

ACTIVITIES

Document your family's history

Do you have a relative who was in a war — a great-great-grandparent in WWI, a great-grandparent in WWII, a parent or relative who served (or serves) in Afghanistan? What sorts of stories have they told you about their experiences? Are they willing to talk about the battles they were in? What helped them survive, both mentally and physically?

If you have a family member or an ancestor who was in a war, do you have any photographs of them in uniform? Can you discover what military unit they were in and research the story of what that unit did? Did your ancestor write any letters or postcards home, or a diary that might still be in the family? Are there any badges, pins, medals or documents?

- Make a map to show where this soldier served.
- Create a collage from photocopies of the photos and postcards.
- Search online for newspaper headlines for battles your ancestor was in, or for WWI battles from *Shot at Dawn*: Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, the Somme, or Ypres.