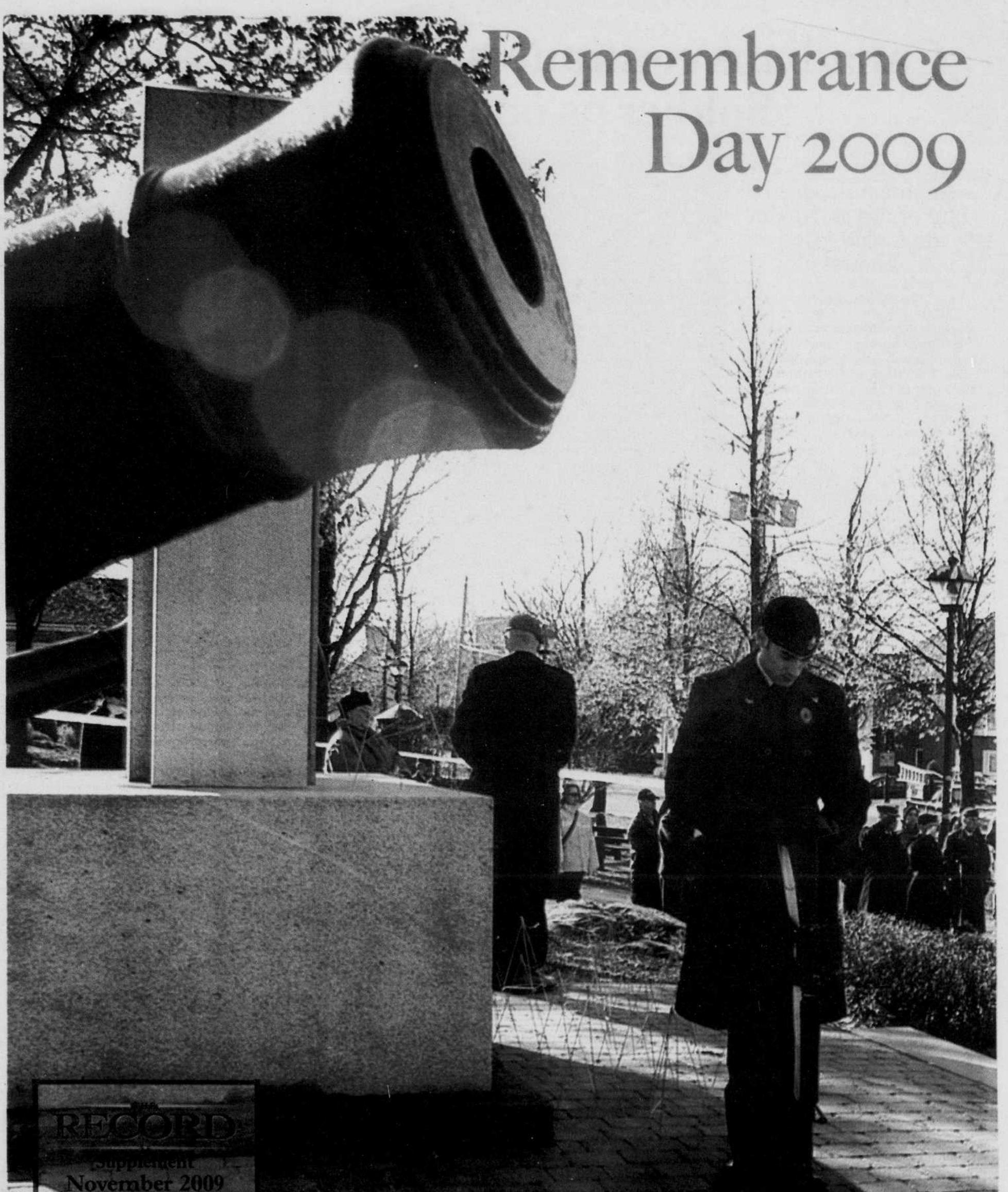




Remembrance Day 2009

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Canadians continue to embrace Unknown Soldier as one of their own

"We do not know his age, his unit, or his date of death. No one does. Only God knows"

By Sharon McCully

The dwindling ranks of veterans, loved ones and grateful Canadians will come by the thousands next week to the National War Memorial in Ottawa to pay tribute to the Unknown Soldier whose remains symbolize the thousands of Canadians who lost their lives in battle during the last century. On Remembrance Day, the monument will be a focal point for many who will remember their own. He could have been an Eastern Townships' farm lad - a new father perhaps, or a young son who came of age by fudging his birth date to follow his buddies aboard a ship destined for the killing fields of Europe.

Like the 28,000 other unidentified Canadians buried in foreign soil with tombstones bearing only the inscription, "Known unto God", the monument pays tribute to so many young men who never came home.

It was the aging veterans of the Royal Canadian Legion who initiated the project to bring a symbolic soldier home to Ottawa, and they asked that the remains come from Vimy, the World War I battle widely considered to be a defin-



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The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa

ing moment in Canadian Military history.

On that fateful morning of April 9, 1917, Canadian soldiers paid a heavy price 3,600 killed and 7,000 wounded - to achieve a victory that had been denied both British and French troops when they claimed Vimy Ridge for the Allied Forces.

Those who have had an opportunity to tour the trenches and tunnels of Vimy Ridge leave in awe of the courageous and heroic actions of young Canadians, many of them barely out of their teens.

Next week crowds will gather at the base of the towering pillars of the Vimy Memorial under the brooding head of

Mother Canada to mourn the loss of the 11,285 Canadians reported missing and presumed dead in France. Another 6,994 names of missing Canadians are carved on the Menin Gates at Ypres, Belgium.

The tombstone of the Unknown Soldier, one of 425 unidentified graves emblazoned with the Maple Leaf in the Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, was replaced with a new marker giving notice to the thousands who visit the cemetery, that this soldier has finally gone home. It reads: "The former grave of an unknown Canadian soldier of the First World War. His remains were removed on 25 May, 2000 and now lie interred at the National War Memorial in Ottawa

Canada."

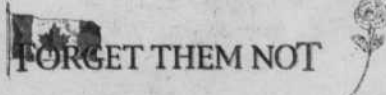
Another 325 marked graves of Canadian soldiers at the Cabaret-Rouge Cemetery are grim testimony of the blood of Canadian soldiers spilled in the prime of their lives.

In spite of scientific advancements that might eventually lead to the identification of the Unknown Soldier, the Canadian government has pledged to maintain the anonymity of the soldier and refrain from any future efforts to identify the remains.

Entombed at the National War Memorial, Canada's Unknown Soldier will forever remain every lost son, brother, husband, or friend.

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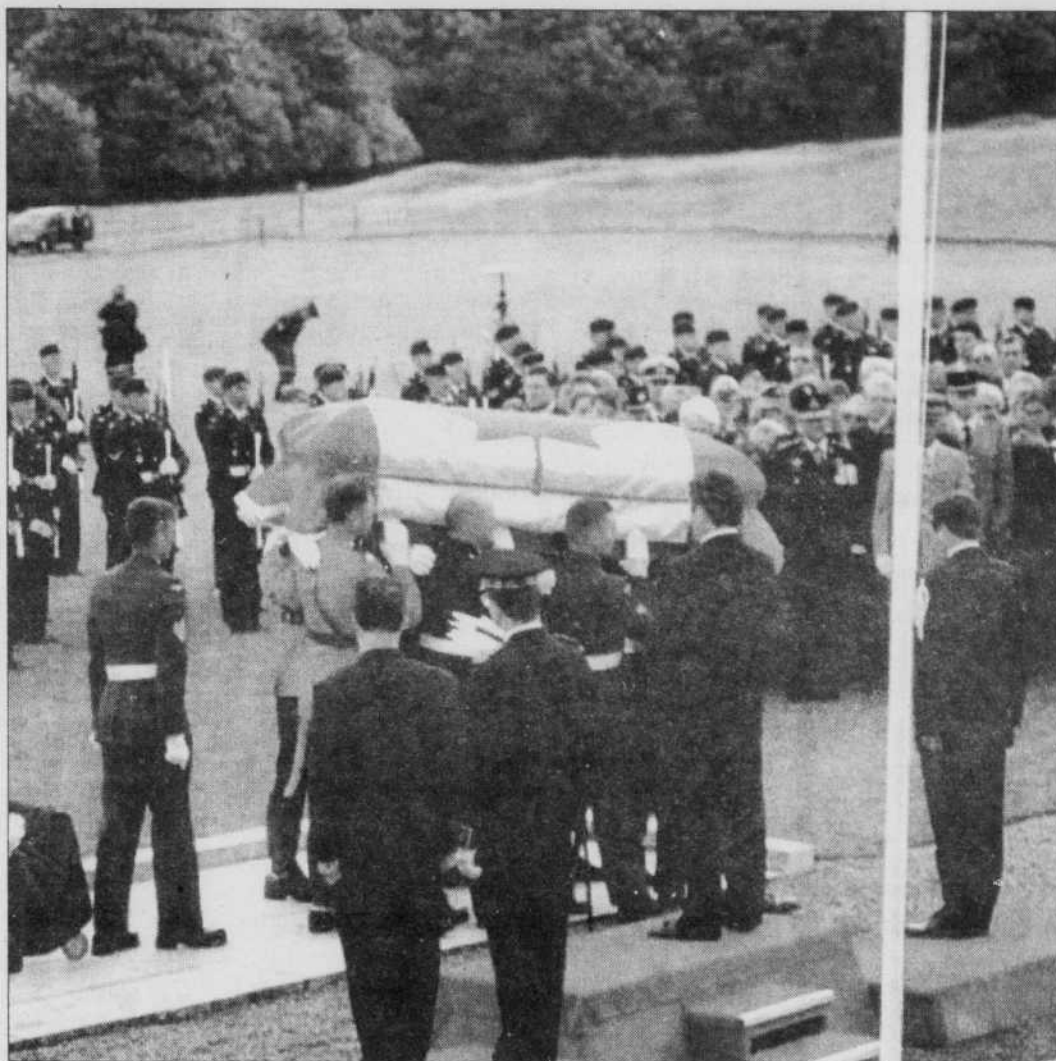
Remembrance Day Facts

Remembrance Day commemorates Canadians who died in the First and Second World Wars, and the Korean War. It is held every November 11.

The first Remembrance Day was conducted in 1919 throughout the Commonwealth. Originally called Armistice Day, it commemorated the end of the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m.: the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

From 1923 to 1931, Armistice Day was held on the Monday of the week in which November 11 fell. Thanksgiving was also celebrated on this day.

In 1931, MP Allan Neill introduced a bill to hold Armistice Day on a fixed day - November 11. During the bill's introduction, it was decided the word "Remembrance" would be used instead of "Armistice." The bill passed and Remem-



SHARON MCCULLY

A ceremony commemorating the soldiers who gave their lives in the great World Wars

brance Day was first conducted on November 11, 1931. Thanksgiving Day was moved to October 12 that year.

The poppy is the symbol of Remembrance Day. Replica poppies are sold by the Royal Canadian Legion to raise money for Veterans.

Poppy Facts

During the Napoleonic Wars, the poppy drew attention as the mysterious flower that bloomed over the graves of fallen soldiers.

In the 20th Cen-

tury, the poppy again was widely noticed after soils in France and Belgium became rich in lime from rubble during the First World War. The little red flowers flourished around the graves of the war dead as they had 100 years earlier.

In 1915, Guelph, Ontario native John McCrae, a doctor serving with the Canadian Forces Artillery, recorded this phenomenon in his famous poem *In Flanders Fields*.

Two days before the Armistice, Moina Michael, an American woman from Athens, Georgia, read the McCrae

poem and was inspired to wear a poppy year-round in memory of the war dead.

In 1920, Madame E. Guérin of France visited the United States and happened to meet Miss Michael at the YMCA at Columbia University, where the latter was a volunteer. Madame Guérin then resolved to sell handmade poppies around Armistice Day to raise money for poor children in the war-torn areas of Europe.

In 1921, Field-Marshal Earl Haig, the former Commander-in-Chief of the British Armies in France and Belgium and the principal founder of the British Legion, was sold on Madame Guérin's fundraising idea and approved organization of the British Poppy Day Appeal by the Legion to raise money for poor and disabled veterans.

The same year, Madame Guérin visited Canada, and convinced the Great War Veterans Association (predecessor to the Royal Canadian Legion) to similarly adopt the poppy as a symbol of remembrance in aid of fundraising.

Today, the Poppy Campaign is one of the Royal Canadian Legion's most important programs. The money raised from poppy sales provides direct assistance for ex-service people in financial distress, as well as funding for medical appliances and research, home services, care facilities, and numerous other purposes.

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On November 11, let us pause for two minutes to honor the memory of those who gave their lives that we might live in freedom!

In Flanders Fields

By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918)
Canadian Army

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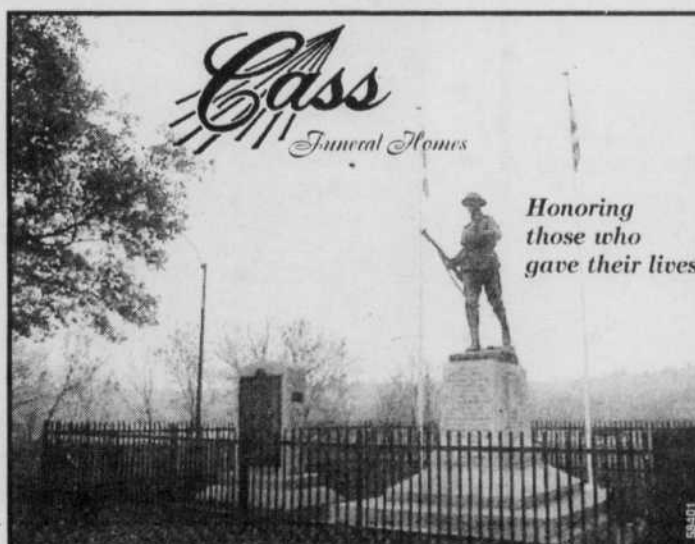
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset flow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
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Legion Branch # 5, Stanstead: (819) 876-5844
November 7: Cenotaph Ceremony : Dufferin Heights 11:00 am.
Parade: Stanstead: 1:30 p.m.
Hacket Park Service: 2:00 p.m.
Dinner at the Legion: 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 11: Memorial gates, Beebe: 10:00 a.m.
Memorial Gates, Stanstead College: 11 a.m.
Sunnyside School: 11:00 a.m.
Ecole Jardins Frontieres: 11 a.m.

Legion Branch # 10, Sherbrooke: (819) 563-4944
November 7: Legion Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 8: Cathedral Service and parade: 2 p.m.
Wreath Laying; Cenotaph, 3 p.m.

Legion Branch # 15 Richmond: (819) 826-3444
November 11: Wales Home, 11 a.m.
November 13: St. Francis Elementary, 9 a.m.
November 14: Remembrance Day Dinner, Legion, 7 p.m.
November 15: Parade, Ste-Bibiane Church, Cenotaph

Legion Branch #25, East Angus: (819) 832-4509
November 7: Weedon; Monument Ceremony 1:30 p.m.
November 8: Church Service, St-Louis de France; 10:30 a.m.
Parade: leaves church at 11:30 a.m.
Wreath Laying; Cenotaph; 11:45 a.m.

Legion Branch # 26, Coaticook: (819) 849-4106
November 8: Cenotaph Ceremony; 11 a.m.
Brunch at Golf Club; 12:00 p.m.

November 13: Remembrance Day Dinner, Legion 12:00 p.m.

Legion Branch # 41, Danville/Windsor (819) 839-3619

November 7: Parade, Legion hall, (Danville) 1:30 p.m.
Cenotaph Ceremony (Danville), 2 p.m.
Remembrance Day Dinner, (Danville) 6 p.m.
November 13: Cenotaph Ceremony (Windsor) , 2 p.m.

Legion Branch # 48, Bury: (819) 872-3662
November 8: Ceremony, Scotstown, 11 a.m.
Ceremony, Bury, 2 p.m.

Legion Branch # 51, Drummondville (819) 472-7737

November 5: Veterans Week, Centre Marcel Dionne, 7 p.m.
November 7: Remembrance Day Dinner, 6 p.m.
November 8: Parade, 2 p.m.

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November 7: Parade, followed by dinner, 34 Ste-Marie St. 2:30 p.m.
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November 7: Parade, Milette St.- Frontenac St., 1:30 p.m.
Remembrance Day Dinner, 6 p.m.

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November 11: Wreath laying, Cenotaph 11 a.m.

Legion Branch #165, Sawyerville (819) 875-5288

November 11: Cenotaph Ceremony (Sawyerville) 11 a.m.
Cenotaph Ceremony (East Clifton) and Lunch (Hotel) 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at Hotel Sawyerville (Sawyerville) 12 noon
Cenotaph Ceremony (Cookshire) 1:30 p.m.
Cenotaph Ceremony (Island Brook) 2:15 p.m.

Legion Branch #242, North Hatley (819) 838-4646

November 8: Church Service, St. Barnabas, 11 a.m.
Parade and Cenotaph ceremony, 3 p.m.
Remembrance Day Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

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Minister of Veterans Affairs Celebrates 65th Anniversary of Department



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Minister Greg Thompson talks with a veteran at last year's ceremony in Ottawa

Charlottetown — The Honourable Greg Thompson, Minister of Veterans Affairs, marked the 65th anniversary of the Department of Veterans Affairs at its Charlottetown head office. Minister Thompson was joined by local Veterans and Veterans Affairs employees.

Faced with a wave of nearly one million Veterans of the Second World War, the Government of Canada created the

Department of Veterans Affairs on October 18, 1944.

"Veterans Affairs has a longstanding tradition of serving Canada's Veterans," said Minister Thompson. "This was the case sixty-five years ago and it remains the case today. The Department exists to repay the nation's debt of gratitude to the remarkable men and women who served and continue to serve our coun-

try."

Also participating in today's event were Lieutenant Governor Barbara Hagerman, Premier Robert Ghiz, Charlottetown Mayor Clifford Lee and Dan MacDonald Junior, son of the late Daniel J. MacDonald, after whom the main Veterans Affairs building in Charlottetown was named. A Veteran of the Second World War, Daniel J. MacDonald was a Minister of Veterans Affairs and key driver in the Department's move to Prince Edward Island.

The creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the evolution of programs to meet the needs of a new generation of Veterans had a tremendous impact on Veterans services and on broader health and social services in Canada.

Today, the De-

partment continues to evolve to meet the needs of Canada's traditional and modern-day Veterans. For more information about Veterans Affairs, visit www.vac-acc.gc.ca.



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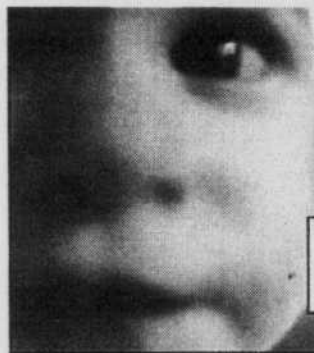
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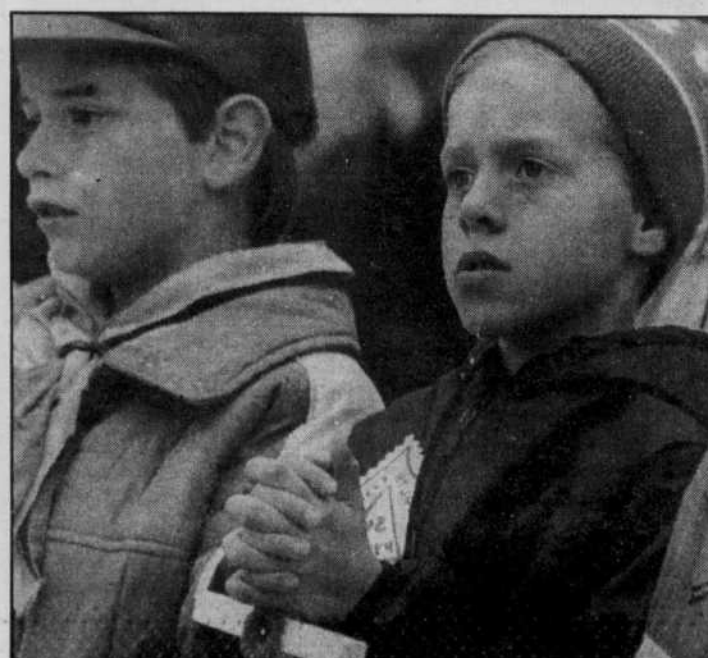
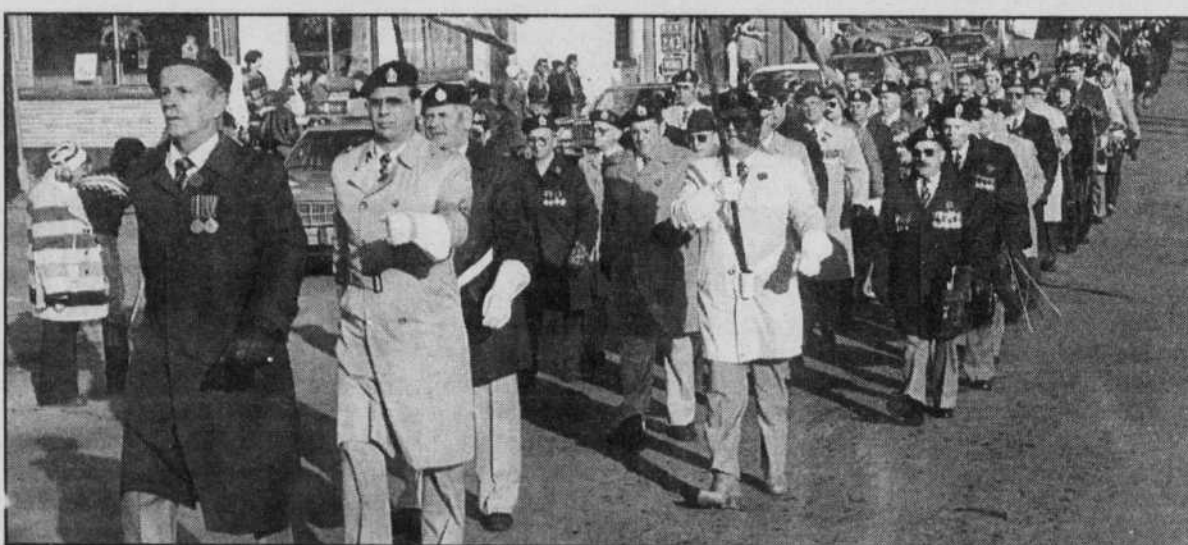
We honour those who fought for Canada in the First World War (1914-1918), the Second World War (1939-1945) and the Korean War (1950-1953). More than 1,500,000 Canadians served overseas – more than 100,000 died. They gave their lives and their future so that we may live in peace.

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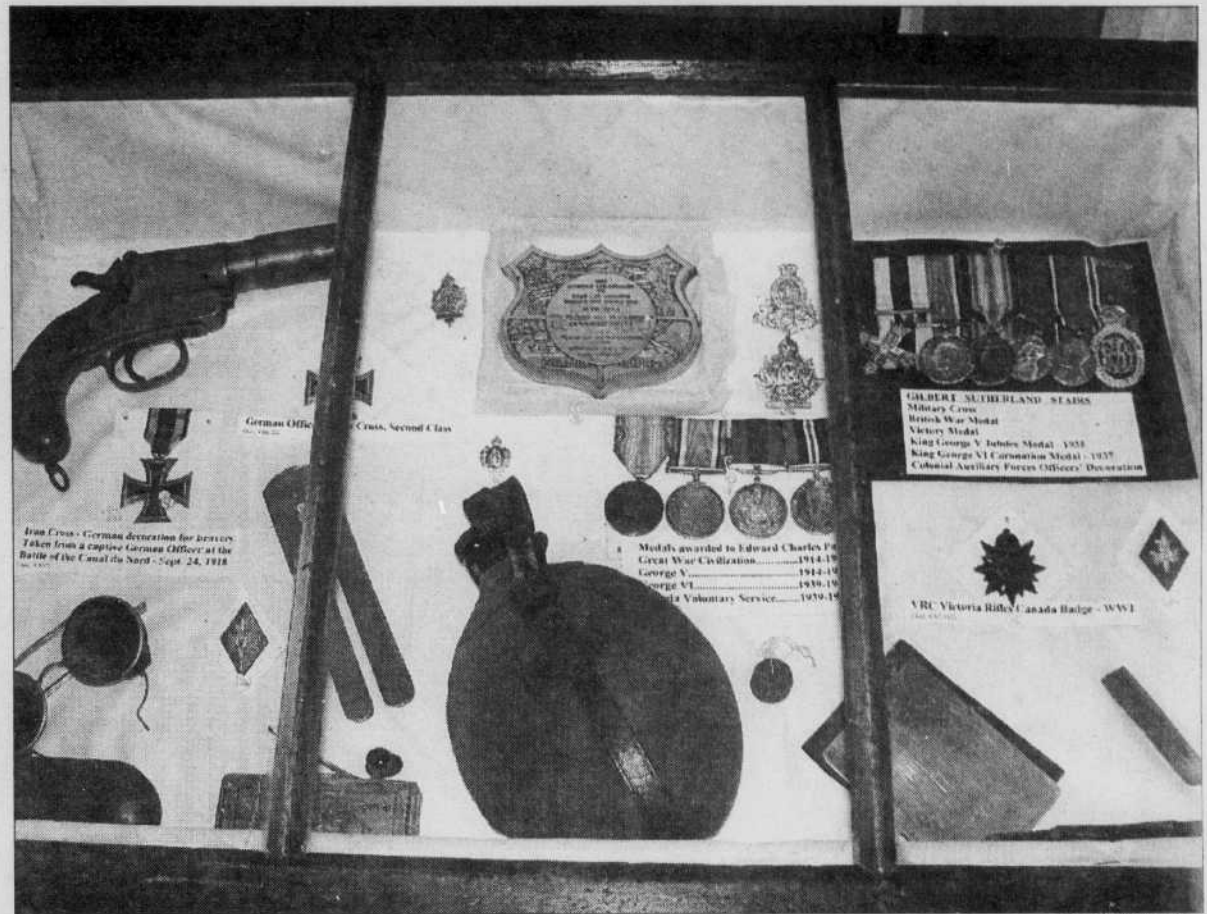
Remembrance Days Past



Great War posters at the Knowlton Museum



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One of the many posters on display

Along with the posters, the museum also offers a look at objects from the War

On the occasion of the November 11 ceremonies in remembrance of the twentieth century wars and the compatriots who gave their lives for our country, the Brome County Historical Society is presenting a special exhibit of its important collection of posters from the "Great War, 1914-1918" (World War

I). These posters are invaluable because they recall how, from 1914 to the end of the war, they were used by countries and regiments for recruiting, for anti-enemy propaganda, for the red-cross, for patriotic purposes, for victory bond sales, etc. The exhibition will also feature military uniforms, war souvenirs,

medals, equipment and correspondence. The museum is located at 130 Lakeside Road (the Centennial Building), Knowlton. tel: (450)243-6782. The exhibit will run from November 9 to the 20th, Monday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. There will be a special opening of the museum on Sun-

day, November 15, from 1p.m. to 4 p.m. The residents of Knowlton and the Townships should not miss this occasion to remember fellow citizens and relatives who died on the field of honour.

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Proper poppy etiquette



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When's the right time to start wearing one?

OTTAWA - When should you start wearing a poppy?

It's a question many of us ask every fall, as the little red emblems start popping up on the lapels of business people and children alike as a tribute to fallen soldiers.

Many people think that date is the day after Halloween - on Nov. 1. Others say poppies should be worn in the week running up to Remembrance Day.

The British Broadcasting Corp. actually chooses a day for its presenters to start wearing poppies each year. This year, it was from 6 a.m. on Oct. 24.

Veterans Affairs Canada says poppies can be worn from the beginning of the poppy drive, which this year was Oct. 30.

The annual campaign begins "on the last Friday of October and (poppies) can be worn at any time after that date," Veterans Affairs says on its web-

site.

But it adds: "Although it is tradition for the poppy to be worn only during the annual Remembrance period, a person may wear a Poppy any time he or she wishes to do so."

More than 1,500 branches of the Royal Canadian Legion started the poppy campaign Friday.

The veterans' organization suggests the poppy be worn on the left lapel of a garment or as close to the heart as possible.

The poppy is the national symbol of remembrance for the 117,000 men and women who gave their lives during military service around the world.

Wilf Edmond, national president of the legion, said the organization wants all Canadians to wear one in remembrance of those who have died to keep Canada and other countries free from tyranny.

Each year, about 18 million poppies are distributed in communities across Canada.

The money goes to trust funds, and is meant to be used to improve the lives of people in the communities where it was raised.

Small towns plan Remembrance Day ceremonies

By Sharon McCully

Four small villages in the Townships will hold separate ceremonies to pay tribute to the disproportionately large number of young men who left home to fight in a distant land.

Lois Garneau, a former school teacher whose husband Jack is one of the organizers of the events, said school children will play a major role in the ceremonies.

Children at Sawyerville Elementary have a special song they sing on each Remembrance Day and as the name of each soldier is read from the Honour Roll by Claris Philips, one of the children will

lay a wreath," Garneau said. "It's a tradition that has been going on for many years at the school."

This year, ceremonies will be held in Sawyerville at 11 o'clock, East Clifton, 11:30, Cookshire, 1:30 and Island Brook 2:30.

Garneau stressed the importance of young people hearing the stories of heroism and sacrifice first hand as the average age of veterans advances and their numbers dwindle.

"We are very lucky to have George Pinchen, in his late 90s participate in the ceremonies in Bulwer," Garneau said.

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