with her husband Wilfred, who served in Italy, Sicily and North Africa with the 1st Canadian Armour Brigade Second Field Ambulance, and her daughter-in-law Marianne.

Mrs. Bateman has served as Silver Cross Mother in various community Remembrance Day ceremonies over the years. Last year one of the Legion branches for whom she served this function entered her name for the national ceremony.

When the Batemans moved from Thornhill to Richmond Hill in September she was 'adopted' by the Richmond Hill branch of the Legion. The branch recently notified her she was chosen to serve in this year's ceremony.

The Batemans have been to visit Russell's grave in Beni-Sur-Mer, near Cannes, France twice.

"You've never seen anything so beautiful as the way those graves are kept all through Italy and France," said Mr. Bateman.

The land for the graveyards was donated by the farmers of France to Canada to honor the Canadian soldiers. Mrs. Bateman noted that, although the cemetaries are beautiful and well-kept, "I don't think there's more than two there that aren't in their 20s."

2 OTHER SONS

The Batemans have two other sons, Jack and Kenneth. Jack served with the Queen's Own Rifles and both brothers joined the Toronto Scottish Regiment after the war in memory of their late brother. Both are now active members of the Woodbridge branch of the Legion.

The Batemans also have three daughters, Patricia, Doreen and Shirley, 19 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bateman has also had the opportunity to pass the Remembrance Day message to many school children by playing the bugle at several school ceremonies.

He recalled speaking to several classes after playing at one school. He said what surprised the children most was that he wasn't trying to glorify war.

"When we march on Remembrance Day we're not glorifying war by any means ... we don't glorify war. We're the best peacemakers you ever get because we know what suffering goes on," he said.

Mr. Bateman said he is glad Remembrance Day is no longer a day off school for children. "I think it's a lot better what they do now, they make a service for the children."

He noted that the services and the poppy days are the main things that keep people aware of the sacrifices made by Canadians in war. He said that the poppy is as important as a reminder as it is as a fundraiser.

"I think if it wasn't for that poppy, it might have been forgotten," he said.