

erasure

War, barriers, borders, race, sex, gender, slavery, mans inhumanity lives under our skin.  
erasure is a project about historical amnesia.

Erasure list all (as many as were documented) wars conflicts, internal and external since 1902 to March of 2014. I am now starting again. What I am constantly struck by is how so little changes from the Romans to Syria

...Not long before he died in 2009 at 111, Harry Patch, the last British veteran, spoke about the war (WW1) in raw, shocking terms. He recalled the appalling stench in the trenches – soldiers’ latrines, rotting cadavers, sodden clothes – and rats as big as cats, having gorged on the eyes and livers of the dead. Even what he thought of Remembrance Day was unsettling: “just show business.” To him, war was “organized murder, and nothing else.”<sup>1</sup>

I felt a Funeral, in my Brain, (340)  
BY EMILY DICKINSON  
I felt a Funeral, in my Brain,  
And Mourners to and fro  
Kept treading - treading - till it seemed  
That Sense was breaking through –

And when they all were seated,  
A Service, like a Drum -  
Kept beating - beating - till I thought  
My mind was going numb –

And then I heard them lift a Box  
And creak across my Soul  
With those same Boots of Lead, again,  
Then Space - began to toll,

As all the Heavens were a Bell,  
And Being, but an Ear,  
And I, and Silence, some strange Race,  
Wrecked, solitary, here –

And then a Plank in Reason, broke,  
And I dropped down, and down -  
And hit a World, at every plunge,  
And Finished knowing - then -

1. First World War: How do we remember it meaningfully, a century later? SARAH HAMPSON, Globe and Mail Update (includes correction)  
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