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Poppy Day, Poppy Day!
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Poppies glow! Poppies glow!
"Remember them"—they whisper low.
"Who bore the Torch of Freedom high,
"Who fought and died for liberty."
Poppy Day, Poppy Day!
Sons of their fathers fight today:
A new generation takes the field.
Young, valiant hands our strength and shield.

Poppies flame! Poppies flame!
Deep in our hearts enshrine their fame.
"Lest ye forget" they seem to say,
"O, wear a Poppy on Poppy Day!"

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WEAR A POPPY

Editor Daily News:
Tomorrow will be Poppy Day! Tomorrow we offer once again the mystic symbol of Remembrance—the Flanders Poppy—fashioned by the skillful fingers of wounded Servicemen of the last—and of this—Great War—a replica of the little red poppy which flourished amid the dead and dying in France and Flanders, which bravely flung its glowing red mantle over the scars and wounds of war—over the shell-holes and the beaten zone of No-man's land, as if to assure the beholder of life eternal even in the very jaws of death.

The Canadian Legion is calling to the people of the Dominion to observe more than ever Remembrance Day and asks that every man, woman and child wear a Poppy in memory both of those who laid down their lives in the first Great War and those who have made the supreme sacrifice in this present conflict.

This appeal is not made on behalf of the Legion itself or its members but on behalf of all ex-servicemen who are in need. The collection and administration of the Poppy Fund has been entrusted to the Canadian Legion. This, however, does not mean that the Poppy Fund is part of the funds of the Legion. It is kept entirely separate and it is considered a Trust Fund which the Legion administers for the benefit of all ex-servicemen. Any man who has served and who is in need has a claim on this fund. The poppies and wreaths which citizens are asked to buy are made by disabled ex-servicemen incapable of earning a living in any other way and who, but for this industry, would be a charge on public funds. If Poppy Day did nothing but keep these men self-supporting and self-respecting citizens, it would still be worth-while. So, please buy a Poppy on Poppy Day.

November 11 this year is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the 1918 Armistice and although we are again at war, we do not dare to say that the sacrifices of the men in that other War were in vain. In memory of them and our heroes of this War wear a Poppy on Remembrance Day.

W. O. B.

SEAL COVE BASKETBALL

Basketball—both good and bad—was presented at Seal Cove last night, in the first scheduled games of the season when Fortress humiliated Ack-Ack 49 to 9 in the opener and Port Edward Americans beat Air Force Flyers 55 to 42 in the nightcap.

The Yanks and Flyers staged a quick-playing, fast-passing contest that didn't decrease its high-gear tempo for a minute. There was little to choose between either, five with the possible exception in the gunnery department of which Moline and Ketchmark of the Yanks were the chief exponents. Moline, a most deceptive forward, weaved and faked his way through for twenty-one points. Ketchmark, another accurate peger, was good for 17.

Vato and Zack, "sixty minute" men of Flyers' rear-guard, and Gerasimoff, sawed-off forward, toiled hard all night. Zack and Gerasimoff were their team's biggest scorers, getting an even dozen apiece. Smithers, lanky centre, was close behind with 9.

The turning point of the set-to came in the second quarter. The count was 16 to 13 for the Yanks at the five minute mark when Moline, with the aid of a couple of his teammates, raced around for four baskets and a single to bring their total to 28. All the Flyers could get in that quarter were six points to make it 17 all told. The Airmen just about held their own in the third, 15 to 13. In the final stanza each quintet made twelve points, the Flyers not being able to overcome that sudden flurry of Tank tasks in the second quarter that caused their defeat.

In the opener, Fortress was the complete master of the situation and Ack-Ack never had a show at any time. Taylor and Chapman walked through for 15 and 10 points, respectively, and MacMurchie, a nice play-maker, was good for 6.

The refereeing of Sanfilippo of the Americans, and Matasi of the Canadian Army, was of a high calibre. The league could use more men like these. It's not often that teams—both winning and losing—have words of praise for the refereeing as they did last night.

Fortress—Taylor 15, Guelpa, Chapman 10, Turner 5, MacMurchie 6, Kelley 1, Landskall 6, McKeown 4, Hendron 2.

Ack-Ack—Carter 2, Fillingier 2, Speed, Detweiler 2, Akken, Mapleton 3, Beale, Spicer, Hutelings.

Americans—Martin 1, Moline 21, Ketchmark 17, Dirschel 2, Frasier 2, Larkin 4, Webb 2, Katorski, Hofman 2, Wagner 4, Air Force—Zack 12, Blore 4, Ca-

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The Axis Totters . . .

With Mussolini out and Hitler tottering, we at long last venture to speculate that the war has reached a phase where final and decisive victory may soon crown our arms. Possibly the Moscow conference has been the real turning point.

Certainly there are authentic and definite signs of weakness within the Reich in addition to the disaffection which is spreading throughout satellite and subjugated territory.

Meantime, of course, the Russians are continuing their stunning military offensive, which, no doubt, is helping to weaken the fast weakening morale of the German people. The air assault based on the British Isles against western Europe and the Allied campaign northward through Italy are also causing grievous embarrassment for the enemy.

Victory over Germany is definitely in sight it appears. Soon we will be getting in real earnest at the serious business of concentrating upon Japan which may even at this time have ideas of sliding out gracefully as the Allies elate over the defeat of victory—something which we must guard against since Japan is guilty of much and must be irrevocably eliminated at this time as possibly the most dangerous menace of the Axis triumvirate. When the full force of Allied might comes to be applied to Japan the issue there should not take long to decide.

RESERVE IS HOOP WINNER

A last half scoring spurt by Davis, of the winners, featured the inaugural game of the Area Basketball League in which Reserve Army defeated Navy 45 to 33 in the Naval Drill Hall last night.

In opening-game ceremonies, Syd Woodside, League president, introduced Mrs. C. M. Cree, wife of Commander Cree, R.C.N., naval officer in charge, Prince Rupert. Mrs. Cree tossed up the first ball of the season.

Davis, who scored two points in the last half and Dominato, who countered the same number, were top snipers for Reserves. Wallace with 11 points, Humber with 10 and Martin 7, led Navy.

The game was refereed by Bruce McIntyre, newly-appointed representative of the Y.M.C.A. with the Navy here.

Reserves (45)—Fitch 6, Dominato 12, Davis 12, MacPhee 5, MacDonald 6, Drummond 2, Scanlon, Paulikas, Teng, Hokstad.

Navy (33)—Martin 7, Humber 10, Wallace 11, Knutson 2, Cross 3, Johnson.

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