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Commemoration Planning

An Overview of Great War Commemoration Themes

To be used in conjunction with **CEF100** Management Tip
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Great War Commemoration Themes

The following diagrams provide an overview of the Great War period and the major themes around which commemoration programs can be designed. Use these diagrams to begin creating your commemoration plans by placing circles around the themes that are relevant to your community or organization. Add any additional themes that fit your locality or interests.

Theme Groupings:

- **Major Themes:** An overview of the major or meta-themes and the periods they cover.
- **The Experience at War Themes:** A chronological overview of the major battles of the war plus the various fighting and support units of the CEF, the Royal Canadian Navy and Canadians who served in the RAF.

The Battle Honours of existing regular force and reserve Regiments perpetuate the involvement of the CEF numbered battalions.
- **Other Themes:** These are some of the many themes under which stories can be told of the impact the Great War had on all elements of Canadian society, our communities, families and individuals.

Understanding the Military Structure: A page is included to explain the CEF Infantry Order of Battle (organization structure) and the rank order.

Relevance and Legacy: The experiences and learnings of those who served in, and were impacted by, the Great War form the legacy they left for us. This legacy is honoured when we illustrate the relevance of those experiences to the unfolding lives of today's population – especially youth.



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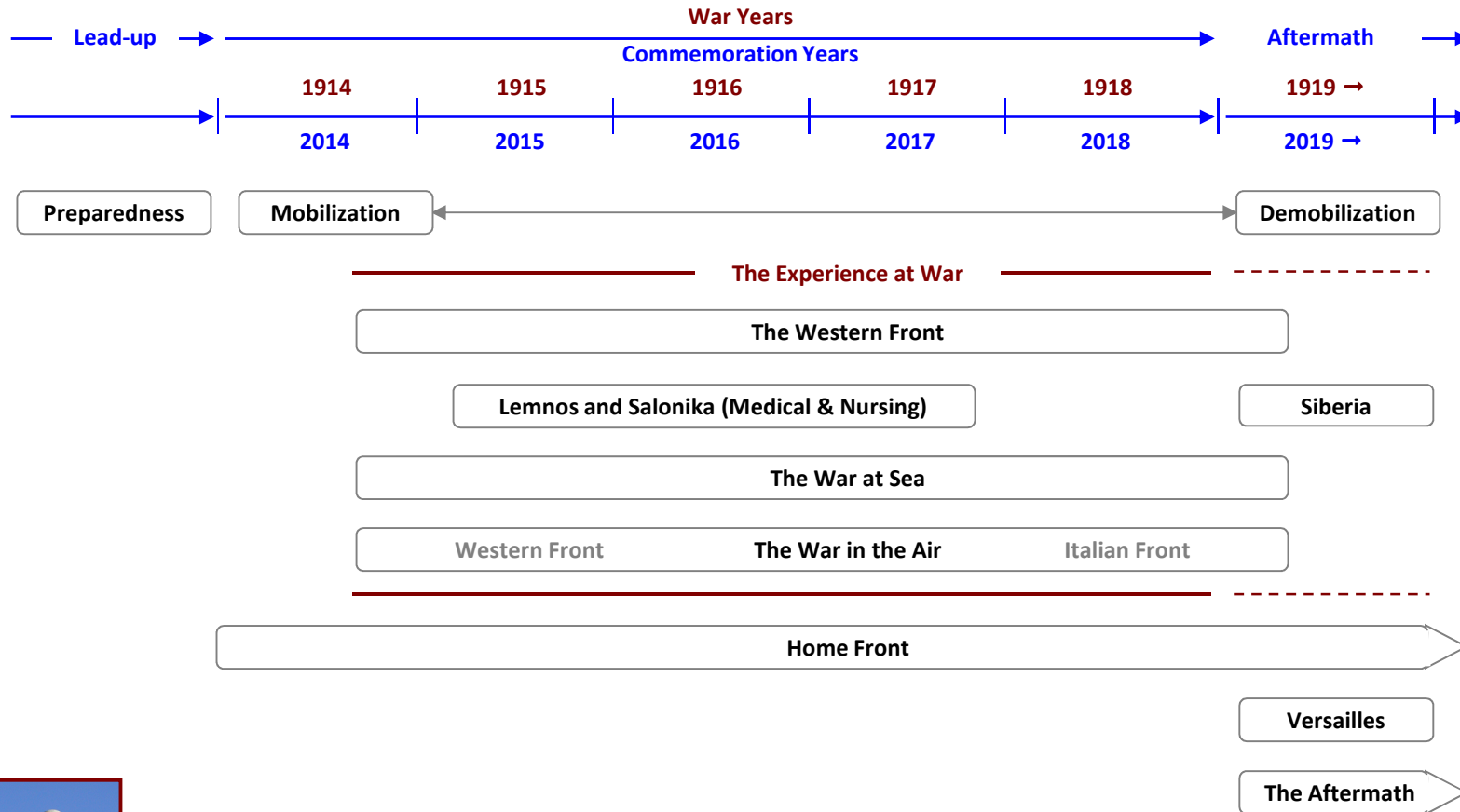
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Major Themes

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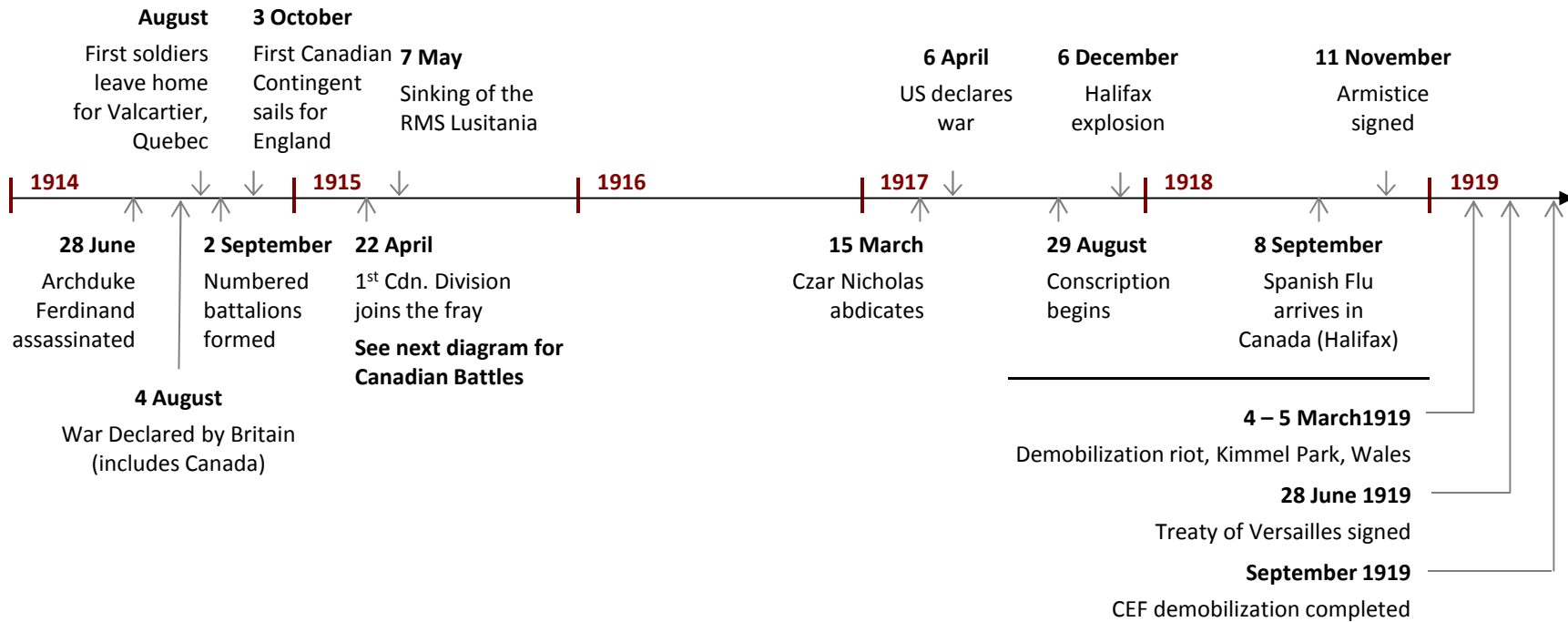
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Milestone Events

Significant Milestone Events

(Battles on Next Diagram)



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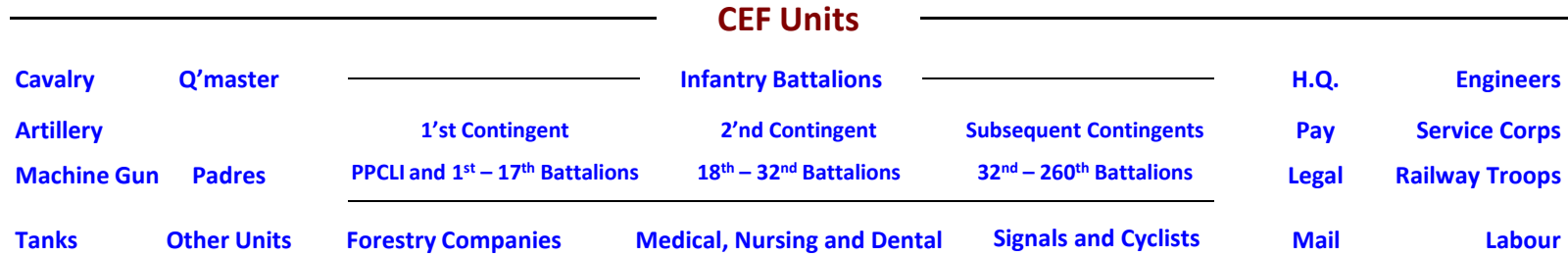
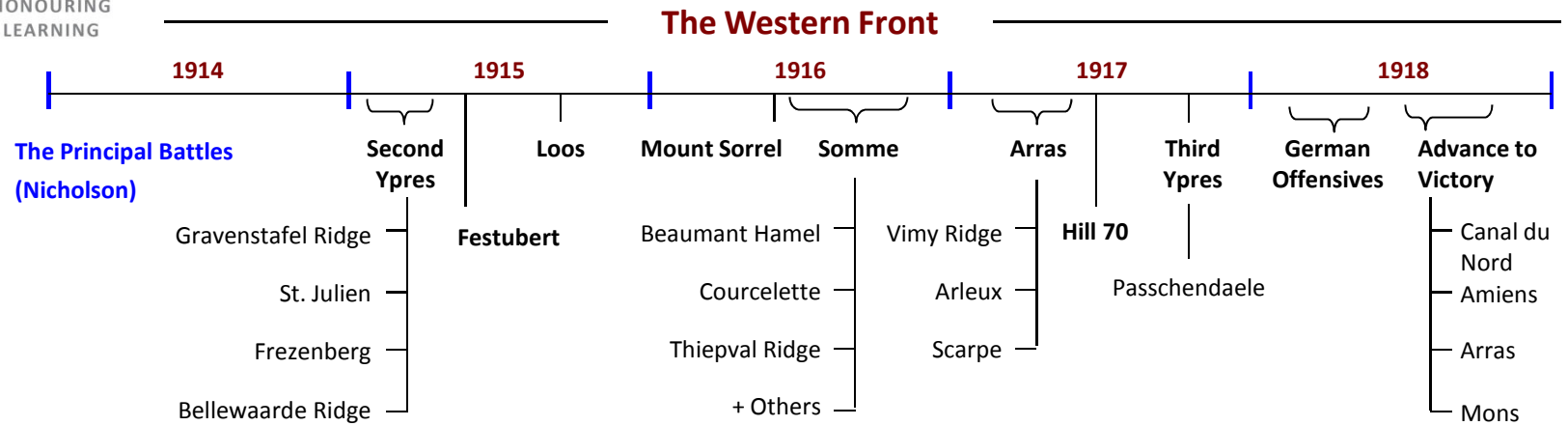
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The Experience at War Themes



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Other Themes



Other Military Themes

- The Warrior's Experience
- Trench Raiding
- Women in the War
- Medical Innovation
- Technology Development
- Etcetera
- Evolution of Tactics

Home Front Themes

- Pacifism
- Coping
- Grieving
- Memorializing
- Work
- Etcetera
- Support Groups
- Women
- Youth
- Men
- Etcetera

Other Themes

- Showcasing Collections
- Literature & Poetry
- Music
- Industry
- Transportation & Logistics
- Press & Propaganda
- Art
- Etcetera
- The Economy
- Living Post-war



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CEF Infantry Order of Battle



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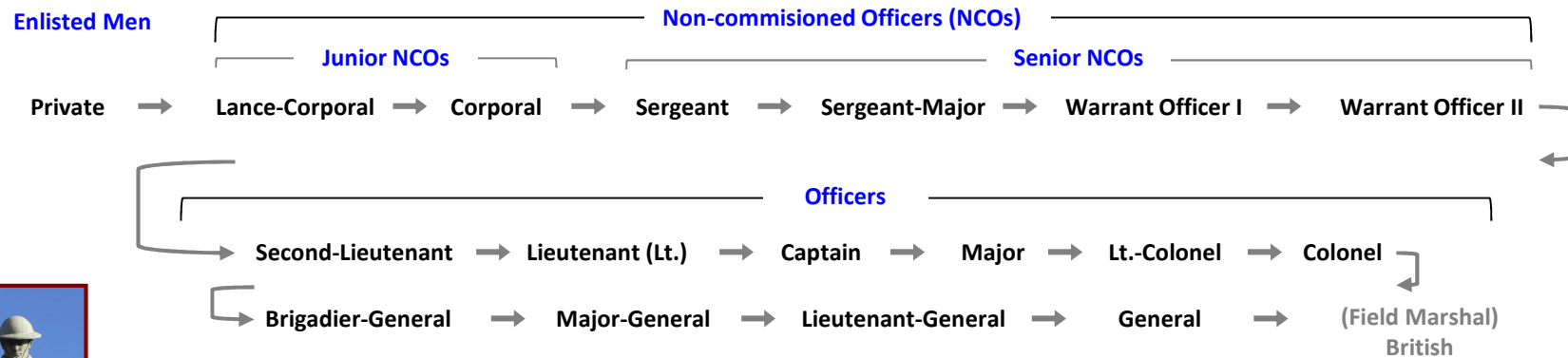
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CEF Infantry Order of Battle

| Unit Name | No. of Men | Consists of | Commanded by a ... |
|--|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Army (e.g., 5 th British Army) | 200,000 + | Two or more Corps | General |
| Corps (1 st Canadian Corps) | 60,000 – 100,000 + special purpose troops | Two or more Divisions | Lieutenant-General |
| Division | 12,000 men + 6,000 artillerymen | Three Brigades | Major-General |
| Brigade | 4,000 men | Four Battalions | Brigadier-General |
| Battalion | 1,000 men + Btn. HQ and specialist units | Four Companies | Lieutenant-Colonel |
| Company | 200 men + Company HQ | Four Platoons | Major or Captain |
| Platoon | 48 men | Four Sections | Lieutenant |
| Section | 12 men + company specialists (signals, machine-guns, bombers) | | Corporal |

Ranks (Ascending)

Note: This is a general description for all components of the CEF. There are variations in the titles for some components of the service. There are also variations between 1914 and 1918 due to restructuring.



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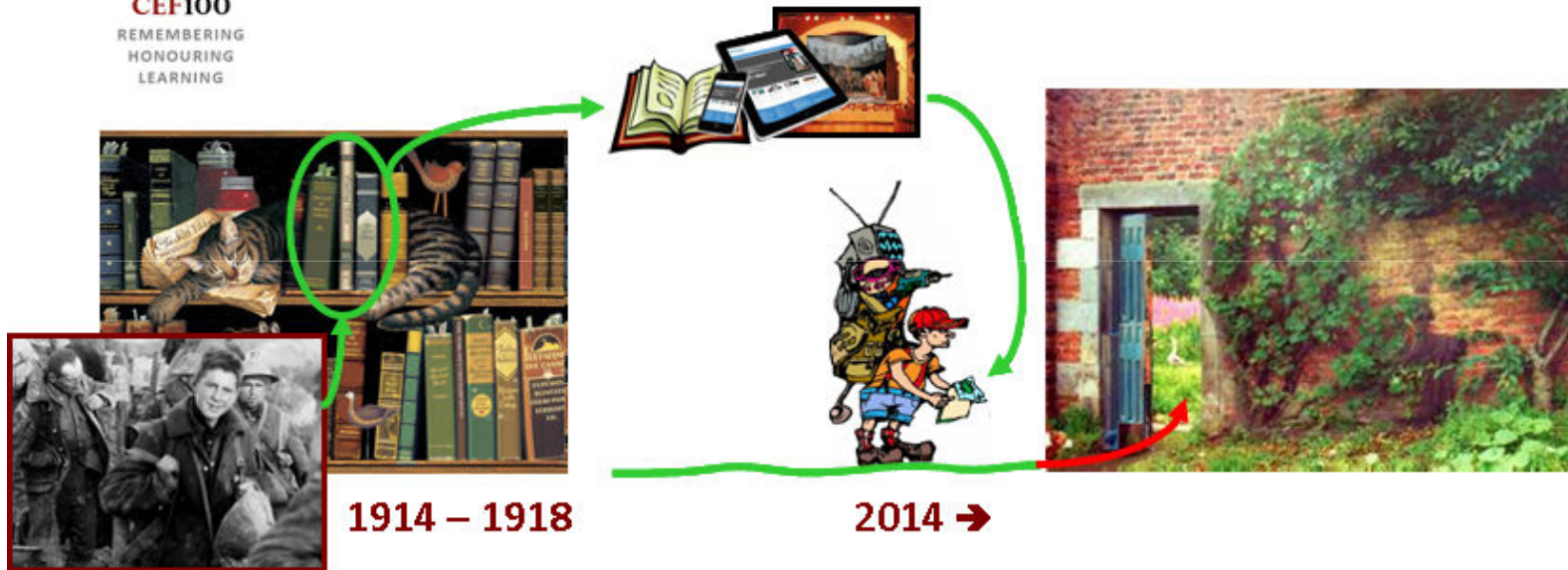
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Overarching Theme



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Legacy and Relevance



*They too were young: the often forgotten stories of their Great War experiences
will help prepare today's youth for their life journeys.*



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ICI REPOSE

A little cross of weather-silvered wood,
Hung with a garish wreath of tinselled wire,
And on it carved a legend – thus it runs:
'Ici Repose' – Add what name you will
And multiply by thousands: in the fields,
Along the roads, beneath the trees – one here,
A dozen there, to each its simple tale
Of one more jewel threaded star-like on
The sacrificial rosary of France.

And as I read and read again those words,
Those simple words, they took a mystic sense;
And from the glamour of an alien tongue
They wove insistent music in my brain.
Which, in a twilight hour, when all the guns
Were silent, shaped itself to song ...



By: Bernard Freeman Trotter

Born: 16 June 1890 (Toronto)

Served in the British Army

Killed in Action: 7 May 1917 (France)

Buried: Mazingarbe Military Cemetery

The manuscript of this, his last, poem reached
his parents the day after he was killed.



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