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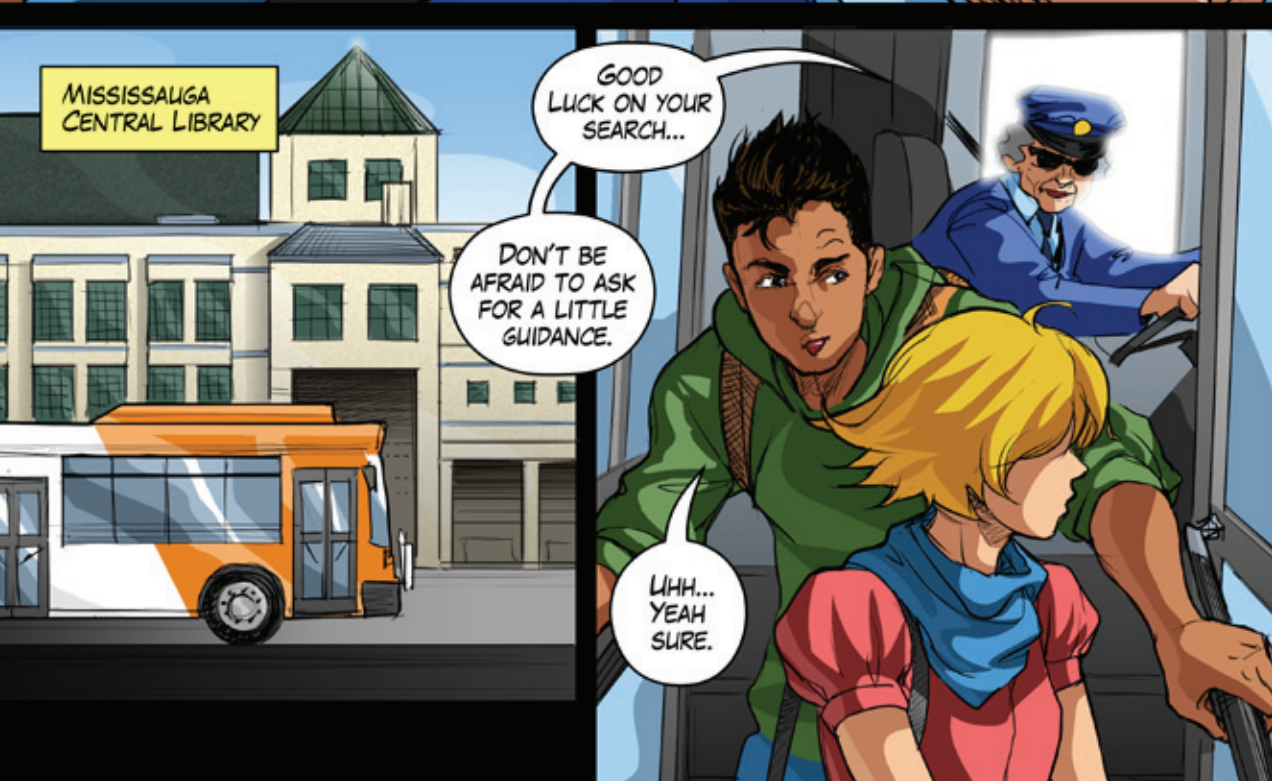
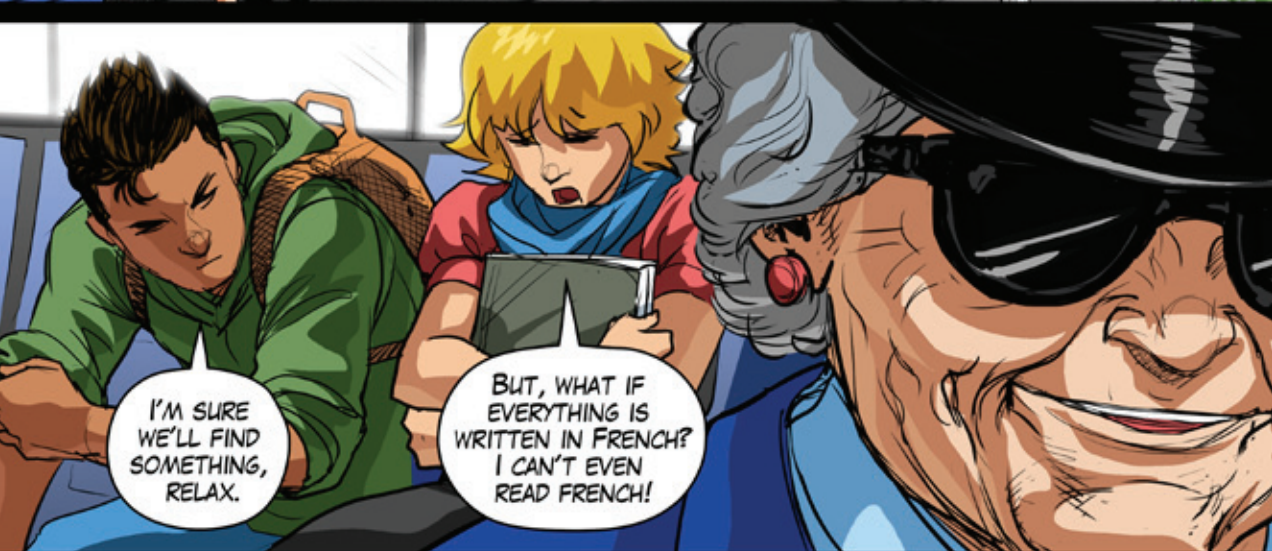
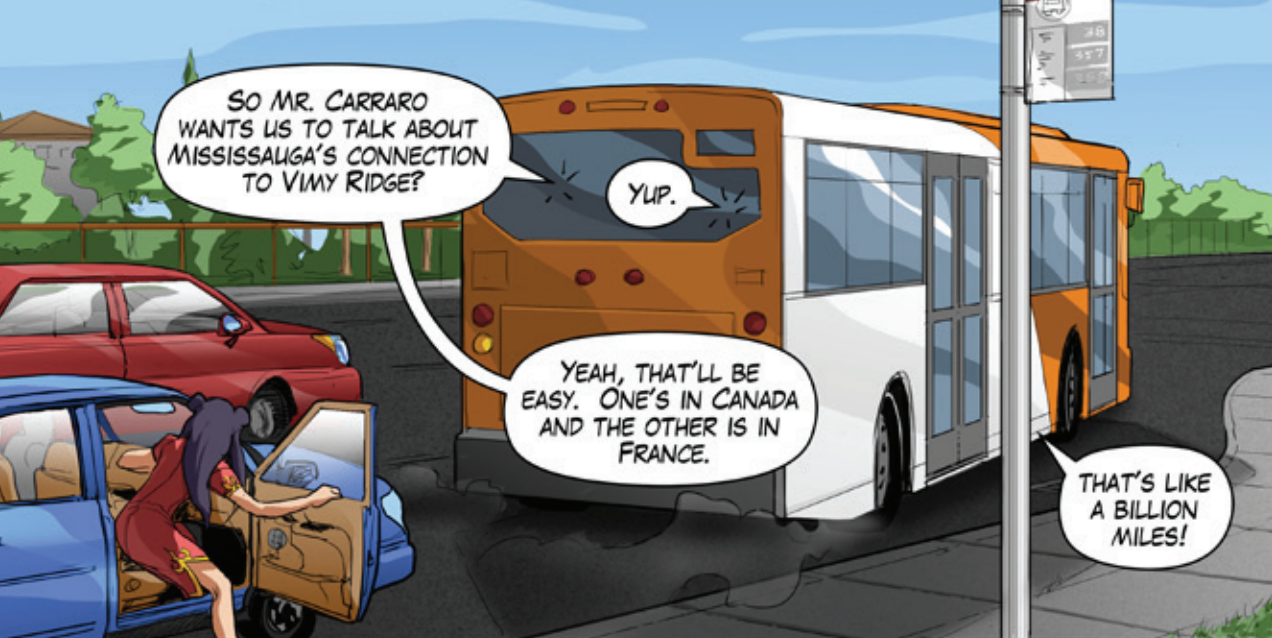
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LATER...
3RD FLOOR
CENTRAL LIBRARY

I HAVE
NOTHING, HOW
ABOUT YOU?

NOT A
THING.

YEAH, I'M
SUPER BORED,
SO I'M LEAVING
TOO.

OK, WELL
I HAVE SOCCER
SOON, SO I'VE
GOT TO GO.

DING

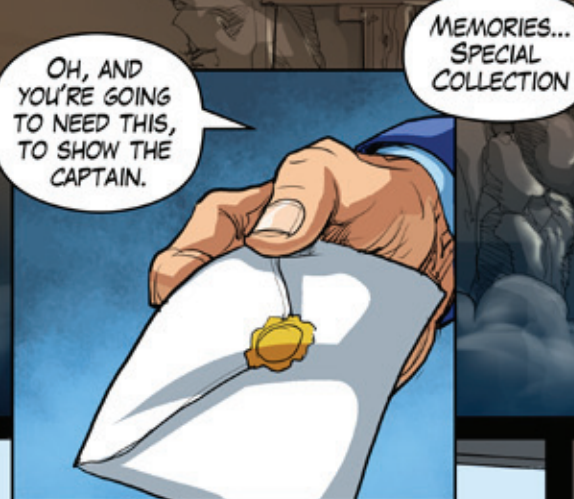
FIND
ANYTHING?

WHOA!

WELL?

NO, NOTHING.
MISSISSAUGA
DIDN'T EVEN EXIST
DURING THE FIRST
WORLD WAR.

YOU
JUST NEED
TO STEP
BACK...





I SAID
DECLARE
YOURSELVES!

I'M UHH...
RACH--

SHE'S
RACHEL AND
I'M VIKAS.



I DON'T
KNOW WHERE
WE ARE...

...BUT WE'RE
ONLY HERE DOING
RESEARCH FOR
SCHOOL.

YOU'RE
JUST KIDS!



YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE HERE.

OH WAIT!
I HAVE A
NOTE.



COME
WITH ME.

THE CAPTAIN
WILL WANT TO
SPEAK WITH
YOU.

CAPTAIN'S ROOM



CAPTAIN OTT, SIR.

I FOUND THESE TWO IN THE TUNNELS.

WHAT? IMPOSSIBLE!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

SPEAK!



I DON'T KNOW HOW WE GOT HERE! HONEST!



WE'RE STUDENTS. OUR TEACHER WANTS US TO WRITE ABOUT VIMY RIDGE.

IS THAT WHERE WE ARE?



SIR, THEY HAD THIS NOTE WITH THEM.

HMM... EXCELLENT! LOOKS LIKE AN OLD FRIEND SENT THEM.

SIR?

IT'S COMPLICATED.



REPORTERS, EH?

STUDENTS ACTUALLY.

WELL, YOU ARE INDEED AT VIMY RIDGE.



SGT. CARTWRIGHT, GET OUR GUESTS SOME FOOD AND WATER. AND ASSIGN THEM A BUNK.

OH AND GIVE THEM A TOUR AS WELL.

YES, SIR!



MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR MISSION.

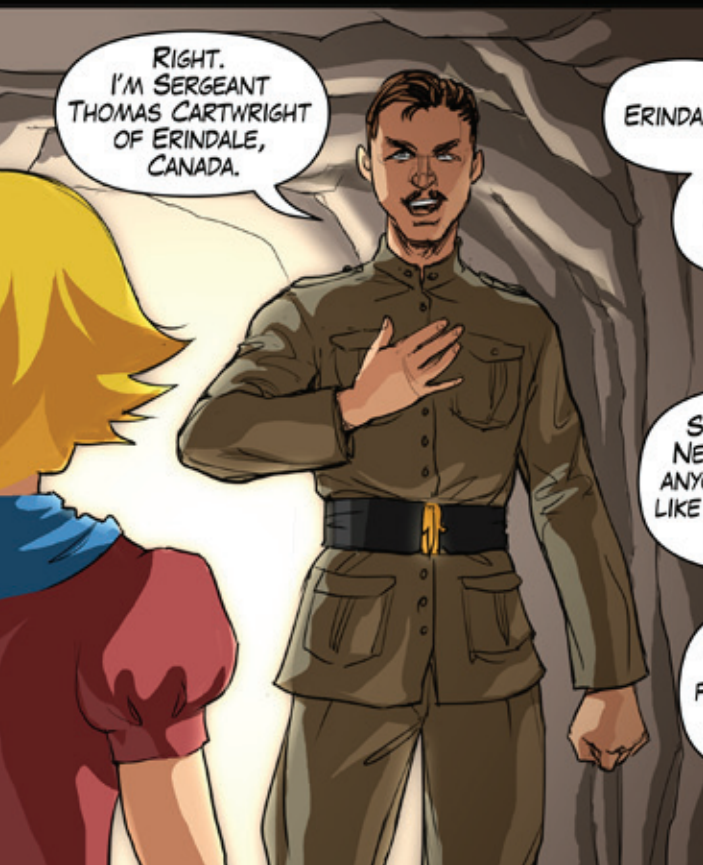
PUT THEM TO WORK.



THE GIRL WITH THE REVEREND ...

...AND BRING THE BOY BACK HERE TO ME.

YES, SIR!



RIGHT. I'M SERGEANT THOMAS CARTWRIGHT OF ERINDALE, CANADA.

ERINDALE?!

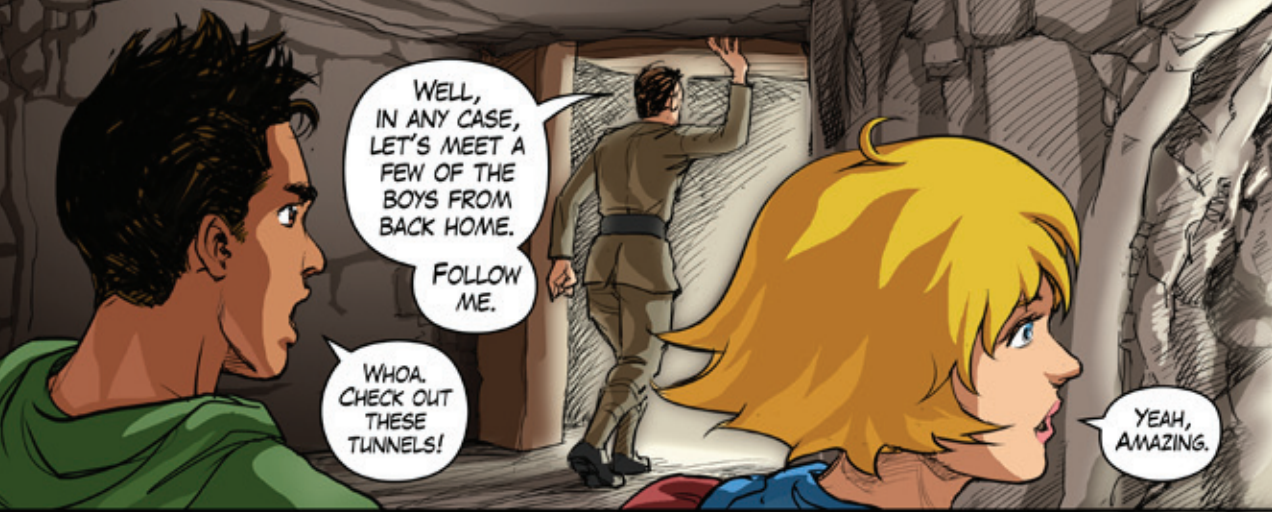
I'M FROM ERINDALE TOO!



STRANGE... NEVER SEEN ANYONE DRESS LIKE THAT BACK HOME.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE FROM AROUND HERE IN EUROPE.



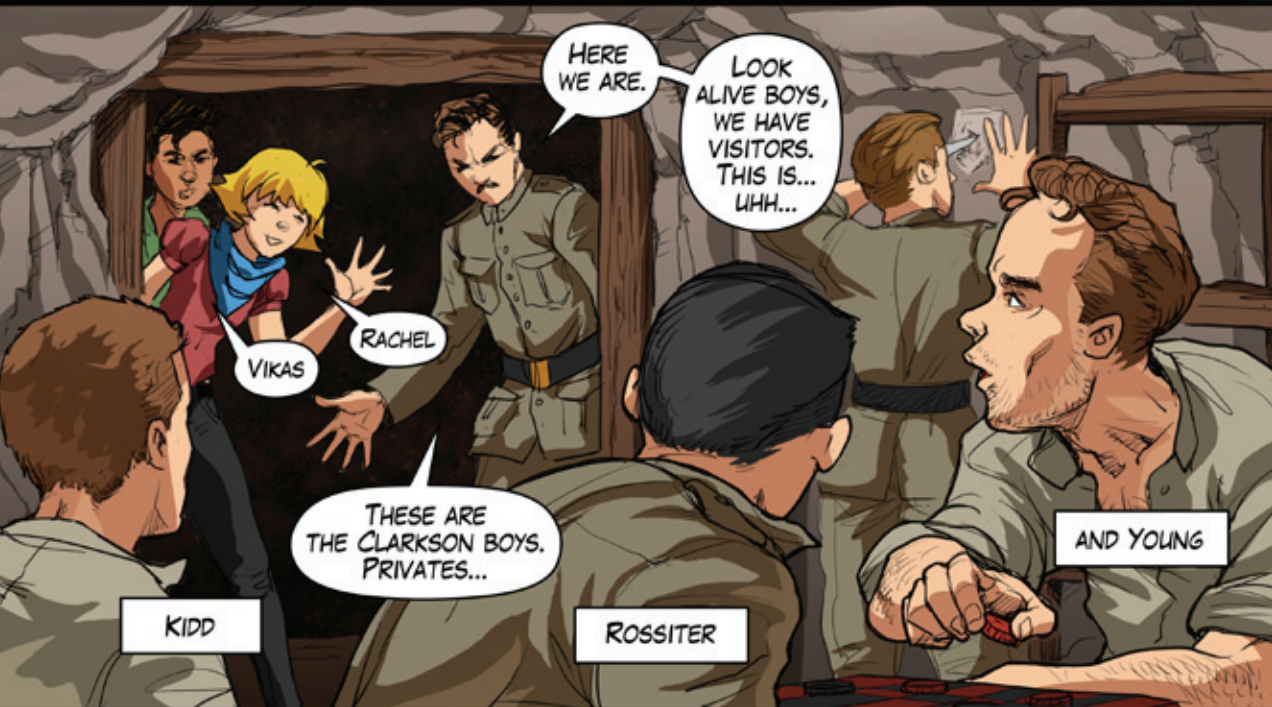


WELL,
IN ANY CASE,
LET'S MEET A
FEW OF THE
BOYS FROM
BACK HOME.

FOLLOW
ME.

WHOA.
CHECK OUT
THESE
TUNNELS!

YEAH,
AMAZING.



HERE
WE ARE.

LOOK
ALIVE BOYS,
WE HAVE
VISITORS.
THIS IS...
UHH...

RACHEL

VIKAS

THESE ARE
THE CLARKSON BOYS.
PRIVATES...

KIDD

ROSSITER

AND YOUNG



AND
THIS CHAP
CARVING
AWAY HERE
IS PRIVATE
CLARKE.



PLEASE
GIVE OUR
VISITORS A
TOUR AND
GET THEM
SETTLED
IN.

OKAY
SARGE.



WE RUN A
TIGHT OPERATION
AND EVERYTHING
WE NEED IS RIGHT
HERE.

FOOD.



ALL OF
OUR SUPPLIES ARE
STOCKED AND READY
TO GO.

THERE WILL BE
NO HESITATION WHEN
WE GET THE CALL TO
GO TOPSIDE.



HEY, SLOW
DOWN A SECOND.

OUR MEDICAL
FACILITY MAY NOT BE
GLAMOROUS BUT IT
KEEPS US WELL.



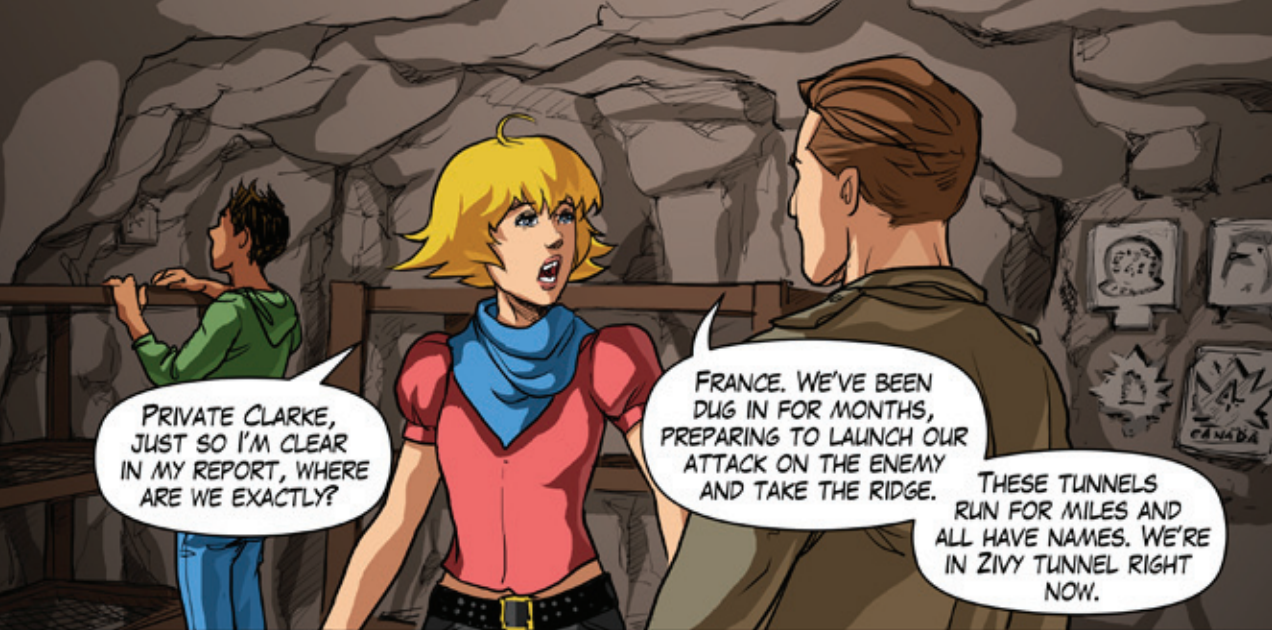
COMM ROOMS
ARE OUR ONLY
CONNECTION WITH
THE OUTSIDE.

THEY'RE
OUR EARS
TOPSIDE. VERY
IMPORTANT.



"HUFF" LET
ME JUST CATCH
MY BREATH.

AND THE
BLINK ROOM.
WHERE YOU'LL
SLEEP.



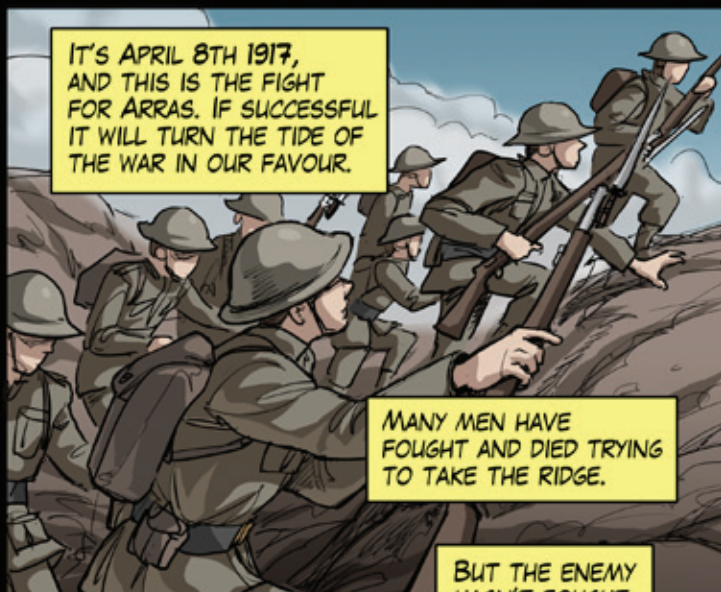
PRIVATE CLARKE,
JUST SO I'M CLEAR
IN MY REPORT, WHERE
ARE WE EXACTLY?

FRANCE. WE'VE BEEN
DUG IN FOR MONTHS,
PREPARING TO LAUNCH OUR
ATTACK ON THE ENEMY
AND TAKE THE RIDGE.

THESE TUNNELS
RUN FOR MILES AND
ALL HAVE NAMES. WE'RE
IN ZIVY TUNNEL RIGHT
NOW.



THE
OTHERS ARE:
BENTATA,
OTTENHAM,
AND
GRANGE.



IT'S APRIL 8TH 1917,
AND THIS IS THE FIGHT
FOR ARRAS. IF SUCCESSFUL
IT WILL TURN THE TIDE OF
THE WAR IN OUR FAVOUR.

MANY MEN HAVE
FOUGHT AND DIED TRYING
TO TAKE THE RIDGE.

BUT THE ENEMY
HASN'T FOUGHT
US CANADIANS
YET.



BOOM!

WHAT'S THAT?!
ARE WE BEING
BOMBED?



WE'RE THE
ONES DOING
THE BOMBING.

BEEN SHELLING
THE GERMAN LINES
SINCE MARCH 10TH.
OVER TWO WEEKS.

IN
PREPARATION
FOR THE
ATTACK.



ARE YOU
SCARED FOR
THE ATTACK?

IT'S OUR
DUTY. WE ALL
KNOW THE
RISKS.



IT CAN PLAY
ON YOUR NERVES.
NOT KNOWING
WHEN WE'LL GO
UP, I MEAN.

THE WAITING
IS THE WORST
PART.

SOME OF
THE BOYS HAVE
TAKEN TO CARVING
ON THE WALLS,
JUST TO PASS
THE TIME.



A LOT
OF US HERE WORRY
THAT OUR SACRIFICE
WILL BE FORGOTTEN.

I GUESS
CARVING FEELS
LIKE MAKING THEIR
LEGACY REAL.

HERE IN
THE TUNNELS I
WONDER HOW MY
FAMILY IS BACK IN
STREETSVILLE.

STREETSVILLE?
I LIVE THERE!



GIVE ME
STREETSVILLE
OVER FRANCE
ANY DAY, THAT'S
WHAT I SAY.

I CAN'T
WAIT FOR THE
WAR TO BE OVER
AND I CAN SEE
MY FAMILY
AGAIN.

IT'S BEEN
TOO LONG.

THIS IS
SO COOL. I
NEED A PIC!

DON'T
MOVE
ANOTHER
INCH!



PUT DOWN
THE DEVICE!
SLOWLY!

IT'S JUST
A CELL,
RELAX!



WHAT IS
A CELL?

UH...
LIKE A...
UH...

A PHONE!
IT'S JUST A
COMMUNICATION
DEVICE.

COMMUNICATION
DEVICES ARE
PROHIBITED.



DON'T
YOU KNOW OUR
WHOLE MISSION
IS JEOPARDIZED
IF THE ENEMY
OVERHEARS?!

NO, NO!
STOP!
IT'S OFF. I
TURNED IT
OFF!

HMM... OKAY.
YOU'LL HAVE TO
REMEMBER OUR
VALOR WITHOUT
NOTES.

WE MEANT
NO HARM. IT'S
TO HELP US TAKE
NOTES. SO WE
CAN REPORT
YOUR BRAVERY
LATER.

WAY TO
GET US INTO
TROUBLE,
RACH.



IS
EVERYTHING
ALRIGHT
HERE?

YES,
SARGE.

TIME FOR
WORK.

PRIVATE,
PLEASE ESCORT
VIKAS TO THE
CAPTAIN.

RACHEL,
COME WITH
ME.

THE CHAPEL ROOM

RACHEL, THE REVEREND HERE SHOULD HAVE SOME WORK FOR YOU.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT.

AMEN.

REVEREND, THE CAPTAIN HAS SENT RACHEL TO WORK WITH YOU.

HMM, UNUSUAL. BUT CERTAINLY WELCOME.

I'LL BE BACK AT 19 HUNDRED HOURS.


UH... 19 HUNDRED? W-WHAT'S THAT?

DON'T MIND HIM, CHILD. SOLDIERS CAN BE A BIT GRUFF.

I'M GEORGE PETRIE DUNCAN.


OFFICIALLY A CAPTAIN, BUT ALSO A REVEREND HERE AND BACK HOME IN PORT CREDIT.

PORT CREDIT? GUESS WE'RE BOTH PRETTY FAR FROM HOME.




THAT IS TRUE. BACK HOME, I WAS A CLERGYMAN AT ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

BUT WHEN I SAW OUR YOUNG MEN, MY SONS INCLUDED, ENLISTING TO FIGHT, I COULD NOT SIT IDLY BY.




YOUR SONS ARE IN THE WAR?



YES! ALL THREE OF THEM ENLISTED.

ALAN AND WALLACE ARE IN THE BACK.



WALLACE IS A LIEUTENANT IN THE 10TH, AND MY YOUNGEST BOY, ALAN, IS A LIEUTENANT IN THE 75TH.

WAR TAKES THE GOOD, STRONG, NAÏVE, THE YOUTH OF OUR WORLD.

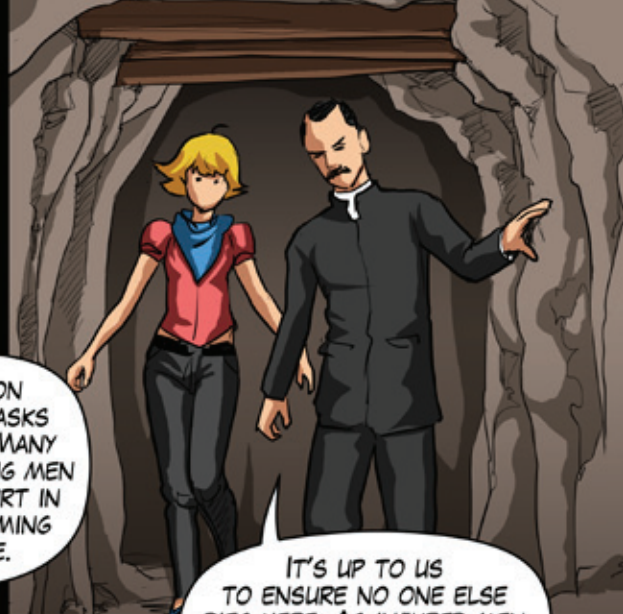
IN BOTH MIND AND BODY.

MY ELDEST, GEORGE GORDON, WAS A CAPTAIN IN THE 10TH. HE WAS DESTINED TO GIVE HIS LIFE IN DEFENCE OF WHAT HE BELIEVED.

...HE WAS KILLED AT FESTUBERT IN 1915.



WELL, ON TO THE TASKS AT HAND. MANY OTHER YOUNG MEN WILL BE HURT IN THE UPCOMING BATTLE.



IT'S UP TO US TO ENSURE NO ONE ELSE DIES HERE. AS INJURED MEN ARRIVE WE'RE TO TREAT ALL THEIR WOUNDS...

...AND LEAD IN PRAYER.

AND TO BOOST MORALE.



YOUR JOB IN THE MEANWHILE IS THE MAIL. YOU'RE TO HAND OUT ALL THE LETTERS.



WE HAVE OVER 15,000 MEN HERE. NOT ALL WILL GET LETTERS BUT SOME DO.

THERE MUST BE HUNDREDS HERE.

WOW. GUESS I BETTER GET STARTED.



LATER...

HEY RACHEL!
I'M GLAD YOU'RE
BACK.

I'VE BEEN
RUNNING MESSAGES
FOR THE CAPTAIN,
AND YOU'LL NEVER
GUESS....

WHAT'S UP
WITH ALL THE
COMMOTION?!

OH LOOK,
IT'S PRIVATE
CLARKE
AND
THE CLARKSON
BOYS.

WHERE'S
EVERYONE
GOING?

WE FINALLY
HAVE ORDERS TO
GO TOPSIDE!

I WAS
JUST ABOUT
TO SAY...

AFTER ALL
THIS CRAZINESS,
COME VISIT ME IN
STREETSVILLE!

I'M GOING
TO OPEN UP
A BAKERY!

YOU TWO,
COME WITH
ME.

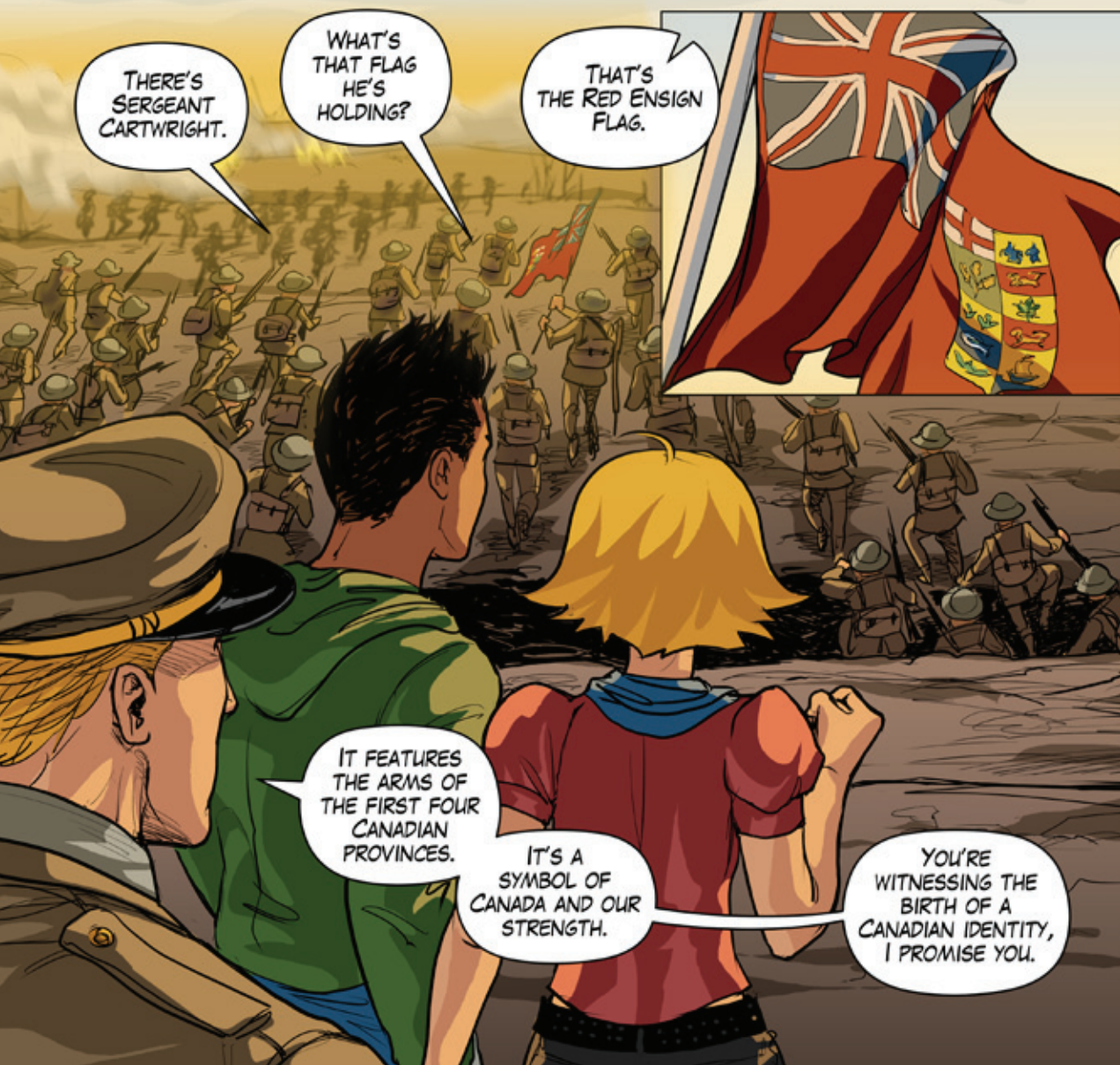
CAPTAIN?
WHERE
ARE WE
GOING?



HURRY,
WE'RE GOING
TOPSIDE...



TO ONE
OF OUR
OBSERVATION
POSTS.



THERE'S
SERGEANT
CARTWRIGHT.

WHAT'S
THAT FLAG
HE'S
HOLDING?

THAT'S
THE RED ENSIGN
FLAG.

IT FEATURES
THE ARMS OF
THE FIRST FOUR
CANADIAN
PROVINCES.

IT'S A
SYMBOL OF
CANADA AND OUR
STRENGTH.

YOU'RE
WITNESSING THE
BIRTH OF A
CANADIAN IDENTITY,
I PROMISE YOU.



BOOM!

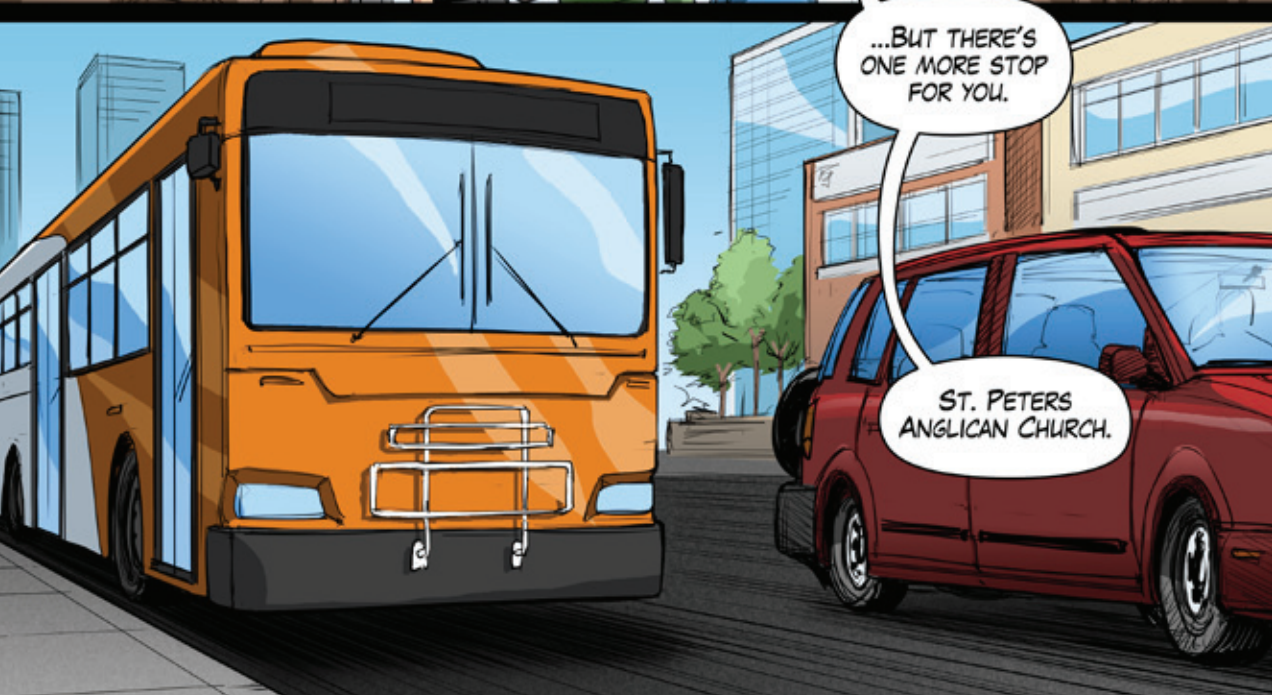
BOOM!

QUICK!
BACK IN THE
TUNNEL. IT ISN'T
SAFE HERE
ANYMORE.

AND TAKE
THIS WITH
YOU!

BOOM!

GOOD
LUCK!



ST. PETERS ANGLICAN CHURCH.

GO ON
INSIDE. LOOK
FOR THE ROLL
OF HONOUR.

SERGEANT
CARTWRIGHT,
DIDN'T MAKE IT
THROUGH THE
WAR.

I WONDER
WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE CLARKSON
BOYS AND
PRIVATE CLARKE.

I HOPE
THEY CAME
HOME SAFELY.

OH, HEY!
THE BACKPACK!
I STILL HAVE IT.

THIS IS OUR
ONLY THING WE
HAVE FROM OUR
CRAZY JOURNEY.

YEAH!
I WONDER
WHAT'S
IN IT.

OH YEAH!
MY PHONE!

GOOD!
LET'S SEE
WHAT ELSE?





I WONDER
WHAT IT LOOKED
LIKE WHEN THE
SOLDIERS WENT
OFF TO WAR.

IT MUST
HAVE BEEN AN
AMAZING SIGHT
TO SEE.

"...IN THOSE FEW MINUTES
I WITNESSED THE BIRTH OF A NATION"

- BRIGADIER-GENERAL ALEXANDER ROSS



THE BATTLE OF VIMY 1917 RIDGE

BY VIKAS AND RACHEL

The Battle of Vimy Ridge was a pivotal military engagement fought during the First World War as part of the Battle of Arras in France. Canadian troops were ordered to capture Vimy Ridge in April of 1917. The Ridge was a strategic and heavily fortified ridge that held a commanding view. Previous attempts on the Ridge had failed, resulting in over 100,000 casualties.



To capture the Ridge, Canadians carefully planned and rehearsed their attack. To bring soldiers safely forward for the assault, engineers dug deep tunnels and soldiers remained underground for weeks before the attack. Many carved symbols into the chalk underground.

In the week leading up to the battle, artillery pounded the German positions on the Ridge. Attacking together for the first time, the four Canadian divisions, consisting of more than 15,000 soldiers, stormed the Ridge, and Hill 145, at 5:30 am on April 9th, 1917. Three days of costly battle secured the victory. Many consider the Canadian victory at Vimy a defining moment for Canada, when our country emerged from under the shadow of Great Britain. Canadian troops also earned a reputation as formidable and effective because of this stunning success. But it came at a heavy cost: 3,598 Canadians were killed and another 7,000 wounded.



Amongst those at Vimy were more than 50 soldiers from historic Mississauga, including seven who lost their lives: Private Dennis Ainger of Erindale, Sergeant Thomas Cartwright of Erindale, Private Joseph Clarke of Streetsville, Private William Kidd of Clarkson, Private Eli Rossiter of Clarkson, Private Jack Young of Clarkson, and Private James Fawcett of Streetsville. 11 others from historic Mississauga were wounded. Of these, four soldiers received medals for their conduct.



Captain Reverend George Petrie Duncan of Port Credit was present during Vimy. His three sons had also enlisted. His eldest son, Captain George Gordon Duncan, was killed in action in 1915. Another son, Captain Alan Barrie Duncan, was on sick leave at home in 1917, but returned to the front later in the year and was killed in action in 1918. The third was Lieutenant Wallace Duncan, who was severely wounded at Vimy.

Another set of brothers, Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Thomson and Lieutenant Douglas Thomson, of Port Credit, served with distinction at Vimy, and were both later killed in action.



Others from historic Mississauga who served at Vimy included Lieutenant Colonel Agar Adamson of the Prince Patricia's Light Infantry, and Captain Franklin Walter Ott, both of Port Credit. Captain Ott was killed in action later in the war.

We will remember them.

1. Private Dennis Ainger
2. Sergeant Thomas Cartwright
3. Capt. Rev. George P. Duncan
4. Capt. George G. Duncan
5. Capt. Alan B. Duncan
6. Lt. Col. Alexander Thomson & Lt. Douglas Thomson
7. Capt. Franklin W. Ott

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