

FINDING OURS

We have located "OURS" buried or commemorated in 5 continents - 21 Countries, almost every province and territory in Canada, and 14 States of the United States of America.

We have found burials of ours who served in the Canadian Forces (Army, Navy, Naval Reserve and Air Forces), US Military, British Forces (Army, Navy, Naval Reserve and Air Forces), Australian Army, New Zealand Army, and South African Army.

These maps show some the areas of where we have located graves and memorials.



Tens of thousands of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have served in various units from numerous countries. We have identified those of "OURS" who served in the American Civil War right up to modern conflicts. In WWI alone we are tracking 13 thousand plus who served in NL Units and those from NL who served with other countries. We have located almost 10,000 of their resting places.

Those of "OURS" who have no identifiable resting place consist mainly of the 587 men of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment from WWI, another 366 from WWI served in other branches of service from NL (Royal Naval Reserve and Merchant Marine) and other countries' militaries. In WWII there are 442 we know of so far. This makes a total of 1395 of "OURS" with no known grave.

OUR HISTORY

Although officially founded in 2013, The Trail of the Caribou Research Group (TCRG) since 1995 has been working toward our goals.

All TCRG initiatives are founded on values of fellowship, inclusion, and respect.

Today we consist of 200+ members mainly from Newfoundland and Labrador with significant representation from Canada, England, Scotland, and Belgium. We also have members in France, Spain, Germany, the USA, and Turkey.

WHY THE NAME TRAIL OF THE CARIBOU?

The caribou has been a key symbol in the history of this land. The first peoples and those of today have used the caribou for food, tools, materials for shelter, and clothing. The Newfoundland Highlanders first used it as a symbol for their hat badge. It was made world famous by the exploits of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment during World War I and today's regiment continues that reputation. In World War II, NL Artillery Regiments, ships, and the 125th Air Force Squadron all used the caribou symbol in some manner. Today the caribou can be seen in several military units and numerous civilian businesses and organizations throughout our province.



Trail of the Caribou Research Group

The Trail of the Caribou Research Group Inc. (TCRG) is a not-for-profit, all volunteer organization and a registered charity.

Our mission is to raise awareness of the accomplishments and sacrifices of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians in military conflicts, peacekeeping missions, and general service.

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NO STONE LEFT ALONE



Trail of the Caribou Research Group is the provincial coordinator for the national organization *No Stone Left Alone* (NSLA). Their mission is to honour the service and sacrifice of Canada's military by educating and inspiring youth to place poppies on veterans' headstones. In Newfoundland and Labrador, we also encourage placing forget-me-nots.

NSLA provides students with an authentic leadership experience centered around a uniquely moving, hands-on act of remembrance. This personal act signals respect and gratitude for our fallen military veterans, while honouring living veterans, serving members and their families.

To get involved or learn more visit <https://www.nostoneleftalone.ca/nsla-program> or contact cariboutrail@nl.rogers.com

BECOME A MEMBER

The Trail of the Caribou Research Group is open to anyone who wishes to join. There is a one time only membership fee of \$40.00.

Applications are on the website or email cariboutrail@nl.rogers.com



FOOT STONES

The **Commonwealth War Graves Commission** has the responsibility of providing a marker and/or memorial to the fallen from both World Wars. Funding is provided by the member governments of the Commonwealth nations, who share the cost of the Commission's work. Canada provides 10%.



The Last Post Fund is a Canadian not-for-profit organization and registered charity, which was founded in 1909. The Last Post Fund's mission is to ensure that "no Veteran is denied a dignified funeral and burial, as well as a gravestone, due to insufficient funds at time of death". It is primarily funded by Veterans Affairs Canada. If a Veteran has a headstone, they will not replace one or provide a Military Marker.

However, they do have an unmarked grave program - Veterans without any type of marker can have a family member, friend, or organization apply for a marker.

VETERAN HAS A MARKER BUT THERE IS NO MENTION THAT THEY SERVED.



This is the gap that Trail of the Caribou Research Group fills. It is conducted as funds permit. We have placed 32 footstones in the past 4 years. Regrettably, we never have enough of a budget to meet the need.

To Apply for a footstone send in the form on our website and send it to cariboutrail@nl.rogers.com, along with a picture of the current head stone.

EDUCATION

One of our mandates is public engagement and education. We have conducted over 50 sessions with youth through visits to schools all over the Island and parts of Labrador.



We have created 3 educational kits comprising sets of replica uniforms, helmets, gas masks and daily tools a soldier would use from the Commonwealth, French/Belgian and German Armies.



These kits are shared to groups who would like to use them. We also cover the shipping costs. Each kit comes with a book describing the contents & slide shows and scripts based on the ages of the audience.

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FILM MAKING

We have started to venture into creating documentaries and short films about the exploits of those who served from Newfoundland and Labrador and key events in our military history.

If you would like to find out more, please view the film making page on our website or visit our YouTube page below.



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