lied about your age to enlist?

Would you have waited until you were of age?

Or would you have stayed out of it?

When teachers set this kind of scene and their students are holding the poster — an item from the Canadian War Museum's **Supply Line** program — the questions have a different impact. Students feel the significance and the choices faced by people barely older than themselves.

Supply Line connects students to the past — to kids just like them who sacrificed their youth, and even their lives.

And that connection to the past makes it come alive, ensuring that the stories of our military history will live on.



This is an example of a public notice that was posted during the First World War. CWM 19820376-008



<Date>

Dear <CnAdrSal\_Salutation>,

Sarah is a teacher. Her great-great-grandfather Howard, who grew up in New Brunswick, fought during the First World War. On September 27, 1918, he was hit by German artillery, and died two days later. He is buried in a cemetery near Arras, in France. Her great-grandfather Sheldon also fought in the First World War, and took part in the Battle of Cambrai.

Sarah hadn't known anything about their military service. But because of you, she and her students learned about their experiences, and about a lot of Canadian veterans' stories.

You see, Sarah teaches in a remote town in Newfoundland and Labrador, an hour-and-a-half ferry ride from the mainland. Museum visits are impossible, and resources are limited. So, when Sarah found out about the Canadian War Museum's **Supply Line** program, she jumped at the chance to bring it to her classroom and explore it with her students.

Supply Line brings a Discovery Box of military objects from the First or Second World Wars into classrooms anywhere in Canada. They can travel to every region of the country, including yours. **Imagine the loud clacking sound of a gas rattle alarm filling a classroom, a child feeling the weight of a steel helmet on their head, or students gathering around a teacher to read a letter sent to loved ones back home.**

This is the kind of impact your donations help to create, <CnAdrSal\_Salutation>. With First World War veterans gone, and fewer and fewer remaining Second World War veterans, it's more important than ever that Discovery Boxes get to schools across the country.

**I deeply appreciate the contribution that you've already made this year, and I wonder if you can help again. Please donate <\$Ask1>, <\$Ask2>, <\$Ask3>, or whatever you can today, to help ensure that the experiences of those who served are shared far and wide across this country.**

Your gift will help to keep Supply Line free for schools. It costs between \$50 and \$300 to ship a Discovery Box to a school. But because Supply Line is *entirely funded* by caring people like you, any school — no matter how remote — can access this program.

Your donation will help ensure that this program, and others, continue **so that veterans' stories can live on through the next generation.**

*Please see over ...*

Here's another way your donation will help: after 10 years of travelling so far and being so well loved, the Discovery Boxes need repair and, in some cases, replacement. We regularly care for the items in the boxes. But the boxes themselves are wearing out.

If we don't keep the boxes up to museum preservation standards, we can't send items — such as a prisoner of war's scrapbook, shrapnel bullets, trench art, and a lifeboat ration tin — to schools across the country. Without additional donations, thousands of students will miss out on learning about our military history by holding it in their hands.

I mentioned that Sarah learned about her great-great-grandfather and great-grandfather because of Supply Line. After booking a Discovery Box, she discussed it with her father, who told her more about her family. It helped Sarah bring a personal touch to her teaching. Sarah's students also learned about others who served with the Army, Navy and Air Force. About prisoners of war, nursing sisters and many others.

**Stories of service, loss, sacrifice and triumph from the First and Second World Wars should not fade into history. With your help, they can live on through the next generation, because of programs like Supply Line.**

Please send your donation today. You will ensure that the objects and stories of those who served will be protected and live on, inspiring students' and teachers' curiosity for generations to come.

With sincere thanks,



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P.S. With the school year about to start, please send your donation today, so that the stories of those who served — our loved ones and community members, past and present — can be passed on to the next generation.