

## "Canada Remembers"

The "Canada Remembers" Program was Canada's National and International program aimed at commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War, and ensuring that Canada's participation in the war was appropriately honoured.

The mission of "Canada Remembers" was to encourage Canadians and the citizens of the Netherlands, Belgium and in fact all Europeans, to remember those who rallied to the cause of restoring world peace during the Second World War. In general outline, the Benelux Program focused on:

- Remembering those who fought and died in Holland, Belgium, and throughout Europe;
- Remembering the men, women and children who rallied to support Canada's effort at home

and in Europe through the many European citizens' underground groups;

- Creating a renewed understanding among Canadians and Europeans of the causes and consequences of war, the price of an enduring peace and the hard questions

surrounding the ideas of duty, patriotism and sacrifice;

- Helping to recognize the enduring economic and social legacy of the war that allowed Canada to develop into a vigorous, progressive and internationally-

respected country;

- Actively joining with the Governments of the Netherlands and Belgium to celebrate peace and to honour Canada's impressive contribution to world peace.

