

FROM WINNIPEG TO WINNIE-THE-POOH

The tale of how the famous storybook bear got her name began at an Ontario railway station in August of 1914. Can you tell which parts of the story are true and which aren't?

ALL A-BEAR! >>

Lieutenant Harry Colebourn, a vet from Winnipeg, was on a train heading for a military camp in Valcartier, Que. The First World War was underway, and Colebourn was going to look after horses. When the train stopped in White River, Ont., he saw a man with a seven-month-old female black bear cub. Colebourn bought her for \$20 (about \$475 in modern money).



WE'LL CALL HER . . .

Colebourn named the cub Winnipeg Bear, soon shortened to Winnie. He kept her with him all through his time at Valcartier. She was so tame the men could play with her, and she became the mascot for their unit, the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade. When it was time to board a ship for England, Winnie came, too.