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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

RCAA NEWS AND UPDATES

The 150th anniversary of the Fenian Raids: The militia roots of today's Army are planted

Canadian Army

When it comes to keeping Canadian history alive, the Army Reserve is a force to be reckoned with. "The Fenian Raids, where Americans of Irish descent decided to invade parts of Canada in order to convince Britain to release Ireland from British rule seems really farfetched [today, but] all those recently returning veteran soldiers of Irish descent from the American Civil War were a huge threat to the Canadian colonies," explained Second Lieutenant David Pampe, Quartermaster for The Queen's Own Rifles (QOR), an Army Reserve unit in Toronto. **READ MORE**

A Letter from Home

Last Post Fund

Jean Miso has made her first music video based on a Remembrance Day Song she composed, "A LETTER FROM HOME". The video has now been uploaded to YouTube and can be viewed on her website www.jeanmiso.ca or from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFJFGKOPJYw .

Through viewership, Jean is trying to raise money for the National Field of Honour, Last Post Fund. This is a not-for-profit organization that has served Veterans since 1910 and ensures that Veterans receive dignified funeral and burial services. www.lastpostfund.ca

Jean is hoping that you will watch the 5 minute video and share the link within your network to also pass along. The more views of this video the better, even if your connections do not live in Canada!
Thank you for supporting the National Field of Honour, Last Post Fund!

DEFENCE NEWS

Canadian soldiers mark Remembrance Day at Sikh gurdwara

CBC News

More than 200 members of the Canadian Armed Forces gathered at a Sikh gurdwara in Scarborough, in what is believed to be the first-ever regimental Remembrance Day service to take place at a Sikh place of worship. **READ MORE**

Remembrance Day holds stress, anxiety for many damaged soldiers

CTV News

After returning from Rwanda, retired lieutenant-general Romeo Dallaire avoided Remembrance Day "like the plague." The prospect of donning his uniform for a public ceremony, or even watching a televised parade, was too much after witnessing countless atrocities during that failed peacekeeping mission. **READ MORE**

Indigenous veterans remembered for contributions to Canada's military

Toronto Star

Indigenous people across Canada are remembering fallen ancestors and community members with prayers and offerings of thanks, as they mark National Aboriginal Veterans Day. It is estimated that more than 12,000 aboriginal people joined the Canadian military during the First and Second World Wars and Korea. More than 500 were killed. **READ MORE**

Armoured vehicle dedicated to Alberta veterans, soldiers killed in recent conflicts

CBC News
Dedicated to Alberta veterans and soldiers killed in the Afghanistan, NATO and UN conflicts, a full-sized, demilitarized replica of a LAV III was unveiled at Airdrie's Nose Creek Valley Museum. "It's these young men and women, that's what it's all about," said retired Canadian Forces Sgt. Bob McNevin, who led the committee tasked with creating the memorial. **READ MORE**

War veteran who survived D-Day will turn 100 on Remembrance Day

CBC News
With his sense of humour and hearty laugh, it's hard to believe Leslie Jacques will soon turn 100-years-old. Even he has trouble accepting it. "I have a hard time believing I'm a 100-years-old because people don't live that long," said Jacques laughing. **READ MORE**

Canadian Blood Services encourages community members to donate blood and give life in honour of veterans

Kingston Region News
To commemorate Remembrance Day, Canadian Blood Services encourages more Canadians to give life by donating blood, a gift in honour of the contributions of the women and men of the Canadian Armed Forces. According to a release from Canadian Blood Services, members of the armed forces are themselves some of the most generous donors. In 2006, the Department of National Defence became Canadian Blood Services first national Partner for Life organization. Since then, they have provided more than 30,000 blood donations to the CBS national blood supply. **READ MORE**

Kelowna Veterans Affairs office open for business again

Global News
Just in time for Remembrance Day, there is welcome news reason for military and RCMP veterans in the central Okanagan. About two years after it was closed by the previous federal government, the Kelowna office of Veterans Affairs Canada has re-opened. "I was pretty confident the need was here and I advocated to get the office back and here it is," says local Liberal M-P Steven Fuhr. **READ MORE**

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- Gunners of Canada — Volume III, 1967-2012 (RCAA)
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