

REMEMBRANCE DAY - 2004

Poppy Trust Fund

Balance Oct. 1, 2003	<u>17,326.45</u>
Income from Campaign	<u>42,725.30</u>
Sub Total	<u>60,051.75</u>
CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	
Poppies & Wreaths	14,559.44
Promotional Material	781.82
Other Local Expenses	<u>536.00</u>
Sub Total	<u>15,877.26</u>
DISBURSEMENTS	
RCL Bursaries Fund	8,512.20
	3,000.00
Donations	
District B Hospital Meals on Wheels	
Salvation Army District B Charitable	
RCL Badger Relief (Newfoundland)	
	16,100.00
Sub Total	<u>27,612.20</u>
Total Campaign Expenses & Disbursements	<u>43,489.46</u>
Balance Oct. 1, 2004	16,562.29

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.

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.



Prayer Before Battle

*When 'neath the rumble of the guns
I lead my men against the Huns
It's then I feel so all alone and weak and
scared
And oft I wonder how I dared
Accept the task of leading men.*

*I wonder, worry, fret, and then - I pray:
O God, who promised oft
To humble men to lend an ear,
Now in my troubled state of mind
Draw near, O God, draw near - draw near*

*Make me more willing to obey,
Help me to merit my command,
And, if this be my fatal day
Reach out, O God, Thy helping hand
And lead me down that deep dark vale.*

*Those men of mine must never know
How much afraid I really am,
Help me to lead them in the fight
So they will say - "He was a man".*

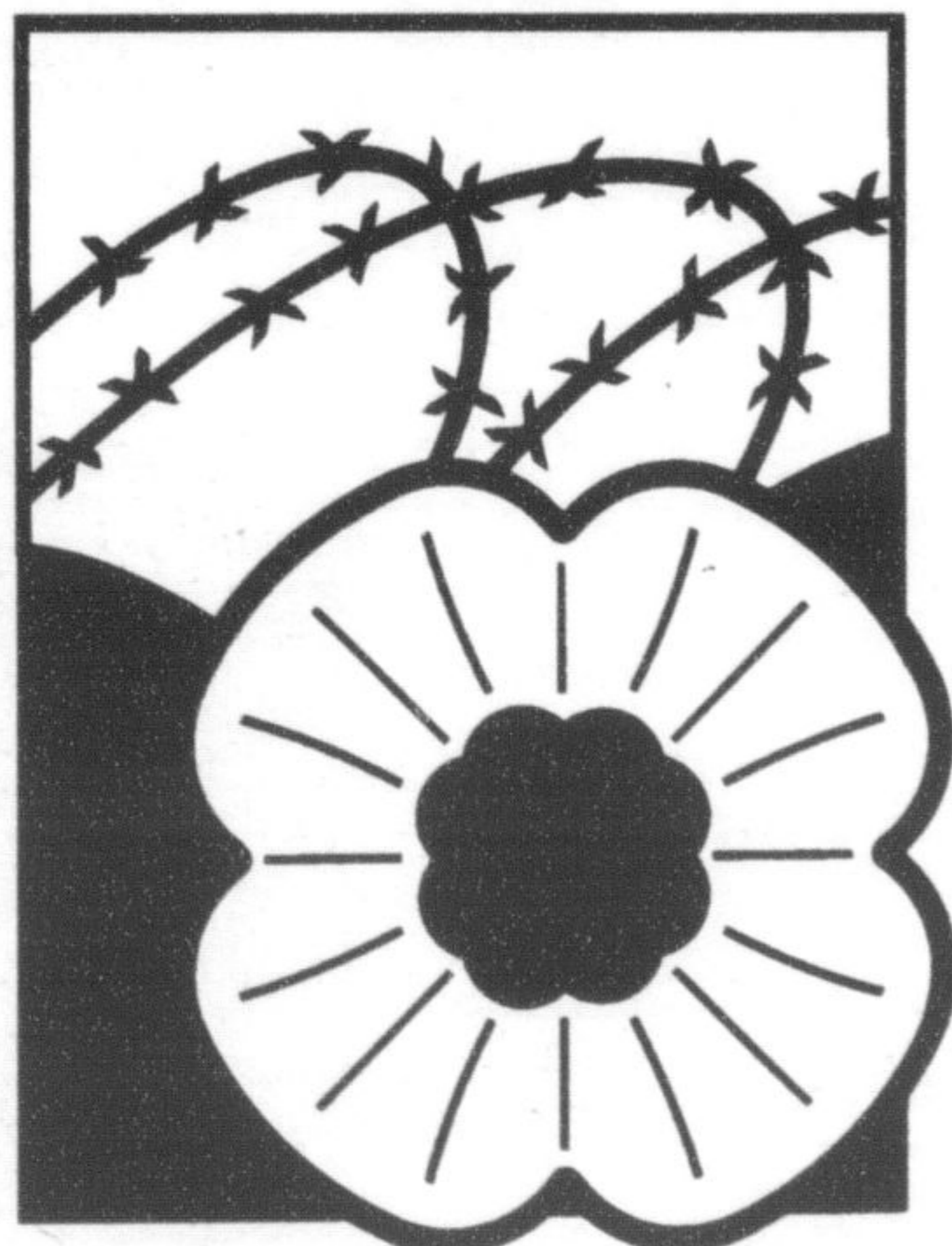
Alex Campbell

An Honoured Son

*He came, this young Canadian,
From out the Golden West,
Full of courage and of faith,
Of ardor, hope and zest.
A willing volunteer, he came -
And offered us his life -
His youth, his strength,
his heart and soul
To fling into the strife.*

*The final sacrifice he made,
He lies in foreign earth -
Far from home, an exile
From the country of his birth.
And yet, amongst his kin he sleeps
In friendly company -
No stranger, but an Honoured Son
Of one great family.*

Anonymous



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 14 will start from
the Royal Canadian Legion on Charles Street at 1:30 pm & travel to the cenotaph at Town Hall