

**CLASS 32
PENMANSHIP**

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Notes: (a) Entries must be mounted on a firm backing not exceeding 8.5" x 11".
(b) Entries are to have a pleasing presentation.
(c) Entries are to be submitted using a ball point pen or pen and ink.

Prizes: \$4.00 \$3.00 \$2.00

Note: This is a tribute Norman Wilson to his grandfather, who served and lost his left leg at Vimy Ridge. This year is the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. It was the first time in World War I that the Canadian Forces fought as a complete Corps of 4 divisions. Previous attempts to capture the ridge by French and British soldiers resulted in 115,000 killed with no success. These 3 stanzas are part of the longer poem.

1. Penmanship - Write (not print) the following paragraph:

Battle of Vimy Ridge
(April 9-10 1917)

A grateful nation does honour you from ocean, land to sea.
For the sacrifices you have made as your tale is now, etched in history.
To all our soldiers and patriots of valour, where now are thee.
Upon the wind-speed of time, your souls will run forever free.

The residential-soldier lies within the Ridge's hallowed grounds.
Now we mourn for thee in a place where the guns did once sound.
From trenches of hell you came, marching in two lines abreast.
Upon no man's land, you met your destiny, where many found their final rest.

Lest we forget, the quiet stills upon the air shall never let their light go out.
From ghostly whispers, to end all wars, where voices of dead once did shout.