Veterans of the Battle of Vimy Ridge to be Honoured
Media Backgrounder

April 9, 2017 Events – Regina

Royal Canadian Legion, Regina Branch #001

9 a.m.   Parade, St. Paul's Cathedral, 1859 McIntyre Street
10:15 a.m.   Ceremony, Victoria Park Cenotaph
11 a.m.   Rededication, Royal Canadian Legion Library and Museum, 1820 Cornwall Street

Provincial Capital Commission

1 p.m.   Commemoration Ceremony, Legislative Building, Outdoors
1:40 p.m.   Vimy Ridge Exhibition and Reception, Legislative Building, Rotunda

April 12, 2017 Events - Regina

Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan and Provincial Capital Commission

7 p.m.   Screening of First World War Commemorative Video Series, MacKenzie Art
               Gallery, Shumiatcher Theatre,

Battle of Vimy Ridge Facts

- 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, which took place in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais region of France on April 9 through 12 in 1917.

- 97,184 Canadian soldiers fought in the battle. 10,652 were wounded or died. 3,598 fatalities, including more than 400 Saskatchewan soldiers.

- Saskatchewan was represented by the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles, 5th Battalion of Saskatoon, 28th Battalion of Regina, and the 46th Battalion of Moose Jaw, which served on the frontline.

- Shortly after the battle, the 46th Battalion's Pioneers carved and erected two large crosses as a memorial to their fallen. The crosses are temporarily on display as part of the Vimy Ridge Exhibit at the Legislative building, before returning to their permanent home in the Lieutenant Colonel D.V. Currie VC Armoury in Moose Jaw.

- 41,689 Saskatchewan soldiers served during the First World War – 23.2 percent of the province's male population at the time. Nearly 5,000 Saskatchewan troops never returned home, the most fatalities incurred by any Canadian province.