

Rain or shine, NOTL remembers

Soaking wet ceremonies a reminder of the sacrifice of veterans



Cadet Emily Abt salutes the Canadian flag as it is lowered to half-mast during Friday's Remembrance Day ceremony at the Old Town cenotaph. She was joined by cadets who guarded the cenotaphs at the Old Town and Queenston ceremonies. RICHARD HARLEY

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Emily Abt was squeezing rain water out of her white gloves and soaked from head to toe, shivering after the Remembrance Day ceremony in Queenston on Friday.

"I've been wringing out my bun the whole day," she said, referring to the wet knot of hair hidden under her hat.

The 17-year-old air cadet spent the day supervising the members of the honour guard, who were watching over the dead soldiers memorialized on the town's two cenotaphs.

"They protected us, so we're protecting them," she said.

The cadets were on site as early as 6 a.m., taking half-hour shifts, in the morning in Old Town and later at Queenston.

At 9 o'clock, the clouds opened up and the rain started pouring.

It fell remorselessly throughout the day, pooling in gutters, pot-

holes and inside leather boots.

It dripped from the rims of wide-brim hats and it ran rivers down the umbrellas of anyone fortunate enough to have one.

Standing in the rain, with no umbrellas to shield them, was a young honour guard that a

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