

REMEMBRANCE DAY - 2003

Poppy Trust Fund

Balance Oct. 1, 2002	15481.12
Income from Campaign	46344.18
Sub Total	61825.80
CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	
Poppies & Wreaths	7061.75
Promotional Material	900.89
Other Local Expenses	466.00
Sub Total	8428.64
DISBURSEMENTS	
RCL Bursaries Fund	3500.00
Donations	
District B Hospital Meals on Wheels	
Salvation Army District B Charitable	
RCL Badger Relief (Newfoundland)	
	26000.00
Sub Total	36070.21
Total Campaign Expenses & Disbursements	44498.85
Balance Oct. 1, 2003	17326.45

POPPY TRUST FUNDS

WHAT THE FUNDS DO

The funds provide financial assistance to needy Canadian ex-service personnel, and merchant navy personnel possessing or eligible for campaign stars or decorations, and their dependents. Also eligible are ex-service personnel of other Commonwealth and Allied countries, now resident in Canada.

Authorized uses also include:

- the cost of operating a service bureau or its equivalent;
- bursaries to children and grandchildren of ex-service personnel;
- prizes for promotional contests directly connected with the campaign
- campaign costs, including the purchase of poppies, wreaths, promotional aids, canvassing supplies, reasonable expenses of poppy chairmen and committee members, advertising expenses and telephone telegraph, postage and stationery.

OTHER USES FOR THE FUNDS

A command, or, subject to the prior approval of the provincial command, a district, zone, branch or group of branches, may allot poppy funds for:

- community medical appliances and medical research;
- drop-in centres for the elderly, meals on wheels, transportation and related services for veterans, their dependents and the aged;
- donations for relief of disasters declared by the federal or provincial governments
- under certain conditions, housing for ex-service men, the elderly and disabled;
- within limits, assistance to ex-service personnel and dependents of Commonwealth countries residing outside Canada, e.g. donations to the Legion's BCEL Fund.

WHAT THE FUNDS CAN'T DO

The following and any items not covered in the General Bylaws are not permitted:

- cost of branch administration;
- purchase, erection, extension or renovation of branch premises;
- rental of property or purchase of equipment or furnishings for branch use;
- public-service projects such as recreational facilities;
- furnishings and non-medical equipment for hospital ward/rooms;
- subscriptions to newspapers or periodicals, even for hospitals;
- purchase of wreaths for funerals;
- transportation cost for funerals for relatives;
- any form of entertainment;
- bus tours for elderly veterans, or recreational pursuits;
- scholarships;
- maintenance of cemeteries;
- loans.



The poppy campaign is the Legion's moment of truth: unless it succeeds, all the high-sounding ideals surrounding Legion work are nothing but empty words. The campaign must be measured by its effectiveness in promoting Remembrance and by the amount of money it raises to help needy ex-service personnel and their dependents.

WHO OWNS THE FUNDS

Poppy funds are public funds, held in trust by the Legion until spent as designed. They must be kept in separate trust accounts. And they must be spent, not accumulated for a rainy day. Normally, at least 90 percent of the funds collected each year should be spent before the next campaign.

What Remembrance Day means to me...

Remembrance Day, what does it mean to me? To me it means remembering those who fought in the war for what they believed in, earning us our freedom. It means being there for friends when they need our help. It means caring so much for your family you risk your life for them.

At eleven o'clock on November 11th I stand in silence to think about

those who lost their lives fighting for us. I think about what it must have been like standing in Flanders field during the war, watching your best friends die. I think about what those men felt when they killed someone they didn't know. I think about the many children who stayed home waiting, hoping they wouldn't get a telegram telling them their father or

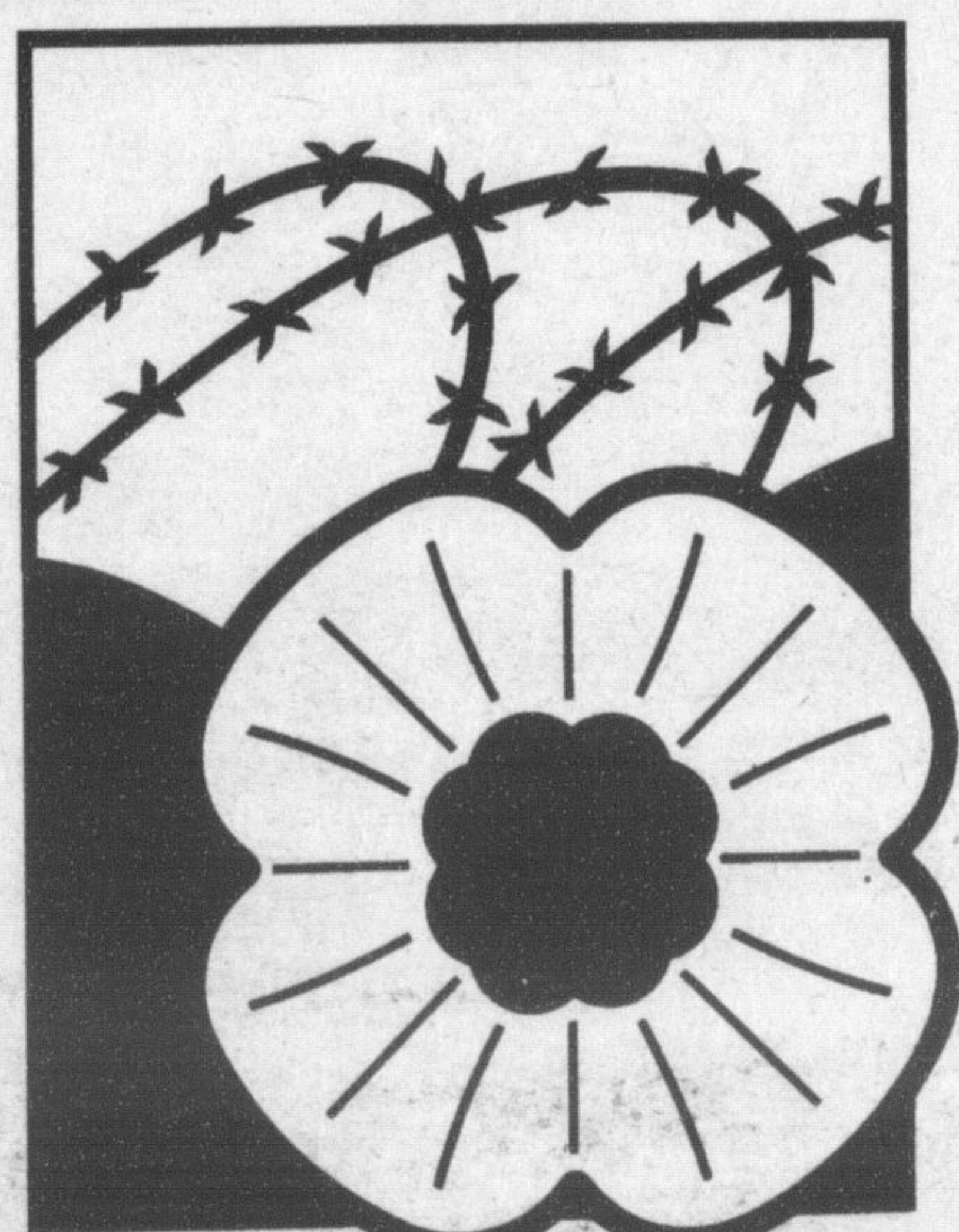
older brother had died.

I had many grandparents who fought in the wars. Although I have never met them, I still try to remember. I try to remember them with respect of their braveness and hope for our country.

When the war ended poppies bloomed in Flanders field. The poppy became a symbol of war. Thanks to

the millions of Canadians who wear them on their jackets every November 11th the poppy will never die. Neither will the memories of those who fought and died in war.

Emily Grainger



TAKE TIME TO REMEMBER

THE ROYAL CANADIAN
LEGION

A Cross To Bear

Men and women
Near and far
Remember this day
Even though they may
have scars

Battles were fought
and lives were lost
Now many soldiers
Must bear a cross

For now the fields
Are littered with graves
Silent and still
And filled with the brave

Fathers and sons
Were taken away
Never to return
For even one day

On November eleventh
The least we can do
Is to pray and say
Thanks to You

Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday, November 9 will start from
the Royal Canadian Legion on Charles Street at 2:00 pm & travel to the cenotaph at Town Hall