Examples of the work are included.

REMEMBERING We all remember things we've done, We've photo albums to

show. We remember days that were filled with fun, And those filled with sorrow.

relatives, For those families and friends, of men who lost their lives, We pray a prayer that never ends,

We bow our heads and close our eyes.

Those men will never see the day, The setting of the sun. The world changing in everyway, The battles that we've

We'd therefore, like to thank them, Even though they'll never

won.

hear, For their courage, faith

and loyalty, And for never yielding to fear.

Long ago the guns went off

And some of those men fell.

We're proud of them, Their Bravery, They left a story we'll

always tell.

by: Morgan Smith, Gd Melissa Chant, R.DZ, First at Branch and

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THOUGHTS FROM ME - A POPPY

It is peaceful now in Flander's Fields. sun beats down on my red petals. But it was'nt always peaceful the air was full of the sound of bombs, guns and the sounds of voices in battle. Instead of my red petals the field ran with the blood of young men. Those now lay under our red beauty.

One soldier wrote about our beauty and encouraged other soldiers to carry on the torch. We not only grow in Flander's Fields and the battle fields of France but every November we show our petals on the uniforms of soldiers new grown old who wear us proudly and they remember.

daughters Sons, and children of the grown soldiers who are with us in Flander's Fields also wear our scarlet petals in remembrance. Children who have never known war make our pretty, pretty petals into wreaths to remember.

May our petals help the world to remember so that never again will the sound of guns and bombs be heard in Flander's Fields.

by: Corey Avery, Gd 6, RC, First at Branch and first at Zone

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The flight over was not too bad. I stayed up all the way to Seattle. We were made to change planes in Seattle as well - not originally planned - it was nice to stretch though. We landed in Tokyo, and they "process" you through, you pick up your bags in all of fifteen minutes - amazing. We were lucky enough to have Kaori (one of Aunt Anna's students) meet us and take

us right to my residence. First impressions were not that different - landscape, etc. They drive on the left side though. Coke machines vending machines everywhere - batteries, beer, cigarettes, etc.

Got to my residence (about 3 hours from Narita) and hit the sack. The building is in a fairly residential section of Tokyo. If I look out my window now I see lots of clothes on lines, TV antennas, porches, gardens on roof tops and electric poles. Not too foreign, but very foreign at the same time - a lot more crowded than Canada obviously. I have a small Bonsai nursery in front of my window little greenery at least. Our building is three stories and has 15 units each comprised of 4 bedrooms (private), one common bathroom, eating area and porch. Ours is very dirty, but I've cleaned it up a bit already. My room lacks drawer space, but other than that it is very nice. Actually it is very dirty and the walls are rude, but I'm being positive.

I've been having lots of fun with my American roommate Andrew and his two girlfriends from his University - Pate and Mary Ellen. One night we went to RAPPONGI, a dancing area. Costs \$30, to get in, but then free booze and food. Dancing was amazing - Gaigen

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(foreigners) are a real freak show. Crowds of Japanese gather around on the dance floor to stare at you dance. I closed my eyes pretending to be at Lady Eaton College with Alison dancing at McRae's - then I'd open my eyes and we'd be 13 floors up, half way round the world with Japanese people staring at me - wild (very friendly!).

The Japanese campus "YOTSUYA" is large, 25,000 students, but "ICHIGAYA" - my campus - is smaller - 1000 students in two buildings!

You wouldn't believe how expensive things are...Wella Balsam shampoo for\$15, can of Coke \$1., potatoes \$.50 and believe it or not rice is pretty expensive too! I'm sure we could buy rice for less in Canada. Sony Walkmans and Japanese made products are ridiculously expensive here - much cheaper in Canada. 4 volt adapter - \$30. etc. etc. it's a real adventure to just price things.

I am taking four courses 1. Intensive Japanese 5 times a week, 1½ hours each. 2. Topics in Business (Policy and Strategy) 3. Seminar on Japanese Industry. 4. Economics. Managerial Japanese will be a challenge simply because it is back to high school memorization which always detested. Apparently my two business Profs. are world renowned - the one is particularly excellent.

Roommates are great - Andrew and I have been having fun so far. Have a job on Sunday conversing at a coffee shop with English students \$9/hr. - should be fun at least.

I'm hoping to tour Tokyo - a group of students from the Japanese campus are organizing a car tour which would be really nice.

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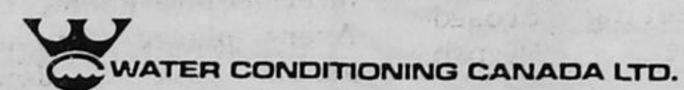
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