In collaboration with Shrouds of the Somme, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is gathering stories, diary extracts and images for the more than 72,000 casualties commemorated on the CWGC Thiepval Memorial and you can be involved as part of your Legacy110 project.

About the project...

You might remember the Shroud of the Somme project and the dramatic and emotive displays in Exeter and Bristol in 2016 to commemorate those killed on 1st July 1916. To mark the centenary of the end of the First World War in 2018, 72,396 shrouded figures will be laid out in London, one for each of the servicemen commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. Shrouds of the Somme is an extraordinarily powerful piece of commemorative art which will resonate around the world. The enormous scale brings a genuine sense of the true cost of the conflict, while remembering the individuals who gave their all. Through the collation of photos and details of the lives of the casualties, we will humanise the names on the Thiepval Memorial and help future generations discover and cherish the stories of those who gave their today for our tomorrow.

How your school can be involved...

Each school who attends one of our tours researches a ‘local soldier’ who is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. Use the research as the basis for a more extended project when you get home and share your findings with via the following link:

http://blog.cwgc.org/thiepval-stories

You can then count this towards your Legacy100 project total, based on the number if views this gets. You can also add your research to the IWMs Lives of the First World War pages.