



**CONTEMPORARY COMBAT:** The personal stories of Canadian troops in Afghanistan.

**New Season of Award-Winning WAR STORY Series Premieres on HISTORY Monday, November 9th at 8pm & 8:30pm ET as Part of Remembrance Week Programming**

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**October 21, 2015 - Toronto, ON** – The acclaimed Canadian TV series *War Story* for the first time takes an intimate, chronological look at the on-the-ground experiences of Canadian soldiers in the war in Afghanistan, from 9/11 onward. The fourth season of Barry Stevens and David York's acclaimed documentary series *War Story*, titled *War Story: Afghanistan*, premieres **Monday, November 9th at 8 pm ET on HISTORY.**

*War Story: Afghanistan* presents the moving stories of Canadian soldiers during Canada's longest conflict - the War in Afghanistan - through their intimate, first-person accounts. Generals, front-line soldiers, and Afghan interpreters all share their own experiences directly to the camera and viewer.

The hard-hitting series showcases the heroism, courage, and ups and downs of that long, difficult war. Vivid interviews and riveting, high-definition footage expose viewers to sniper action behind enemy lines, friendly fire casualties, suicide bombers, and all-out combat – including NATO’s largest-ever battle – against a determined and brutal enemy. The soldiers also share the challenges of telling friend from foe in a hostile, confusing environment, and of the sacrifice and honour in bringing the wounded and dead home from a faraway conflict.

“Like the past three seasons of **War Story**, the stories in our Afghanistan season are told entirely by the men and women who were there,” says Series Director Barry Stevens. “What is unique about the series is that it gives an intimate, first-person account of the Afghan war. This is war as it was experienced directly, as we haven’t seen or heard before. It is both very personal and emotional.”

The six episodes of **War Story: Afghanistan** will premiere over three nights - **Monday November 9th, Tuesday, November 10th** and **Wednesday, November 11th (Remembrance Day)** - running in chronological order and with two back-to back new episodes per night, at **8pm ET and at 8:30pm ET**.

## **Monday, November 9th**

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### **8 pm ET – “Going To War”**

#### **Broadcast Premiere**

Responding to 9/11, Edmonton’s Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry comes to the aid of their American allies in Kandahar, Afghanistan, engaging in combat operations for the first time since the Korean War. Canadian snipers save pinned-down American soldiers while setting the record for the longest kill shot in history, but the mission is marred when four Canadian soldiers are killed and eight others wounded by the United States Air Force in a “friendly fire” bombing at Tarnak Farm.

### **8:30 pm ET – “Cradle of the Taliban”**

#### **Broadcast Premiere**

In 2005, with the Americans’ focus now on Iraq, Canadian development experts, diplomats, and soldiers take responsibility for the reconstruction of Kandahar Province. It’s the litmus test of the 3D policy (Defence, Development, Diplomacy). But Kandahar is the birthplace – and resolute stronghold – of the Taliban. Despite the Provincial Reconstruction Team and a host of Village Medical Outreach projects, Canadian diplomat Glyn Berry is killed by a Taliban suicide bomber, abruptly shifting the mission from development to combat.

## Tuesday, November 10

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### 8:00 pm ET – “The White School”

#### Broadcast Premiere

Canada’s soldiers engage in sustained combat throughout Kandahar and Helmand Provinces – and Canadians learn that Afghanistan is not peacekeeping.

### 8:30 pm ET – “Operation Medusa”

#### Broadcast Premiere

Canadian soldiers launch Operation Medusa, the biggest operation in NATO’s history, and save Kandahar City from falling to the Taliban.

## Wednesday, November 11th

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### 8:00 pm ET – “Hearts and Minds”

#### Broadcast Premiere

A Canadian soldier tries to bring help and health care to a remote village in Afghanistan, but the Taliban make it hard to know who is friend or foe.

### 8:30 pm ET – “The Long Way Home”

#### Broadcast Premiere

Canadian soldiers wounded in Afghanistan get superb medical care – and the dead are treated with dignity. Everybody is brought home.

**War Story: Afghanistan** is produced by War Story IV Productions Inc. in association with Shaw Media and with the participation of the Canadian Media Fund (CMF), the Rogers Cable Network Fund, the OMDC - Ontario Film and Television Tax Credit, and the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit.

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