

Lest we forget

Wear a poppy, share the achievement

NC - The Canadian spirit of unity, which many Canadians remember from the war years, is sadly absent today.

We see it flicker occasionally when a Canadian athlete wins an Olympic medal, or the national hockey team triumphs in international competition.

At such times, Canadians share a pride in their achievements.

The poppy, worn on Remembrance Day, is a symbol which recalls the achievements of thousands of young Canadians.

It symbolizes their bravery and sacrifice when this country was at war, but it also speaks of their love for Canada, a love which today finds little expression in our divided country.

A number of historians have said that Canada was

not born at Charlottetown, but in the frozen dawn of Easter, 1917, when Canadians took the heavily defended ridge at Vimy, France.

It was the first part that units from all parts of the country had served together in a corps. It was a glorious victory.

When the guns fell silent, the soldiers from Quebec and those from British Columbia and Nova Scotia shared a new spirit of being Canadian. When we wear the poppy we share in their achievement.

When the guns stopped after another battle in another war, Canadians were not victorious.

But they were united at

Dieppe, in France, as they had been in Vimy. Many were wounded, many died. The captured survivors marched proudly through the streets of Dieppe, helping their wounded. Still steadfastly united.

Time has eroded that spirit of unity. We have lost the sense of purpose and pride that gave us strength, that made Canada unbeatable. Can we rekindle it?

Remembrance Day is the perfect time to renew our commitment to Canada. When we wear a poppy we recall the spirit that united those Canadian soldiers and drove them to victory, and we reaffirm our own determination to stay together, as Canadians.

Flanders Fields

by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place,
and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below

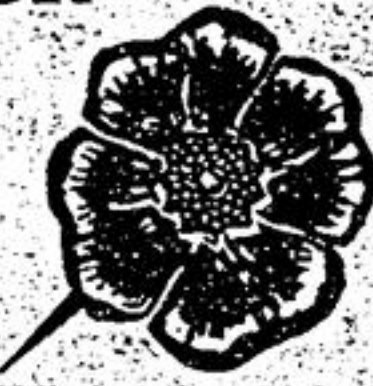
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn,
saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved,
and now we lie
In Flanders fields

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
In Flanders fields.



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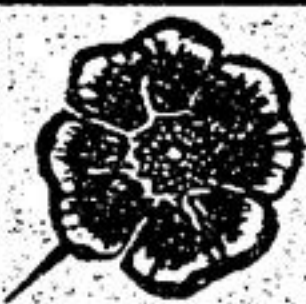
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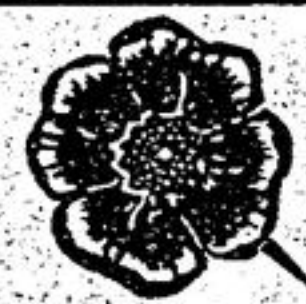
Remembrance Day Ceremony

Tuesday, November 11, 1997
10:30 a.m. at the Cenotaph at
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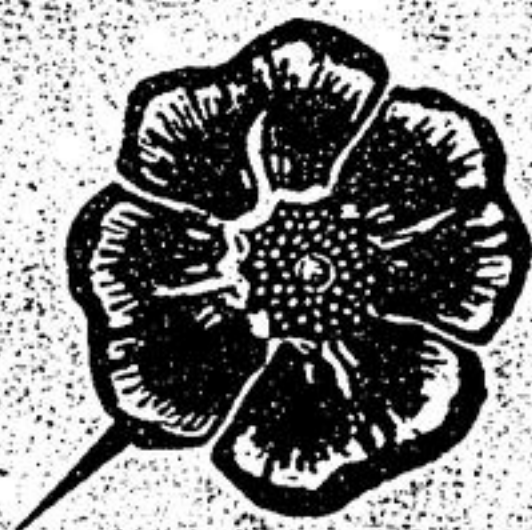


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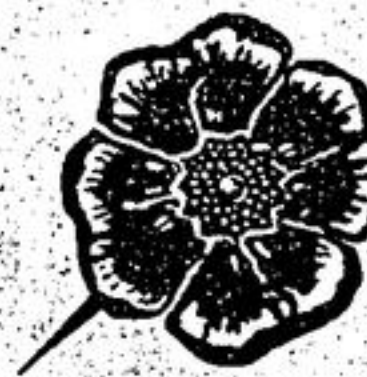
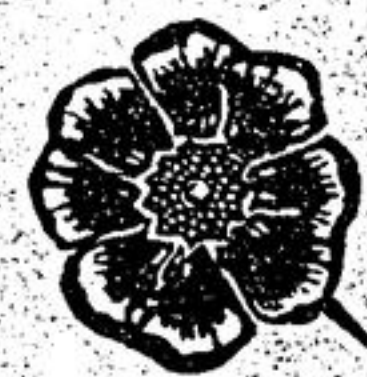
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Sutton Town & Country

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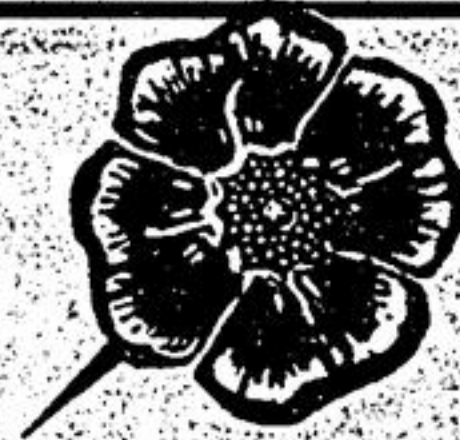
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