



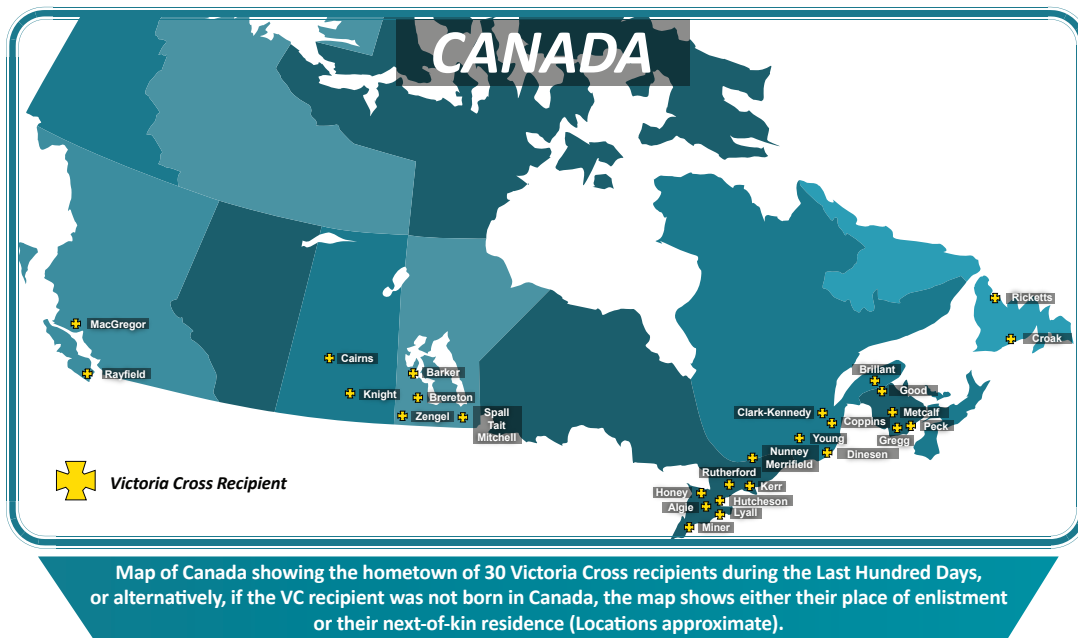
# Youth Remember the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada’s Hundred Days

## **Hometown Braves** 30 Recipients of the Victoria Cross

Hundreds of thousands of Canadians and Newfoundlanders served bravely during the First World War. A large number of them were decorated for courage on the battlefield. The highest award for bravery a British Empire service member could receive is the Victoria Cross, and more than 73 Canadians and Newfoundlanders received this prestigious medal from 1914 to 1918. During “Canada’s Hundred Days,” the remarkable final three-month stretch of victories at the end of the war, an impressive total of 30 Canadians and Newfoundlanders were awarded the Victoria Cross.

In this activity, you will get to know these 30 individuals and learn more about their hometown, place of enlistment, as well as the brave action they performed to obtain the Victoria Cross. You will compile information and present your findings to the class.

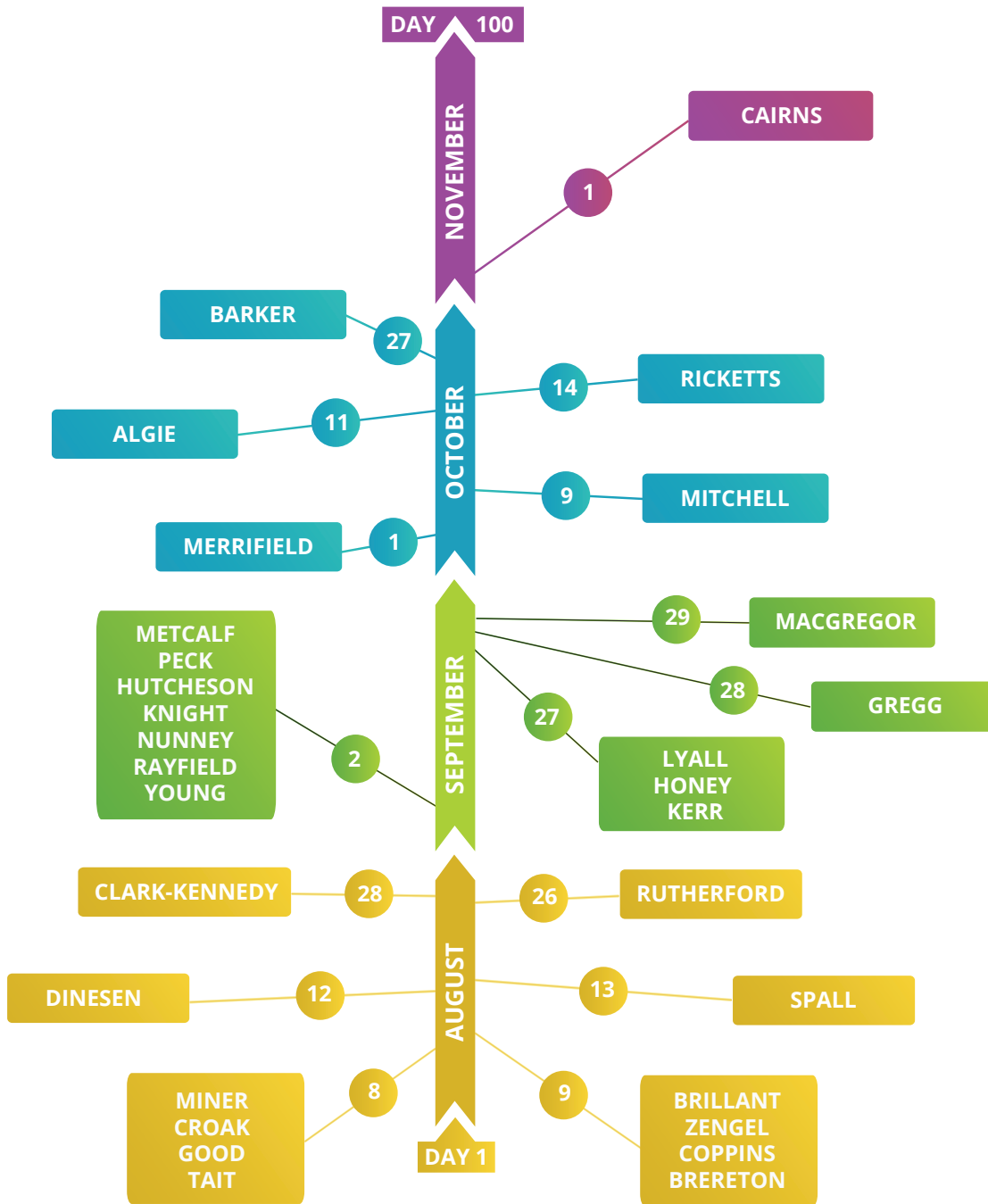
These courageous individuals had ties with communities all across Canada, either by birth, residence, work or enlistment, etc. This is why this activity is simply called “Hometown Braves.”



The final three months of the First World War are often referred to as “Canada’s Hundred Days,” mostly because troops from the Canadian Expeditionary Force were at the forefront of numerous battles between August 8 to November 11, 1918. Our soldiers won important battles but also suffered greatly. Many were decorated for bravery, including 30 who were awarded the Victoria Cross. Here is a breakdown per day of Canada’s Hundred Days Victoria Cross recipients:

# CANADA'S 100 DAYS

## Victoria Cross Recipients Timeline



Here is the list of the 30 Victoria Cross recipients. To help you find out more about these individuals, you can click on the hyperlinks. If you read this document from a printed sheet, here are the web addresses to help you with your research.

You can search the Canadian Virtual War Memorial if your individual died in service (shown with an asterisk \* before the name).

[www.virtualmemorial.gc.ca](http://www.virtualmemorial.gc.ca)

You will find the service file of each individual in the Personnel Records of the First World War section of the Library and Archives website.






<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/personnel-records/Pages/search.aspx>

You will find a short biography, as well as the Victoria Cross citation (text explaining the reasons why the Victoria Cross was awarded) under the Victoria Cross section of the Directorate of History and Heritage website.

<http://www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhh-dhp/gal/vcg-gcv/index-eng.asp>

An asterisk (\*) in front of the name indicates that the individual died in service, and the hyperlink goes to his memorial page on the Canadian Virtual War Memorial.






| <b>*Harry Garnet<br/>B. Miner</b>   | <b>*John Bernard<br/>Croak</b>  | <b>Herman James<br/>Good</b>  | <b>*James Edward<br/>Tait</b>  | <b>*Jean<br/>Brillant</b>   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Birthplace<br><b>Cedar Springs,<br/>ON</b>  | Birthplace<br><b>Little Bay,<br/>NL</b>   | Birthplace<br><b>South Bathurst,<br/>NB</b>   | Birthplace<br><b>Dumfries,<br/>Scotland</b>  | Birthplace<br><b>Assametguaghan,<br/>QC</b>   |
| Enlistment place<br><a href="#">London, ON</a>                                      | Enlistment place<br><a href="#">Sussex, NB</a>                                      | Enlistment place<br><a href="#">Sussex, NB</a>                                      | Enlistment place<br><a href="#">Winnipeg, MB</a>                                     | Enlistment place<br><a href="#">Valcartier, QC</a>                                    |
| Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-08-08</b>  | Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-08-08</b>  | Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-08-08</b>  | Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-08-08</b>   | Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-08-09</b>  |

| Raphael Louis Zengel  | Frederick George Coppins  | Alexander Picton Brereton   | Thomas Dinesen   | *Robert Spall   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Birthplace<br><b>Faribault,<br/>United States</b>                                 | Birthplace<br><b>London,<br/>England</b>  | Birthplace<br><b>Oak River,<br/>MB</b>  | Birthplace<br><b>Rungsted,<br/>Denmark</b>   | Birthplace<br><b>Ealing,<br/>England</b>  |
| Enlistment place<br>Virden, MB  | Enlistment place<br>Valcartier, QC  | Enlistment place<br>Winnipeg, MB  | Enlistment place<br>Montreal, QC   | Enlistment place<br>Winnipeg, MB  |
| Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-08-09</b>  | Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-08-09</b>  | Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-08-09</b>  | Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-08-12</b>   | Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-08-13</b>  |

| Charles Smith Rutherford  | William Hew Clark-Kennedy   | William Henry Metcalf   | Cyrus Wesley Peck  | Bellenden S. Hutcheson  |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Birthplace<br><b>Colborne,<br/>ON</b>   | Birthplace<br><b>Dunskey,<br/>Scotland</b>  | Birthplace<br><b>Waite Township,<br/>United States</b>                              | Birthplace<br><b>Hopewell Hill,<br/>NB</b>   | Birthplace<br><b>Mount Carmel,<br/>United States</b>                                  |
| Enlistment place<br>Toronto, ON   | Enlistment place<br>Valcartier, QC  | Enlistment place<br>Fredericton, NB   | Enlistment place<br>Victoria, BC   | Enlistment place<br>Toronto, ON   |
| Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-08-26</b>  | Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-08-28</b>  | Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-09-02</b>  | Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-09-02</b>   | Victoria Cross date<br><b>1918-09-02</b>  |

| *Arthur George Knight   | *Claude Joseph P. Nunney  | Walter Leigh Rayfield   | John Francis Young   | Graham T. Lyall   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Meadvale,<br/>England</b></p>                                | <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Dublin,<br/>Ireland</b></p>                                  | <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Richmond,<br/>England</b></p>                                | <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Kidderminster,<br/>England</b></p>                            | <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Manchester,<br/>England</b></p>                                |
| <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>Regina, SK</b></p>                                     | <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>Ottawa, ON</b></p>                                     | <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>Victoria, BC</b></p>                                   | <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>Montreal, QC</b></p>                                    | <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>St. Catharines, ON</b></p>                               |
| <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-09-02</b></p>                                  | <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-09-02</b></p>                                  | <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-09-02</b></p>                                  | <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-09-02</b></p>                                   | <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-09-27</b></p>                                    |

| *Samuel Lewis Honey   | George Fraser Kerr  | Milton Fowler Gregg   | John MacGregor   | William Merrifield  |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Conn,<br/>ON</b></p>   | <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Deseronto,<br/>ON</b></p>                                      | <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Mountain Dale,<br/>NB</b></p>                                  | <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Cawdor,<br/>Scotland</b></p>                                    | <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Brentwood,<br/>England</b></p>                                   |
| <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>Walkerton, ON</b></p>                                    | <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>Valcartier, QC</b></p>                                   | <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>Halifax, NS</b></p>                                      | <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>Vancouver, BC</b></p>                                     | <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>Valcartier, QC</b></p>                                     |
| <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-09-27</b></p>                                    | <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-09-27</b></p>                                    | <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-09-28</b></p>                                    | <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-09-29</b></p>                                     | <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-10-01</b></p>                                      |

| Coulson Norman Mitchell   | *Wallace Lloyd Algie  | Thomas Ricketts   | William George Barker  | *Hugh Cairns  |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Winnipeg,<br/>MB</b></p>                                     | <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Alton,<br/>ON</b></p>  | <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Middle Arm,<br/>NL</b></p>                                   | <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Dauphin,<br/>MB</b></p>                                       | <p>Birthplace<br/><b>Ashington,<br/>England</b></p>                                 |
| <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>Ottawa, ON</b></p>                                     | <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>Toronto, ON</b></p>                                    | <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>St. John's, NL</b></p>                                 | <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>Brandon, MB</b></p>                                     | <p>Enlistment place<br/><b>Saskatoon, SK</b></p>                                    |
| <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-10-09</b></p>                                  | <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-10-11</b></p>                                  | <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-10-14</b></p>                                  | <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-10-27</b></p>                                   | <p>Victoria Cross date<br/><b>1918-11-01</b></p>                                    |