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**AWARD WINNING DOCUMENTARY, THAT NEVER HAPPENED BY RYAN BOYKO OF ARMISTICE FILMS CROSS CANADA RELEASE**

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA – September 28, 2018 – The Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (CFWWIRF) announces the cross Canada release of the documentary, That Never Happened, Canada’s First National Internment Operations.

Produced by Ryan Boyko of Armistice Films, the documentary reveals the story of when over 88,000 people were forced to register and more than 8,500 were wrongfully imprisoned in internment camps across Canada, not for anything they had done but because of where they came from. In 1954 the public records were destroyed, and in the 1980’s a few brave men and women began working to reclaim this chapter in history and ensure future generations would know about it.

Ryan Boyko states, “My chief aim was to honour the innocent men, women and children who were treated unjustly over a century ago, and all those who have suffered the ripple effects since. When we first started making this project, we thought we were making a historical Documentary relevant to a few ethnic communities in Canada. We had no idea how incredibly relevant it would be today, not just in Canada but around the world! In these times of “alternative facts,” xenophobia and talk of registering undesirable “others,” this film has now become an urgent call to those who could easily repeat the mistakes of the past. This film aims to cultivate empathy in the place of fear.”

That Never Happened will be screening on November 11 at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg.

For the complete cross Canada screening schedule please visit [www.armisticefilms.com](http://www.armisticefilms.com).

**CFWWIRF UNVEILS AUGMENTED REALITY MAP**

360 Story Lab has created an augmented reality internment map for use in classrooms and museums.

Creator of the AR map, Jeff Preyra describes the experience, “While standing in front of a large interactive map, visitors will be able to locate any of the camps featured and trigger an augmented reality experience on their smartphone or

tablet. The augmented reality uses text, video and still images to bring to life historic details of the camps, stories of the internment operations and even the experiences of actual internees. This exhibit is the first stage of a multi-staged project that aims to eventually illuminate the complete history of Canada's First National Internment Operations in an accessible and personal way through the dynamic use of augmented and virtual reality."

### **NATIONAL INTERNMENT DAY OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

In 2015, the Endowment Council of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Internment Committee adopted resolutions to designate October 28th as National Internment Commemoration Day in Canada. This day commemorates Canada's First National Internment Operations, the unjust internment of 8,579 so-called "enemy aliens", including The affected communities include Ukrainians, Bulgarians, Croatians, Czechs, Germans, Hungarians, Italians, Jews, various people from the Ottoman Empire, Polish, Romanians, Russians, Serbians, Slovaks, Slovenes, among others of which most were Ukrainians and most were civilians. Men, women and children needlessly suffered not because of any wrong they had done but only because of where they had come from, who they were. We encourage you to participate in National Internment Commemoration Day by organizing a commemorative event to remember all the victims of this injustice in your community.

### **About CFWWIRF**

The Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (CFWWIRF) was established to support projects that commemorate and recognize the experiences of all of the ethno-cultural communities affected by Canada's first national internment operations of 1914 to 1920.

***For more information on this resource or the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund contact the Program Manager, Andrea Malysh, toll free at 1-866-288-7931.***

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