

The image shows the Canada's National War Memorial in Ottawa. It features a large stone archway with a bronze sculpture of a winged figure on top. Below the arch is a bronze relief of soldiers in battle. The base of the memorial is inscribed with the years 2001-2014, 1950-1953, and 1914-1918. In the background, the Fairmont Château Laurier hotel is visible under a blue sky with wispy clouds. The text "Repatriation of Canada's Unknown Soldier" is overlaid in red at the top right.

Repatriation of Canada's Unknown Soldier

*Tomb of the
Unknown Soldier*

Canada's National War Memorial

Panoramic View of Confederation Square

looking north

Canada's National War Memorial

at its centre of the photo with

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

located in the front of the of War Memorial



**The Tomb is a
Reminder of Selfless Sacrifice**

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Repatriation of Canada's Unknown Soldier

A Canadian Unknown Soldier – World War I



Repatriation of Canada's Unknown Soldier



The idea originated as a millennium project of the Royal Canadian Legion and was coordinated through the government by Veterans Affairs Canada.

The government took on the proposal.

One unidentified soldier, out of the 1,603 graves of unknown soldiers, was selected from a WWI Cemetery in France

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Repatriation of Canada's Unknown Soldier

Three days before the May 2000 ceremonies in Ottawa, the remains of a 1917 WWI Unknown Canadian Soldier



1917

were exhumed from the
Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery
in France, put in a coffin and flown
to Ottawa, accompanied by a



2000

45-person Guard of Honour, an Army Chaplain and
Royal Canadian Legion Veterans

Canada's Unknown Soldier's Original Grave

Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery in France

Souchez, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France



Canada's Unknown Soldier's Original Grave



The remains of the soldier were actually exhumed on May 16, 2000 and turned over to Canada at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial on May 25, 2000

Canadian National Vimy Memorial

The Unknown Soldier also represents all services, army, navy, and air force, and in wars past, present, and conflicts that may yet come.



In a solemn ceremony on the morning of May 25, 2000 at Vimy Ridge and in the company of a 45 person Canadian Forces guard, a bearer party, and a chaplain the Commonwealth Graves Commission turned the remains over to Canada.

**FOLLOWING THE RETURN OF THE BODY FROM VIMY RIDGE ON MAY 25, 2000
THE BODY OF THE SOLDIER LAY
IN STATE IN THE HALL OF HONOUR IN PARLIAMENT
WHERE CROWDS SILENTLY FILED PAST, PAUSING TO REFLECT AND
HONOUR THE SACRIFICE**



Repatriation of Canada's Unknown Soldier



**THE CASKET BEING CARRIED ON A CEREMONIAL GUN CARRIAGE
FROM THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT TO THE NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL
THOUSANDS LINED THE STREET TO PAY RESPECT**

Repatriation of Canada's Unknown Soldier

May 28, 2000

**Canada's Unknown Soldier
Laid to Rest**

The Funeral Cortege included their Excellencies

**Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson,
Governor General of Canada**

Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada

Veterans, Canadian Forces Personnel and Members of the RCMP

CANADA'S NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL

THE CASKET IS ABOUT TO BE LOWERED INTO ITS FINAL RESTING PLACE



Repatriation of Canada's Unknown Soldier



**REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERY PROVINCE AND TERRITORY
PLACE A SYMBOLIC HANDFUL OF SOIL FROM THEIR REGION
ONTO THE CASKET, PRECEDED BY SOME SOIL FROM VIMY FRANCE**

Canada's Unknown Soldier – Then & Now



National War Memorial



A First World War soldier places stones on a Canadian grave near Vimy, France on June, 1917



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Repatriation of Canada's Unknown Soldier



On May 28, 2000,

we Canadians had a special ceremony

when we dedicated, as a nation,

The Tomb of the Unknown Canadian Soldier

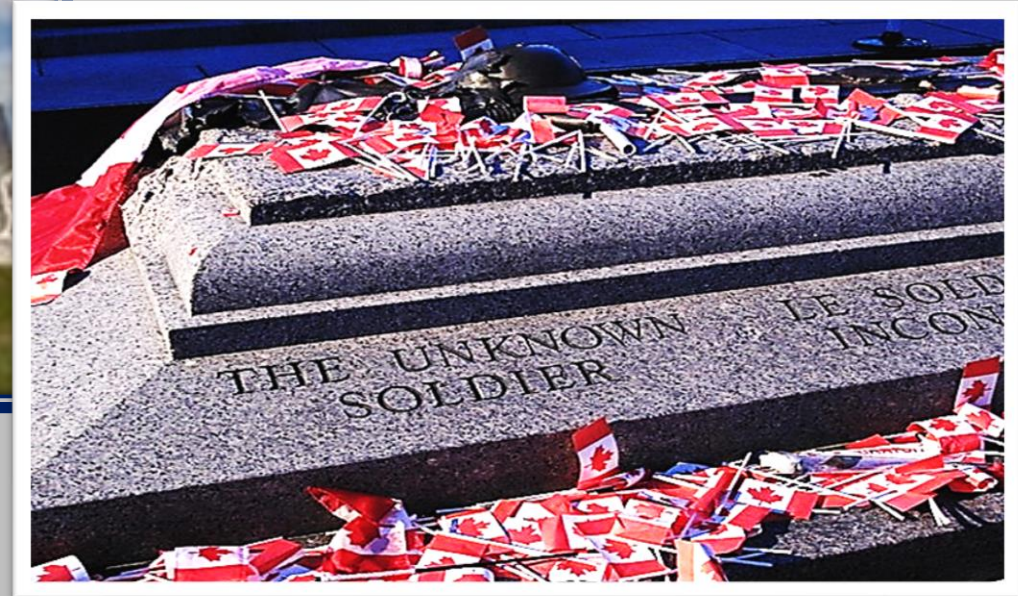
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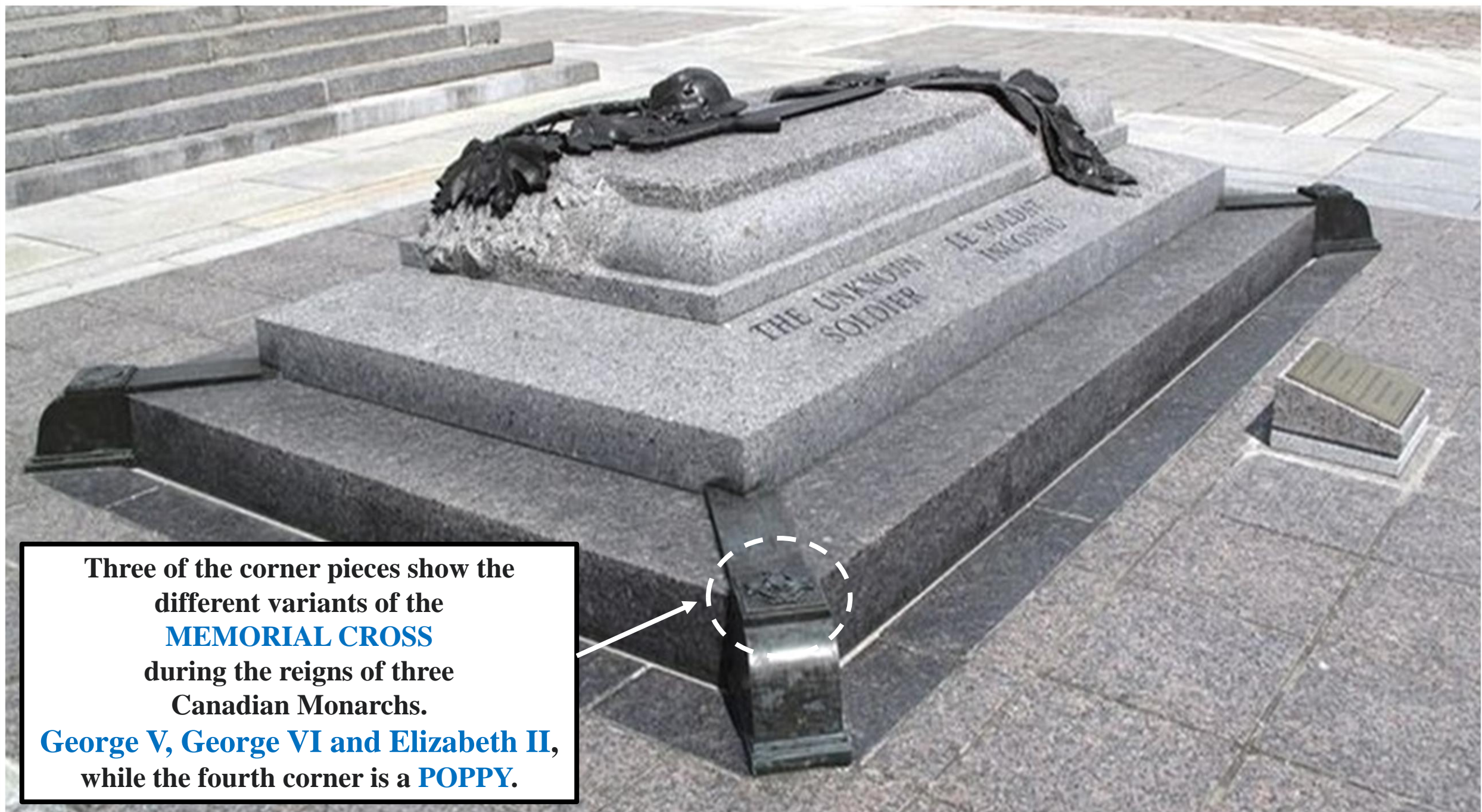
from Vimy Ridge, France



The Unknown Soldier
was laid to rest in a
Specially-Designed
Sarcophagus
directly in front of the
National War Memorial

Canadian National Vimy Memorial





Three of the corner pieces show the different variants of the **MEMORIAL CROSS** during the reigns of three Canadian Monarchs.

George V, George VI and Elizabeth II, while the fourth corner is a **POPPY**.

The Unknown Soldier Tomb Embodies



THE SPIRIT OF HEROISM

THE SPIRIT OF SELF-SACRIFICE

THE SPIRIT OF ALL THAT IS
NOBLE AND GREAT

IS EXEMPLIFIED IN THE LIVES OF THOSE THAT
SACRIFICED

Our Soldiers Journey *of* Selfless Sacrifice



Their sacrifices have cemented
a foundation for a true Canadian Nation

A nation independent in thought, independent in action,
independent even in its political organization

In Spirit, a Nation United for High International
and Humane Purposes

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Wars are as old as History

In the Tomb we Bury Someone's Son

We do not know whose Son he was

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

‘The Ultimate in Selfless Sacrifice’



*Remember Today.
Remember Always.*