



## REMEMBRANCE DAY



## LEST WE FORGET



Nineteen Canadians in uniform and one civilian have died in Afghanistan since Remembrance Day 2009. The *National Post's* Vincent McDermott recalls the fallen



**LIEUTENANT ANDREW NUTTALL, 30**

Lieut. Nuttall, of Victoria, B.C., was an officer on his first tour to Afghanistan. While on patrol in Kandahar on Dec. 23, 2009, he was killed in an improvised explosive device blast, a tactic he had called "cowardice hit-and-run" on his blog.



**SERGEANT GEORGE MIOK, 28**

Sgt. Miok was a combat engineer on his second Afghan deployment. He was also a bartender and teacher in his native Edmonton. He was killed, along with three other soldiers and a journalist, by a roadside bomb on Dec. 30, 2009.



**SERGEANT KIRK TAYLOR, 28**

An artillery soldier on his first deployment, Sgt. Taylor was also a team leader in his local search and rescue team. The native of Yarmouth, N.S., died in the Dec. 30, 2009 IED incident that killed four others.



**CORPORAL ZACHERY MCCORMACK, 21**

Another casualty of the final week of 2009, Cpl. McCormack was an infantry soldier with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. He was on his first deployment and had volunteered to go to Afghanistan. He left behind a fiancée.



**PRIVATE GARRETT WILLIAM CHIDLEY, 21**

Pte. Chidley was the driver of the armoured vehicle in which five Canadians died on Dec. 30, 2009. As a teenager in Langley, B.C., he earned a pilot's licence, but chose to become an infantry soldier instead of a pilot.



**MICHELLE LANG, 34**

The lone Canadian civilian killed in Afghanistan in the last year, Ms. Lang was on a six-week assignment for the *Calgary Herald* when a vehicle carrying her and four Canadian soldiers was hit with an IED on Dec. 30, 2009. She was covering combat for the first time.



**SERGEANT JOHN WAYNE FAUGHT, 44**

Described as a career soldier and a father figure, Sgt. Faught of Sault Ste. Marie was a soldier with 23 years of experience. He was on his sixth overseas deployment, his third in Afghanistan, when he was killed by a land mine on Jan. 16.



**CORPORAL JOSHUA CALEB BAKER, 24**

Cpl. Baker was an infantry soldier with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. He had re-enlisted after briefly leaving the army, and hoped to become a police officer when he returned. He died in an accident during a training exercise northeast of Kandahar on Feb. 12.



**CORPORAL DARREN JAMES FITZPATRICK, 21**

Wounded by an explosive device while on a March 6 foot patrol, Cpl. Fitzpatrick of Prince George, B.C., was removed to University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton. There the athletic corporal died of his wounds on March 20, surrounded by family.



**PRIVATE TYLER WILLIAM TODD, 26**

Pte. Todd of Bright was on his first tour with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry when he was killed in an IED blast on April 11. Fellow soldiers described him as a practical joker but, more importantly, as someone they could depend on.



**PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS DOUGLAS CRAIG BLAKE, 37**

Petty Officer Blake of Simcoe was a naval clearance diver. The married father of two had been in Afghanistan for a few weeks defusing explosives when he was killed in an IED explosion on May 3.



**PRIVATE KEVIN THOMAS MCKAY, 24**

Growing up in Richmond Hill, Pte. McKay knew he wanted to be a soldier, and spent much of his time camping and fishing. He was killed in an IED blast on May 13, two days before his first Afghanistan deployment was set to finish.



**COLONEL GEOFF PARKER, 42**

The highest-ranking soldier to have died in Afghanistan, Col. Parker was a married father of two and a former commanding officer of 2nd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment. He was killed by a suicide bomber in Kabul on May 18.



**TROOPER LARRY RUDD, 26**

Described as "a gentle giant," Trooper Rudd was an armoured crewman from Brantford. On May 24, he was killed during a combat resupply mission, when his armoured vehicle hit a makeshift land mine southwest of Kandahar City.



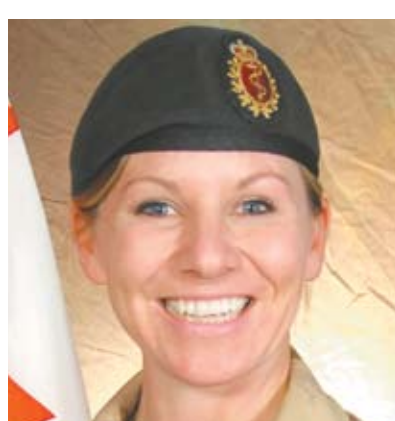
**SERGEANT MARTIN GOUDREAU, 35**

Sgt. Goudreau of Sudbury was a combat engineer on his fifth deployment. He was a 15-year veteran in the military and known as "Marty" to friends. He was killed in an IED blast during a foot patrol on June 6.



**SERGEANT JAMES PATRICK MACNEIL, 29**

Sgt. MacNeil of Glace Bay, N.S., was killed in an IED blast on June 21 while on patrol in the Panjwai District. It was his fourth tour in Afghanistan. He had a fiancée and was described as "the life of the party."



**MASTER CORPORAL KRISTAL GIESEBRECHT, 34**

Master Cpl. Giesebrecht of Wallaceburg was a medic and on her second deployment to Afghanistan when she died on June 26. She was accompanying troops who were going to defuse a mine when her vehicle detonated an IED. She left a husband behind.



**PRIVATE ANDREW MILLER, 21**

Pte. Miller of Sudbury was travelling with Master Cpl. Giesebrecht when he died. From a young age, he would create his own first-aid kits and decorate his room with camouflage patterns. Colleagues described him as a "superior medic."



**SAPPER BRIAN COLLIER, 24**

Sapper Collier of Bradford was on his first tour when he was killed by an IED on June 24. Earlier in his tour, he distinguished himself by clearing an area for medics at the scene of a roadside bombing, despite being injured himself.



**CORPORAL BRIAN PINKSEN, 21**

According to friends and family, Cpl. Pinksen of Corner Brook, N.L., craved adventure, so he joined the reserves in high school. He died at a military hospital in Germany after being wounded in an IED blast eight days prior. He was on his first tour of Afghanistan.