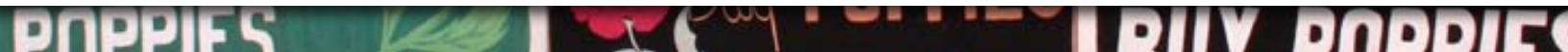


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Original Hand-Painted Posters for the American Legion



A Collection of Vernacular Original Hand-Painted Posters for the American Legion

(all or perhaps most by girls)

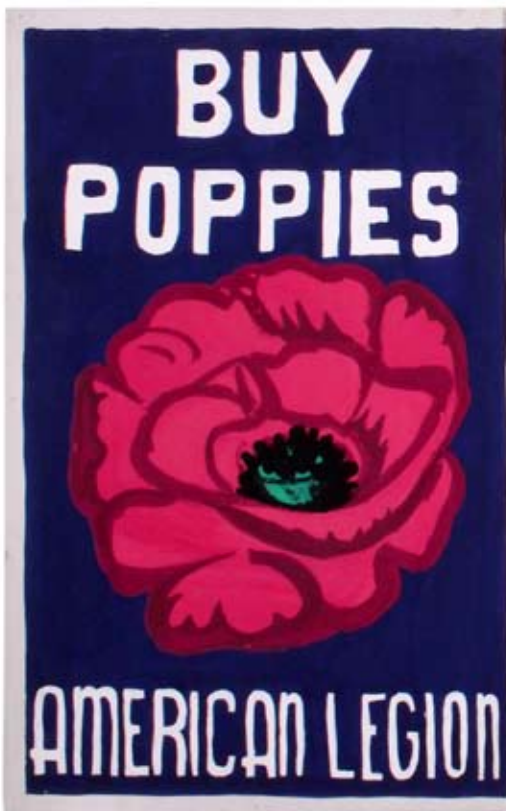
[Sanford, Maine]: Sanford High School [circa 1946]

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15 large and colorful hand-painted posters. Each is approximately 14" x 20". Poster paint (gouache) on artists board. Various there is some modest rubbing, light soiling, and edgewear, all of the examples are very good or better. 13 of the artists, each one a high school girl, have signed their work on the verso; 3 are unsigned. The art lends itself to American Legion themes: selling poppies made by disabled vets, disabled military personal (especially amputees), battle scenes, medical scenes, cemetery scenes; one represents a dove of peace clutching a poppy. It seems likely that all of the artists were girls who attended Sanford High School in Sanford, Maine (all of the signed posters state that). A stark reminder of activities on the home front, with every citizen, including high school students expected to play their part. Visually striking remembrances of the horrors and aftermath of war, remarkable to find altogether, and frankly, pretty wonderful. Complete list of the artists as follows. [\[BTC#389619\]](#)



1. *Buy Veteran Made Poppies. Unsigned.*
2. *Honor the War Dead. Buy. Unsigned.*
3. *Poppy Day For Him. Lois Ann McKarn, Class 2.*



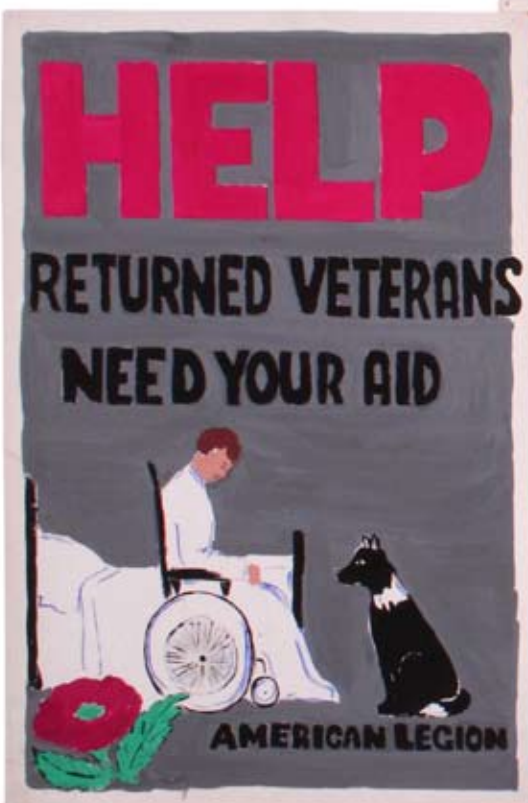
4. Buy Poppies. Nancy Kerrigan, Class 2.



5. Lend Them a Helping Hand: Buy Poppies. Grace Winchell, Class '47.



6. Buy Poppies. Barbara England, Class 2.



7. Help: Returned Veterans Need Your Aid. Jean Burgess. Class 3.



8. Help Him Recover: Buy. Norma Jean Randall. Class 2.



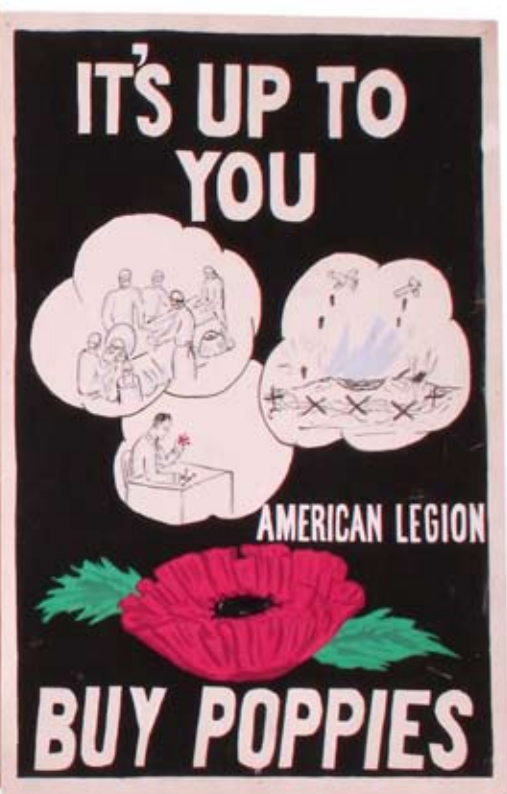
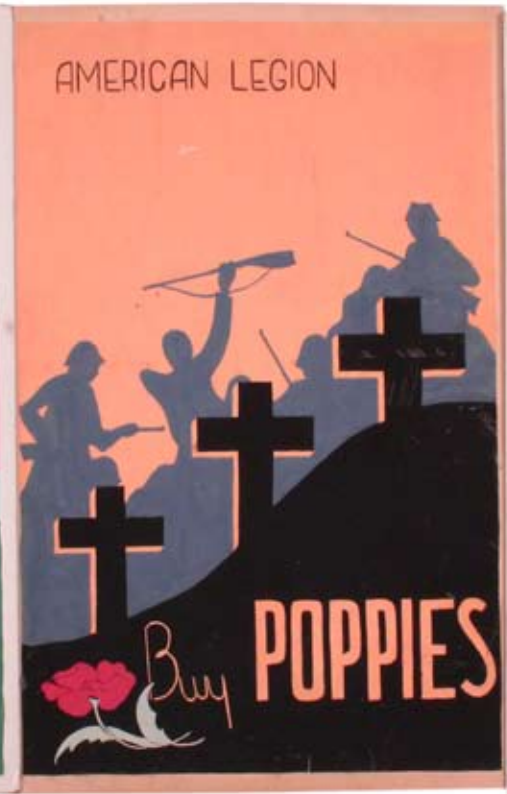
9. Make His Future Bright. Naida Nickerson. Class 2.



10. Poppies of Peace. Unsigned.

11. Buy Poppies. Helen Butler, Senior, Class 3.

12. Are You Helping? Buy Poppies. Frances Turner. Class 3.



13. Buy Veteran Made Poppies. Unsigned.

14. Buy Poppies. A. Louise Hutchins. Class 3.

15. It's Up To You. Buy Poppies. Leatrice Orrill. Class 3.