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HERITAGE FAIR STUDENTS FOLLOWING THE 'TRAIL OF THE CARIBOU'

[St. John's, NL, June 22nd, 2017] The Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (HSA) is proud to announce that 19 of their Heritage Fair students have been selected for a European tour which will retrace the steps of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in the First World War. Recipients were chosen from across the province for their exceptional Heritage Fair projects on a First World topic. The group will be departing June 28th for this powerful and moving experience, which will provide them with a deeper understanding of this aspect of Newfoundland and Labrador's history.

Ambassador Award Recipients:

Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Brady Gibbons** (Age 14, Holy Trinity High School)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Darcy Scott** (Age 14, Frank Roberts Junior High)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Emily Woodfine** (Age 14, Beaconsfield Junior High)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Hannah Blackmore** (Age 13, Holy Trinity High School)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Jordan Brake** (Age 15, Waterford Valley High)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Mackenzie Gordon** (Age 16, St. Kevin's High School)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Michael Moss** (Age 13, Beaconsfield Junior High)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Momin Anwar** (Age 13, MacDonald Drive Junior High)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Nicholas Edwards** (Age 13, Beaconsfield Junior High)
Burin Regional Heritage Fair: **Jacob Farrell** (Age 14, Pearce Junior High)
Central Regional Heritage Fair: **Brooklyn Bixby** (Age 13, Smallwood Academy)
Central Regional Heritage Fair: **Jasmine Neal** (Age 14, Smallwood Academy)
Central Regional Heritage Fair: **Mikayla Eastman** (Age 15, Smallwood Academy)
Conseil Scolaire Francophone: **Keisha Rouzes** (Age 16, École Sainte-Anne)
Vista Regional Heritage Fair: **Haley Peddle** (Age 12, Southeast Arm Academy)
Vista Regional Heritage Fair: **Rebecca Penney** (Age 15, Clarenville Middle School)
Western Regional Heritage Fair: **Elliot Dicks** (Age 13, Xavier Junior High)
Western Regional Heritage Fair: **Kaitlyn Pennell** (Age 14, St. Peter's Academy)
Western Regional Heritage Fair: **Samantha Trask** (Age 14, St. Michael's Elementary)

Ambassador Award Program: The Ambassador Award Program is a joint initiative between the Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (HSA), the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (TCII), under the Honour 100 Commemorations Program, and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DOE). The Ambassador Award Program is administered through the HSA as a part of their Heritage Fair Program. Students in Grade 7 to Level III participate by completing projects commemorating the men and women who served in the First World War. Select projects are chosen to advance from school Heritage Fairs to the regional level, where 19 students in the province are recognized for their excellent projects. The winning students are invited to participate in a



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European battlefield tour, primarily throughout Northern France and Belgium. They visit sites where the Royal Newfoundland Regiment fought and spend time in the five communities that are home to the bronze caribou monuments, the official memorial to the Regiment.

Newfoundland and Labrador Heritage Fairs: The annual Heritage Fairs are a project of the Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (HSA). Since bringing the program to the province in 1997, the HSA initiative has involved over 121,000 student projects, 17,000 volunteers and thousands of prizes. Directly linked to school curricula, Heritage Fairs engage students directly in their own culture and heritage, and allow students to showcase their history projects using a variety of mediums. Their topic is presented at their local school fair, and outstanding projects are selected to advance to a regional fair. This year's Heritage Fair theme was *Keeping our Stories Alive: Celebrating 20 Years of Heritage Fairs in NL*.

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For more information on the Ambassador Award Program: HistoricSites.ca/AmbassadorAward

For questions, high resolution images, or an opportunity to speak with students prior to their departure on June 28th, please contact:

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Brady Gibbons

Grade 8, Holy Trinity High School, Avalon Regional Heritage Fair

“The Battle of Cambri and Private Ernest Fisher”

My project focused on the importance of the Battle of Cambri and the involvement of tanks in the battle. It also detailed the life of my Great-Great Uncle, Private Ernest Fisher.





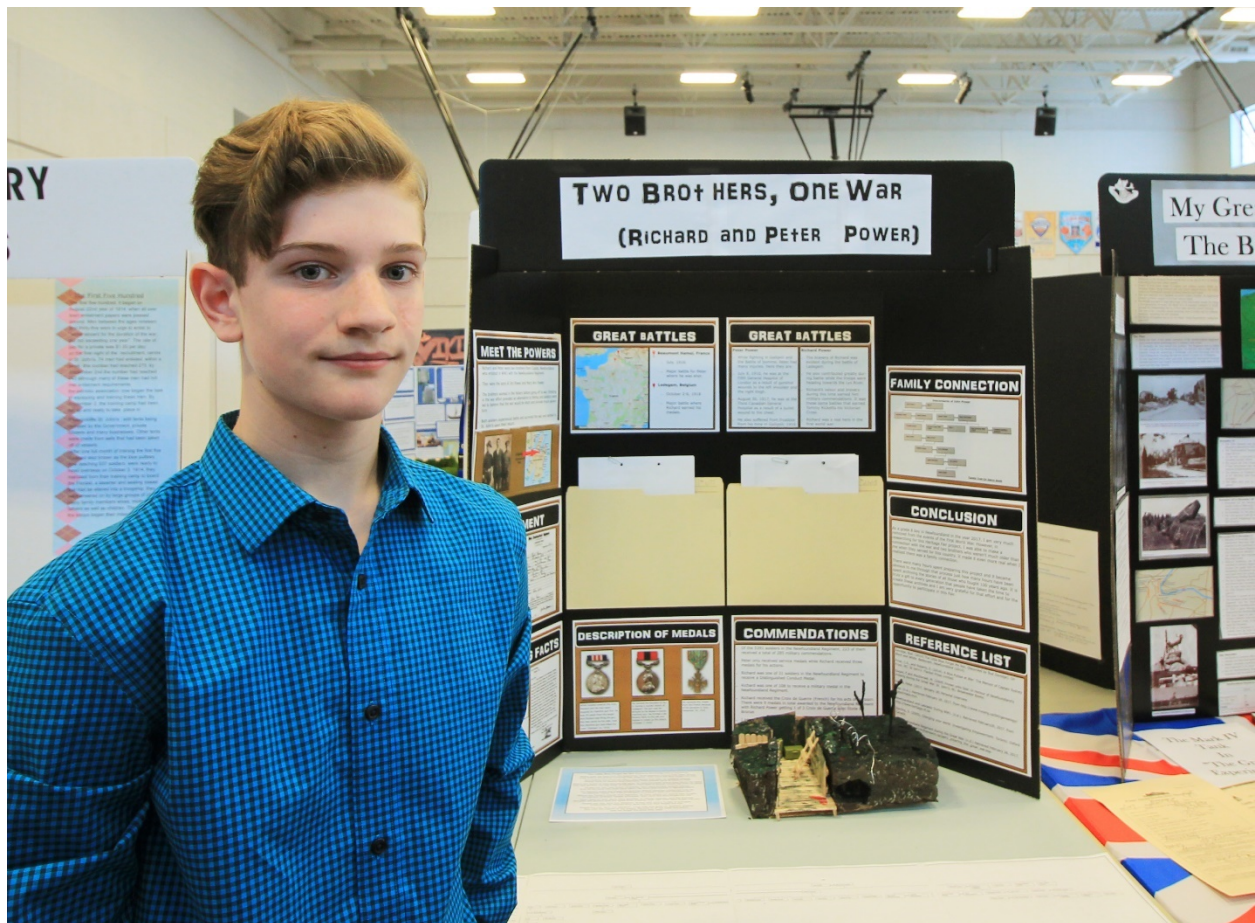
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Darcy Scott

Grade 8, Frank Roberts Junior High, Avalon Regional Heritage Fair

“Two Brothers, One War”

My project was about two of my relatives, Richard and Peter Power, who were two brothers from Cupids. Both fought in World War I and were highly decorated soldiers.





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Emily Woodfine

Grade 8, Beaconsfield Junior High, Avalon Regional Heritage Fair

“Beaumont Hamel July 1, 1916 (Ernest Chafe)”

My project explored the Battle of Beaumont Hamel and the events leading up to, during and after the battle. It also told the story of soldier Ernest L. Chafe who died in the battle.





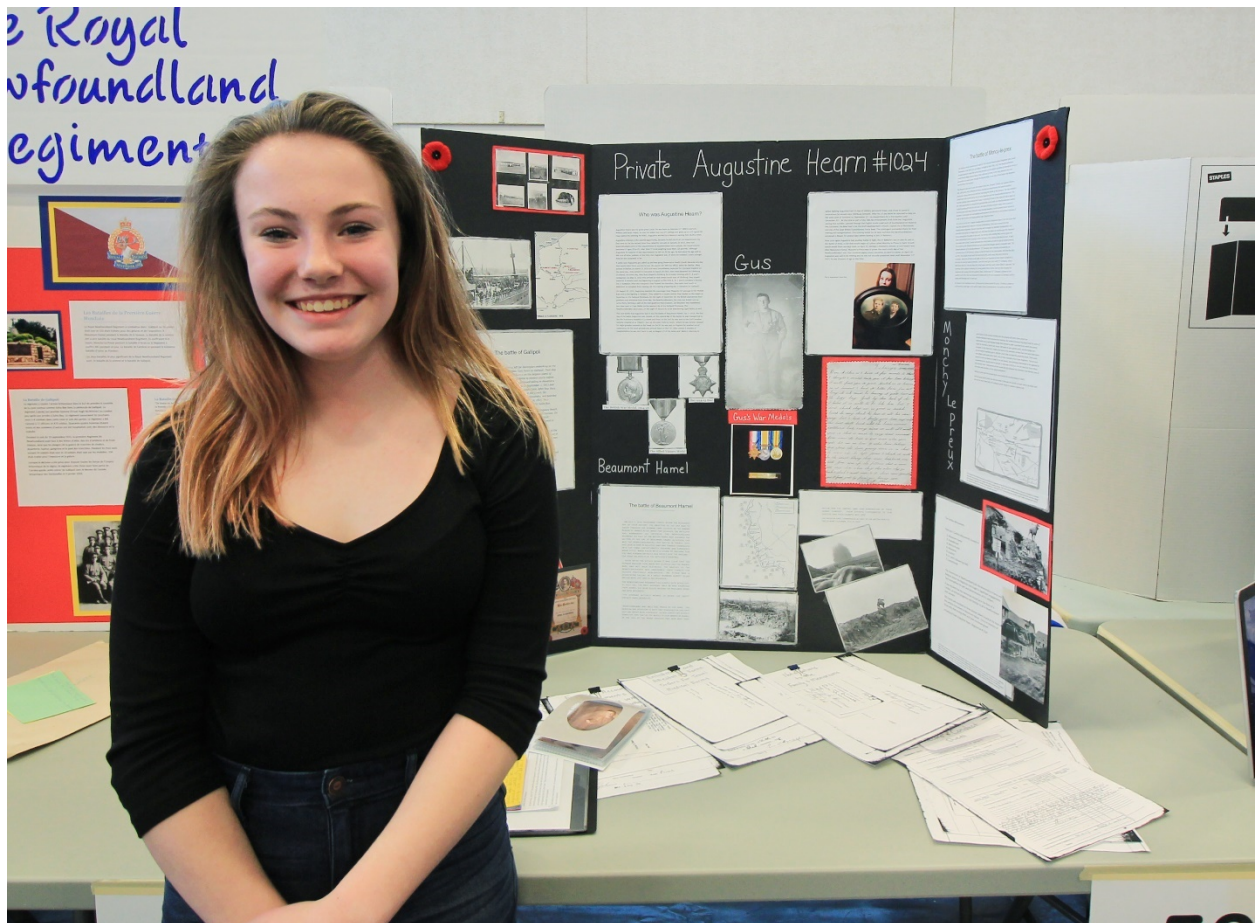
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Hannah Blackmore

Grade 8, Holy Trinity High School, Avalon Regional Heritage Fair

“Augustine Hearn”

My project was about my Great-Great Uncle Augustine Hearn Regimental #1024. It followed his WWI journey from enlistment to his death on April 14, 1917 at Monchy LePreux.





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Jordan Brake

Grade 9, Waterford Valley High, Avalon Regional Heritage Fair

“NL at War”

My project explored people who served in the First World War from my parents' home towns of Marystown and Little Bay. Through researching this project, I learned about several of my relatives who had served in the war. Learning about the past made me feel closer to my ancestors.





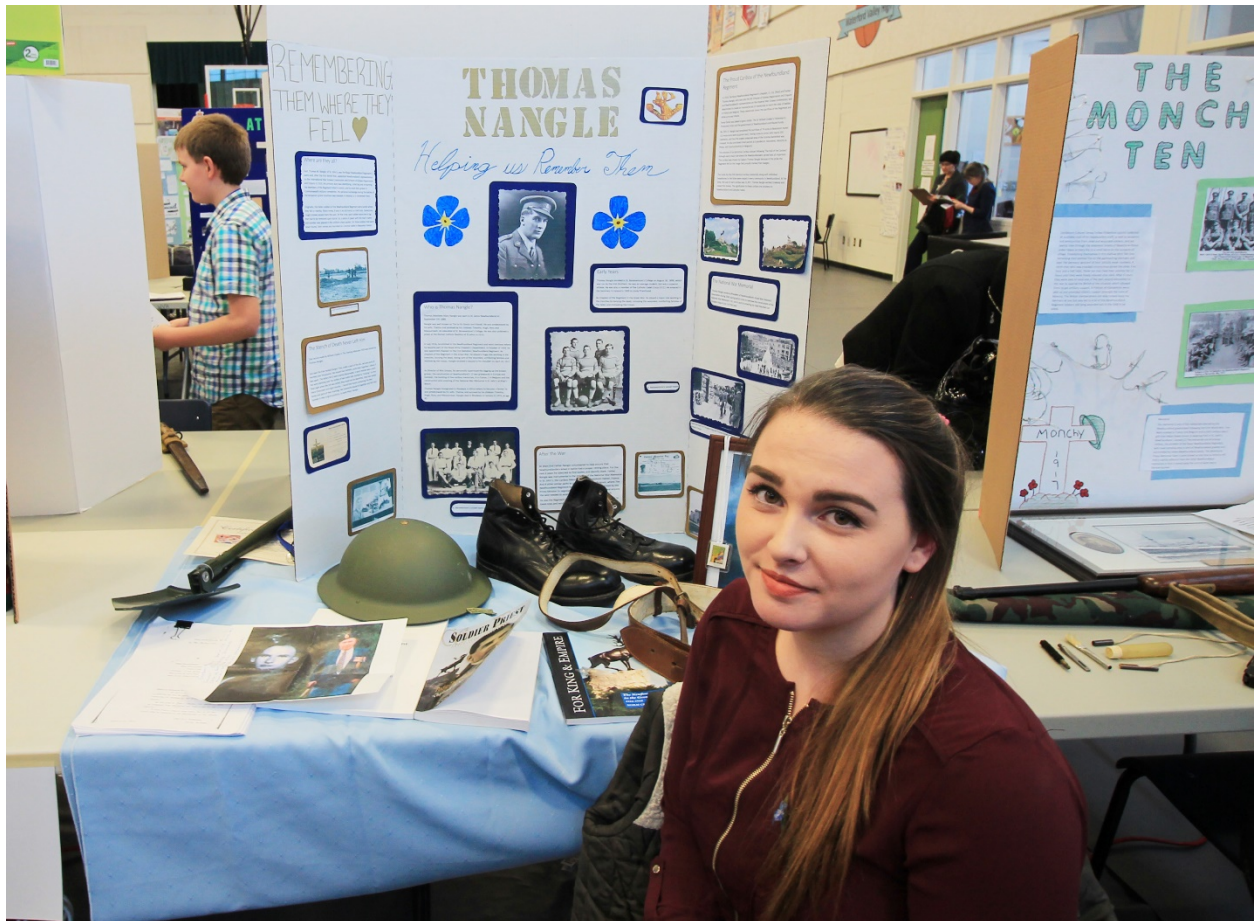
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Mackenzie Gordon

Grade 11, St. Kevin's High School, Avalon Regional Heritage Fair

"Thomas Nangle"

My project presented Thomas Nangle's life work and his amazing contribution to securing memorials dedicated to the Newfoundland Regiment.





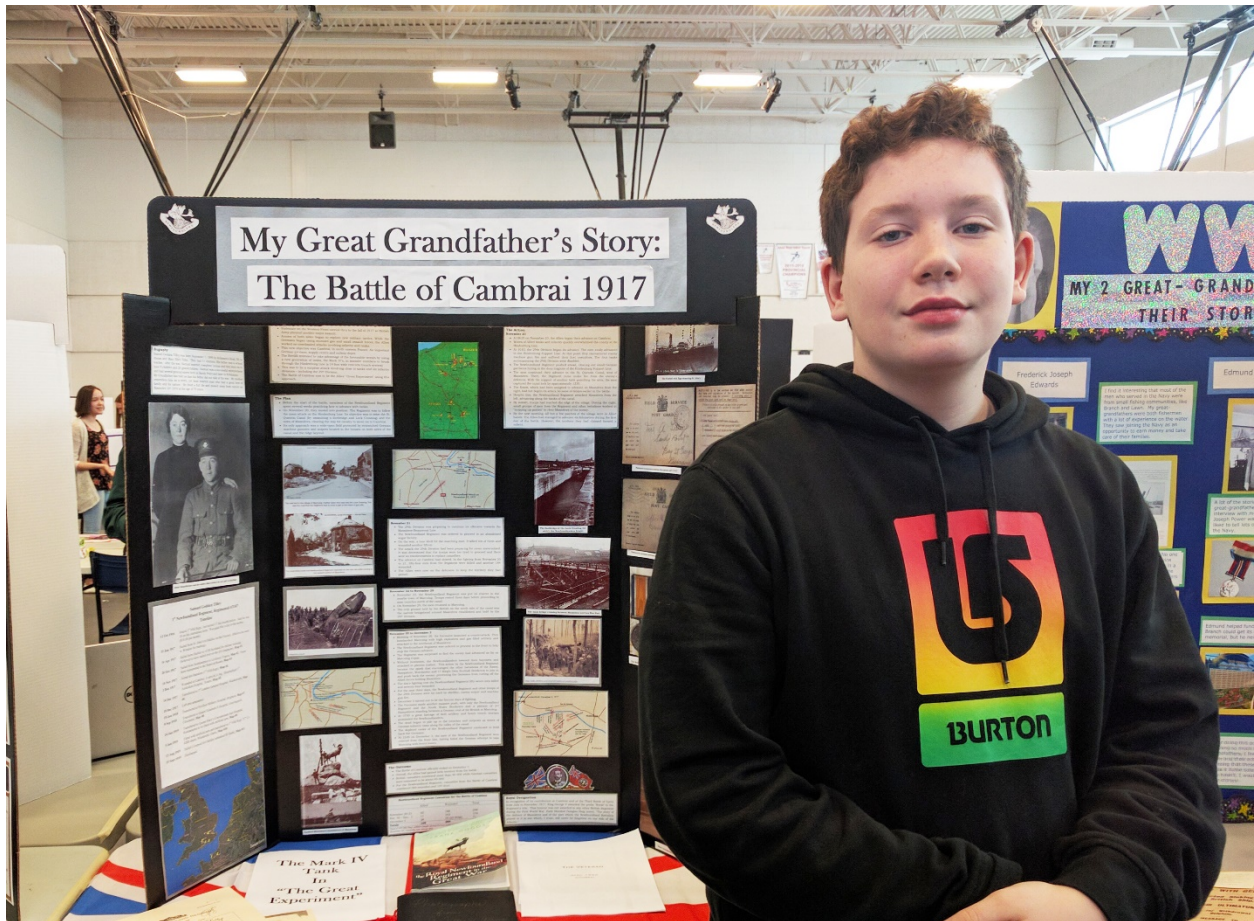
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Michael Moss

Grade 8, Beaconsfield Junior High, Avalon Regional Heritage Fair

“My Great Grandfather’s Story: The Battle of Cambrai 1917”

My Heritage Fair project was a timeline of my Great-Grandfather’s service in the First World War, his injuries, and his life afterwards. It also included daily details from the battlefield, which were documented in his photo albums.





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Momin Anwar

Grade 8, MacDonald Drive Junior High, Avalon Regional Heritage Fair

“Beaumont Hamel”

My project focused on Newfoundland’s role in the First World War. It featured an in-depth study of Beaumont Hamel and how it shaped our lives. It also included a picture storyline showing significant events of the First World War.





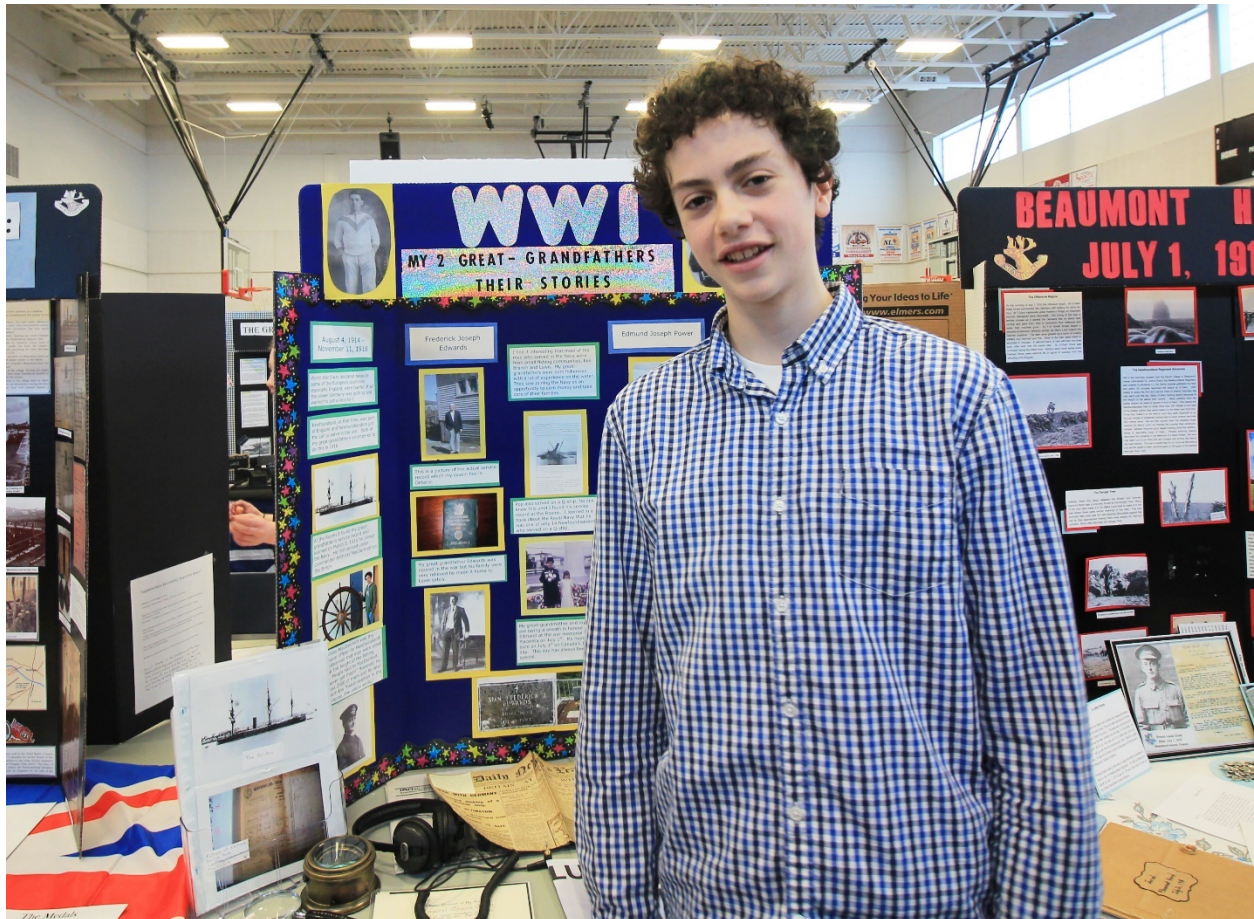
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Nicholas Edwards

Grade 8, Beaconsfield Junior High, Avalon Regional Heritage Fair

“WWI – My Two Great Grandfathers – Their Stories”

My project was an overview of my two Great-Grandfathers and their service in WWI and in the navy. It followed their lives after the war and explored how their lives were connected.





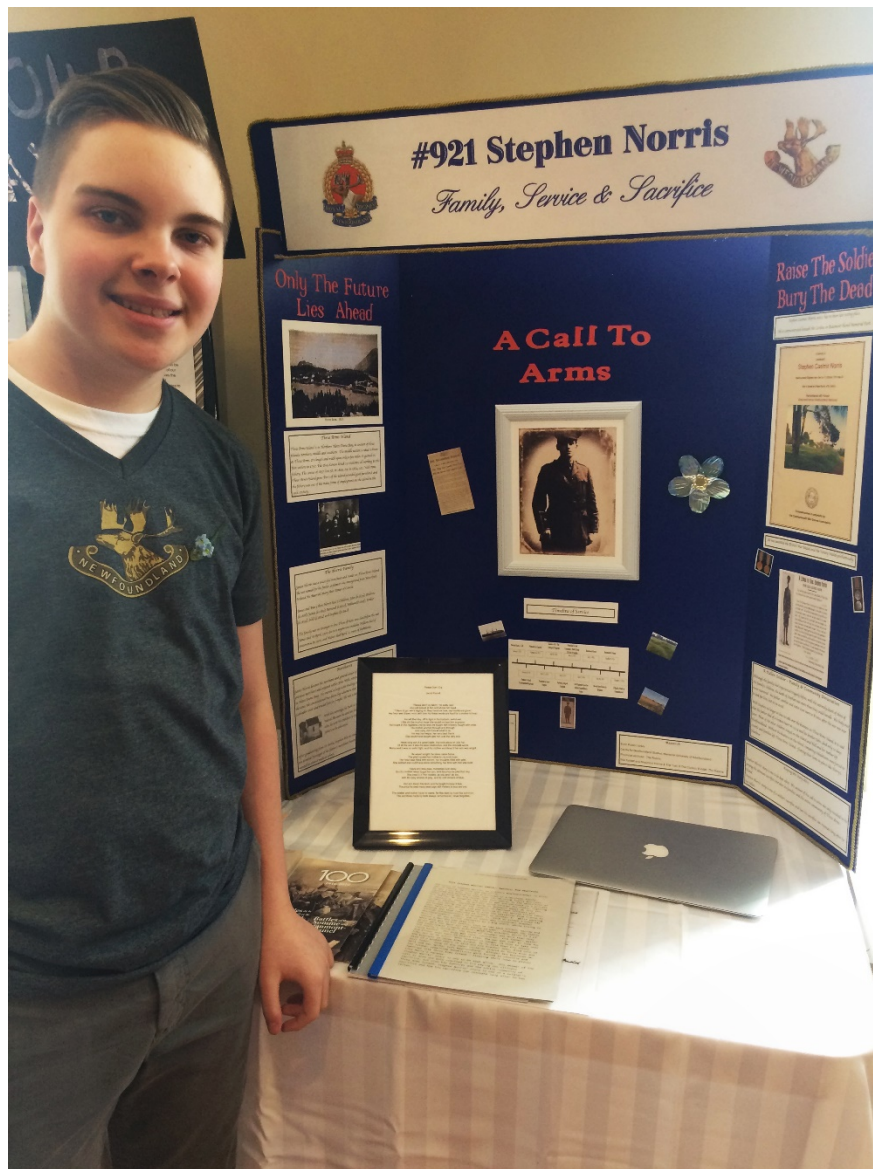
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Jacob Farrell

Grade 8, Pearce Junior High, Burin Regional Heritage Fair

"#921 Stephen Norris"

My project was about Lieutenant Stephen Norris - #921, of Three Arm's Island in Northern Notre Dame Bay. I explored Norris' amazing story of family, service, and sacrifice and helped keep history alive.





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Brooklyn Bixby

Grade 7, Smallwood Academy, Central Regional Heritage Fair

“My Blue Puttee: Samson Bixby #241”

In researching for my Heritage Fair project, I discovered Samson Bixby, who was my fourth cousin from Indian Islands. Turns out he enlisted in World War One and was a member of the Blue Puttees! My project explores his time in the war and has brought his story back to life.





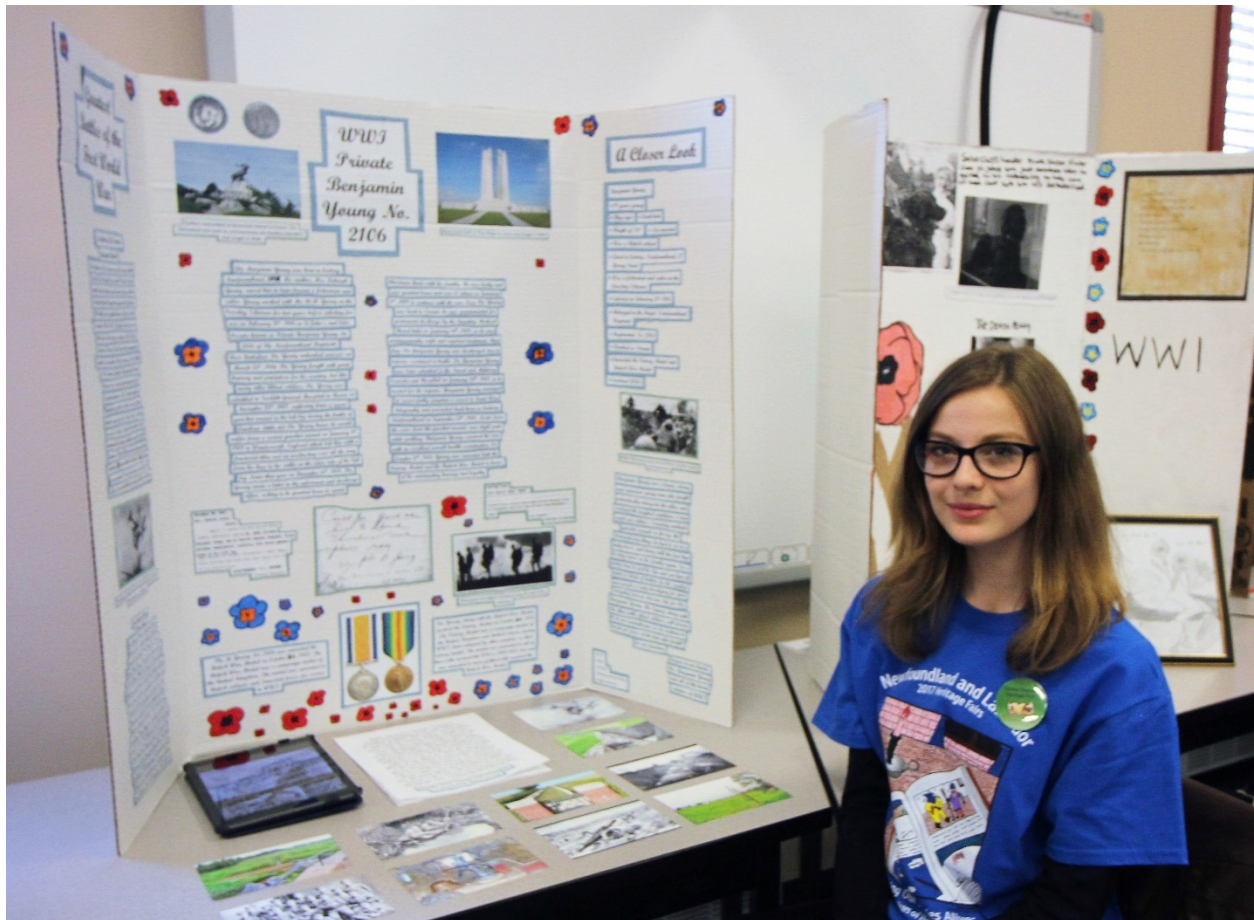
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Jasmine Neal

Grade 8, Smallwood Academy, Central Regional Heritage Fair

“WW1 Private Benjamin Young No. 2106”

My project is based on Private Benjamin Young, a WW1 soldier that fought with the NFLD regiment. I also included information on select battles of WW1.





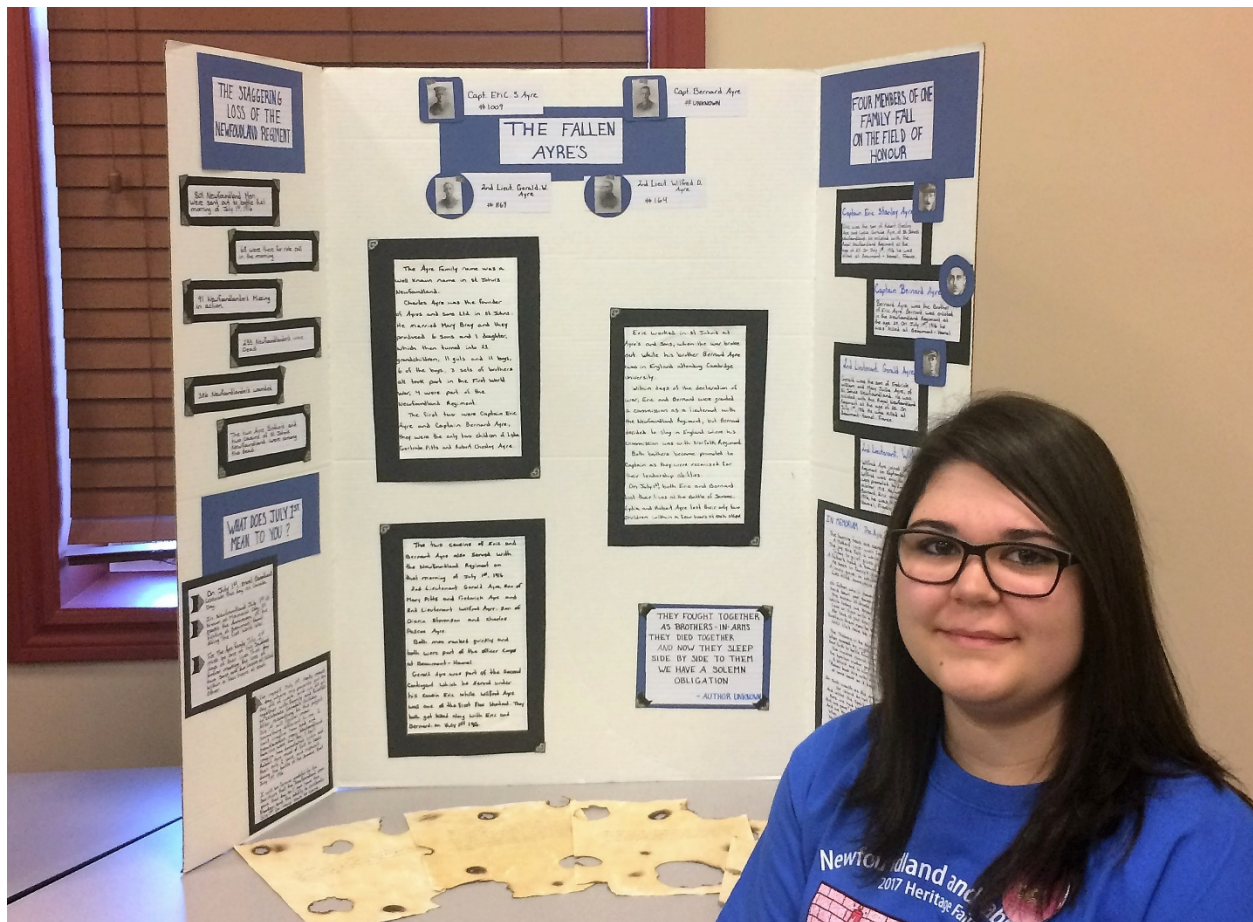
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Mikayla Eastman

Grade 10, Smallwood Academy, Central Regional Heritage Fair

“The Ayre Family”

My project focused on the Ayre family and their tremendous sacrifice during the First World War, with four members losing their lives at Beaumont Hamel.





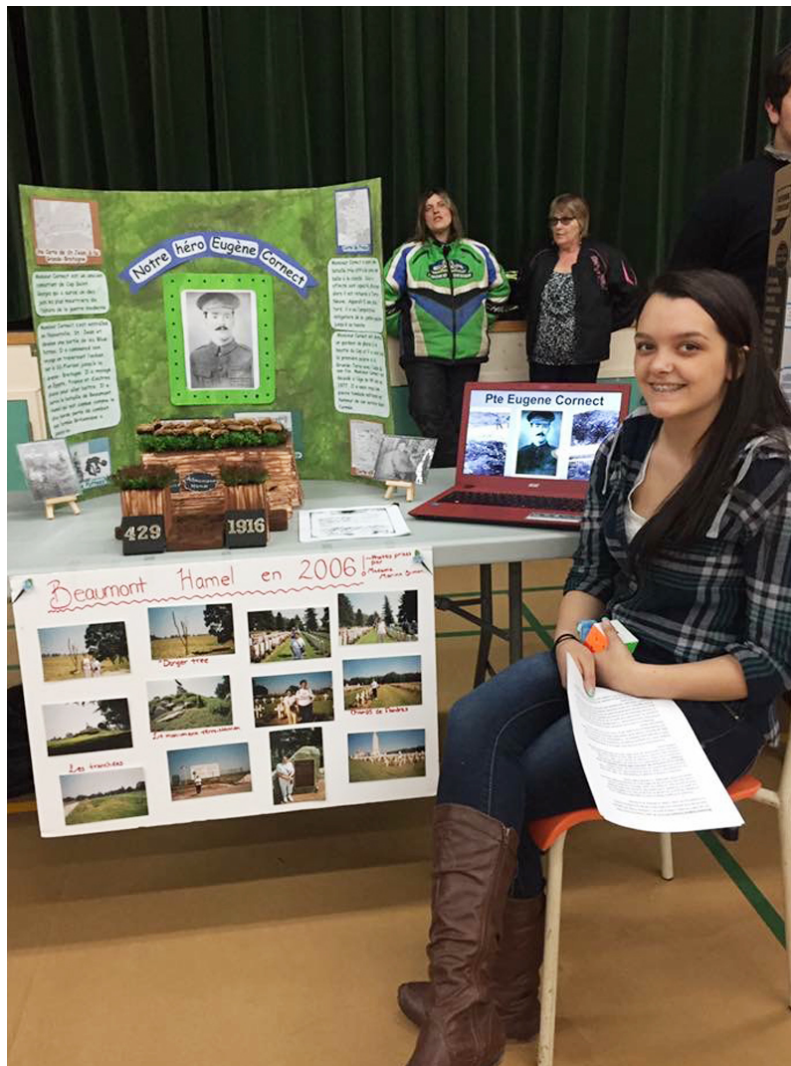
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Keisha Rouzes

Grade 10, École Sainte-Anne, Conseil Scolaire Francophone

“Eugène Cornect at la Bataille de Beaumont-Hamel”

The project gave a detailed account of Mr. Cornect’s life and military accomplishments, with the focus on his being a member of the First Five Hundred of the Newfoundland Regiment and having been a survivor of Beaumont-Hamel. The project also covered the story of the regiment (through Mr. Cornect’s experiences) and of the Battle of Beaumont Hamel.





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Haley Peddle

Grade 7, Southeast Arm Academy, Vista Regional Heritage Fair

“Remembering WW1 Soldiers of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment from the Southwest Arm Area”

My project highlighted individuals from the Southwest Arm Area who fought and served in the First World War.





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Rebecca Penney

Grade 9, Clarenville Middle School, Vista Regional Heritage Fair

"The Voluntary Aid Detachment and Their Role in WWI"

My project was about the voluntary aid detachment and their importance and relevance in World War I. I chose the topic due to my personal interest in nursing, and explored their treatment of patients during the war.





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Elliot Dicks

Grade 8, Xavier Junior High, Western Regional Heritage Fair

“The Newfoundland Regiment at Beaumont Hamel”

My project explored the Newfoundland Regiment and the Battle of Beaumont Hamel. It covered topics such as: The First Five Hundred, the Battle of the Somme, the Danger Tree, and my family’s connection to Beaumont Hamel





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Kaitlyn Pennell

Grade 9, St. Peter's Academy, Western Regional Heritage Fair

The Story of Captain Reuben T. Robinson

My heritage fair project was on my Great-Great-Great Uncle Captain Reuben T. Robinson. He fought and was wounded in World War One, and was a captain in the merchant marines in World War Two. He was captain of the S. S. Livingston, which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action





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Samantha Trask

Grade 8, St. Michael's Elementary, Western Regional Heritage Fair

"Thomas Ricketts, Newfoundland War Hero"

My project is about a boy soldier who was Newfoundland's War Hero. Thomas Ricketts was awarded the Croix de Guerre and was the youngest recipient to ever receive the Victoria Cross for a combat role, the highest award in the United Kingdom.

