



REMEMBERING OUR PAST FOR THE FUTURE

Over the course of this year various branches of the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces will sponsor, coordinate or participate in numerous Millennium projects. One of the projects involving the Directorate of History and Heritage (DHH) is the recording of all military memorials in Canada.

With their proud military heritage, at home and abroad, Canadians have honoured their soldiers, sailors and airmen — and airwomen — with thousands of memorials spread across the country. Cenotaphs have been erected in municipal centres; service clubs and veterans' organizations have raised monuments in cemeteries, parks and other public areas; church members have mounted plaques and stained glass windows as memorials; and cairns and fountains have been constructed. All this to mark the service of family, friends and comrades, and to ensure these important events form part of our communal memory.

Some of these memorials are old, beginning to decay, and in need of refurbishing. Others are still in good condition — or relatively new — and need only periodic care. But they, too, could decay if we do nothing.

All Canadians have a vested interest in ensuring that no memorial lies forgotten and neglected. That is one of the main principles behind this project. Another is the desire to connect veterans, those who will not forget fallen comrades, with youth, who should always remem-

ber the sacrifices that have been made to ensure that Canada is such a magnificent country.

The coordination of the military memorial project belongs to DHH in cooperation with the Organization of Military Museums of Canada. They, in concert with Veterans' Affairs Canada, the Royal Canadian Legion and various youth groups, will construct the record of military memorials in Canada beginning at the local level, moving on to the level of provincial coordinators, and, finally, to the national level in Ottawa.

As the project develops, the locations of the recorded military memorials will be published on the Internet and, finally, in hard copy. DHH would like to take this opportunity to ask readers of this journal to forward any information and/or photographs relevant to this project. Please note, however, that grave sites, in themselves significant tributes to our deceased military personnel, have already been recorded by the Last Post Fund, and, therefore, do not form part of this project. If you do have anything to offer the military memorial project, please write us at:

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