



Kali Gill, 4, left, and her sister Maggie, 2, admire the statue of First World War soldier. — Star photo by Geraldine Brophy



Members of the public place their poppies on the cross at the conclusion of Remembrance Day activities in Corner Brook on Sunday. — Star photo by Geraldine Brophy



Second World War veteran Bill Hann stands next to the statue of a First World War Lewis gunner. — Star photo by Diane Crocker

Beneath the Lewis gunner

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The statues were dedicated by Maj. Calvin Fudge, padre for Branch 13. Frank Coleman, honorary lieutenant-colonel of the second battalion; Brig.-Gen. Kelly Woiden, the Canadian Army's Chief of Staff for the army reserves; and Memorial University president Gary Kachanoski each addressed the crowd of onlookers that filled the square.

Among the city's veterans to help with the unveiling was Bill Hann.

As the former member of the 166 Newfoundland Field Regiment Royal Artillery during the Second World War stood beneath the Lewis gunner statue it was as if you could see into the past the statue represents.

Hann's regiment was attached to the British army and served in the North African and Italian campaigns.

"I thought it was a wonderful thing," Hann said of the ceremony. "It was really great."

Dave Higdon, the chair of the Forget Me Not committee, said the feeling of finally seeing the statues in place was something "you can't explain. This is unbelievable."

Higdon said the Lewis gunner as it is positioned closest to St. John the Evangelist Anglican Cathedral really gives a feel for the past, while the modern-day soldier provides a feel for the present by flanking city hall.

Higdon said the committee will continue fundraising with its plan being to erect a military plaque in front of the artillery gun on the square and two other bronze plaques will be unveiled next Remembrance Day.

"And then when we're finished here, we get this paid for, we're going down the Bay of Islands War Memorial to get work started down there."

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Flight Cpl. Brandon Parsons of the 708 Air Cadets stands in the reverse arms position at the cenotaph in Stephenville on Sunday. — Star photo by Frank Gale



Richard Brinston, a veteran of the Second World War, salutes during the playing of the Last Post in Stephenville on Sunday. — Star photo by Frank Gale



Silver Cross mother Debbie Pinksen, mother of Cpl. Brian Pinksen who was killed in Afghanistan, places a wreath during the Remembrance Day ceremony in Corner Brook on Sunday. — Star photo by Geraldine Brophy



Ron Pieroway was the sergeant-at-arms at the Pasadena Legion's Remembrance Day ceremony on Sunday. — Submitted photo



Nine-year-old Tory Short of Deer Lake lays a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Deer Lake Sunday. — Star photo by Paul Hutchings



Maurice Hynes, district commander for the Royal Canadian Legion Newfoundland and Labrador Command, lays a wreath on behalf of comrade Steve Pottle in Stephenville on Sunday. — Star photo by Frank Gale