



The Edge

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REMEMBRANCE DAY



Aboriginal Veterans Day

Aboriginal Veterans Day is commemorated November 8. Indigenous people in Canada have every right to be proud of their contribution during World War 1 and 11.

First Nations members served not only in the First and Second World Wars but also the Korean War. An unknown number of Inuit, Métis and other Indigenous people also participated. It is estimated that 12,000 Indigenous men and women served in all 3 wars, by one veteran group.

To serve their country, Indigenous people had to overcome unique cultural challenges. Their courage, sacrifices, and accomplishments are a continuing source of pride to their families, communities, and all Canadians. To read more on the Aboriginal war contribution see the link below.

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/those-who-served/indigenous-veterans>



In Flanders Fields

BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



We recite the poem above every Remembrance Day, year after year. Has it lost its meaning for you? Have you just start taking the words for granted? We hope not! Many soldiers from all parts of the world fought in World War 11. Many of our loved ones did not return to us, while some of them returned a mere shadow of their former selves. These soldiers endured misery and have been in some of the worst conditions a soldier could endure and witnessed unspeakable cruelty and horror. We must always remember and respect our veterans and any other members of our society that have contributed in our world Wars. **Let us not forget!**

Registered charities in Canada perform valuable work in our communities, and Canadians support this work in many ways.

The Edge's Registered Charity #86745 45 RR0001. We welcome regular givers.

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