

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

The important point to remember when reading statistics of war service is to appreciate the fact that every number represents a person. These are men and women who grew up, had families and left loved ones behind. The numbers for the Afghanistan mission are approximations as of January 2012.

CANADA

	First World War	Second World War	Korean War	Gulf War	Afghanistan
Participants:	628,736	1,081,865	26,791	4,074	40,000+
Died:	66,573	44,927	516	0	160
Wounded	138,166	53,145	1,558	0	2,000+
Prisoners of War:	2,818	8,271	33	0	0

NEWFOUNDLAND

Participants:	16,922	19,406
Died:	1,593	704
Wounded:	Unknown	Unknown
Prisoners of War:	180	Unknown

SECOND WORLD WAR INTAKE

Approximate numbers of enrolment in the armed forces by province.

Note: Newfoundland was not a Canadian province during the Second World War.

P.E.I.	9,309
N.S.	59,355
N.B.	45,137
QUE.	176,441
ONT.	398,808
MAN.	76,444
SASK. (Incl. N.W.T.)	80,605
ALTA.	77,703
B.C. (Incl. Yukon)	90,976
WOMEN	49,963
OUT OF CANADA	17,124

MERCHANT NAVY LOSSES

The names of 578 Canadian and Newfoundland merchant sailors killed in U-boat attacks are listed in the Book of Remembrance in the Parliament Buildings. Enemy action during the war also claimed an undetermined number of Canadians serving in foreign flagged vessels.

Approximately 12,000 served in the Merchant Navy. More than 1,600 Canadian and Newfoundland men and women—perhaps as high as 2,000—lost their lives due to enemy action in the Second World War.