

Remembrance Day Monday, November 11, 1996

On Remembrance Day, Monday, November 11, 1996, fifty-three wreaths were placed at the Cenotaph at the Memorial Arch in West Vancouver's Memorial Gardens.

Our own West Vancouver Memorial Library wreath was laid by Chief Librarian, Jack Mounce.

Organizations paying tribute represented, amongst others:

The Parliament of Canada
The B.C. Legislative Assembly
The Canadian Armed Forces
Veteran Affairs Canada
The District of West Vancouver
West Vancouver Police Dept.
West Vancouver Fire Dept.
Royal Canadian Legion
West Vancouver Memorial Library
The Korea Veterans Assoc.
The Air Crew Association
Brigade of Gurkhas

Joining together with fellow Associations, Institutions, Lodges, Chapters, Churches, Clubs and Schools in this timeless ceremony.

The Colour Party numbered twenty five. The flags carried included:

The Union Jack
The Canadian Flag
The B.C. Provincial Flag
The United Nations Flag
several Regimental Flags
The White Ensign
The Air Force Flag
Legion Sections' Flags

The Service was conducted by the Legion's Chaplain Ian Andrews. The Reviewing Officer was Cde D. Duncan Grosch, Hon. Lt Colonel, The Royal Regina Rifles. The Sergeant at Arms was Terry Lynch. The Sentries were drawn from the Sixth Field Squadron.

Bandmaster Stephen Toren led the West Vancouver Community Band.

The Bugler was Gerry F. McCann. The Lament was played by 10-year old Piper Simon Pitches, and the Soloist again this year was 12-year old Julian Haigh.

Our Heritage and our Tomorrow

At the wreath laying ceremony and the March Past, The Youth of Canada - Our Hope for Tomorrow, were represented by:

West Van. Air Cadets
- Squadron 525
Boy Scouts of Canada
Girl Guides of Canada

While talking to Members of The Royal Canadian Legion, it was interesting to learn that, in connection with Remembrance Day and through the Schools, an annual competition is held - in different age groups - in three categories: best poster, best essay and best poem. The English and Art teachers in every school are invited to arrange for their students to participate. Prizes are awarded in Legion groupings - Branch, Zone, Provincial and Dominion Canada - and are announced in January. In 1995/6, for the first time, West Vancouver won a national prize - for poetry - awarded to a pupil from Collingwood School. It is hoped that, in future years, entries from West Vancouver students can be displayed in the West Vancouver Memorial Library and the Ferry Building.