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Remembering Soldiers

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Remembrance day is a day to remember all those people who fought in a time of war. During those times, it would be a heartbreaking feeling to hear the bombing, the guns blasting and seeing all the blood from people who were tragically hurt or killed. Many families would be sad and tearful because they have lost a loved one.

The cross and the poppy are two symbols that we can use to remember those who were involved in wars. Many soldiers whom we knew and those whom we did not know are currently laying in Flanders Field, where poppies grow around the crosses that mark the soldier's graves.

My great-grandfather, Garnet Long, was a Medic in World War II. He met my great-grandmother, Connie Martin, while stationed in England. After they got married and had one child, my great-grandmother then became a War Bride and left England not knowing what to expect. She and her young son left their country and family behind and traveled on a big boat, called the Queen Mary. In August 1946, the boat landed at Pier 21 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. My great-grandmother and her son were finally safe in Canada. So on the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, I will remember them by attending a Remembrance Day ceremony in my community.

So, if you ever hear people talking about the wars, you can just remember the people who died for me and you to make the world free and peaceful. Today, if you would like to show gratitude to all those who were involved in wars, wear a red poppy over your heart. Many people also lay wreaths and flowers on graves and monuments to remember what war has done to mankind.