

BOMBER COMMAND MUSEUM OF CANADA **[Activities for Student Groups]**



AT CANADA'S BOMBER COMMAND MEMORIAL WALL

- Count the names to find out how many Canadians were killed flying bombers during World War II.
 - Have the students count to see how many names are in each column.
 - After determining that there are 100 in each column, have them walk along the wall and find out how many groups of ten columns (1000's) there are. After calculating that there are ten groups of 1000 (10,000) count the remaining names (659).
 - The total will be 10,659.
- Ask the students to look on the wall to see if there are any surnames that are the same as theirs. Which student has the most with their family name?
- Ask the students to look on the wall to see if there are any proper (first) names that are the same as theirs.

HOW DANGEROUS WAS IT TO FLY BOMBERS?

- Tell your students that they are going to pretend that they are a group of young Canadians who have trained in Canada to become airmen to fly bombers in World War II. Have them all stand.
- Select approximately 12% of the students and ask them to sit down –they were killed in training accidents (3 out of a class of 25).
- Select approximately 12% of the students and ask them to sit down –they were shot down and became prisoners of war (3 out of a class of 25).
- Select approximately 52% of the students and ask them to sit down –they were shot down and killed (13 out of a class of 25).
- Approximately 24% of the students will remain standing (6 out of a class of 25).