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Preparing for 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge Students across Canada learn lessons about Canada's WWI battlefield valour

What: Sopwith Pup replica biplanes to depart for the Vimy commemorative celebration, with 9,000 Canadian students and teachers to see them

When: March 15:

- arrival of CC-177 Globemaster III at 14:00 p.m.
- packing and loading aircraft in the afternoon

March 16:

- departure of CC-177 Globemaster III in the morning

Where: 19 Wing Comox, B.C.

With the 100th anniversary of The Battle of Vimy Ridge fast approaching on April 9th 2017, Canadian students have been busy learning why this battle means so much to our nation. Since the launch of the *A Nation Soars* collection in September 2016, over 12,000 students have explored Canada's history through educational resources such as videos, online teaching tools, and a giant floor map — developed by [Canadian Geographic Education](#) and [Sound Venture Productions](#).

As part of the project, two Sopwith Pups were built by skilled volunteers from the Canadian Museum of Flight and a group from the Langley 746 Lighting Hawk Squadron air cadets and are leaving from 19 Wing Comox tomorrow for France. The biplanes are without a doubt the most exciting component of the Vimy educational program. These planes will be on display at the commemorative ceremonies, and will then journey across Canada to raise awareness and honour the heroism of Canadian troops in the First World War and the past 100 years.

Honouring Vimy is important to Canadians. Over 9,000 Canadian students and teachers are traveling with [EF Educational Tours](#) to participate in Vimy commemorative events. While in France, they'll get to see and learn about the biplanes, and test their battle knowledge on the [Vimy Ridge giant floor map](#) at the Artois Expo Pavilion in Arras, France. These professionally crafted resources are helping today's students understand and appreciate the courage and tenacity Canadians displayed at Vimy Ridge, winning the battle and helping Canada take its place on the world stage.

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