



The

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A weekly newsletter to help keep you entertained and healthy while self-isolating



WHAT IS REMEMBRANCE DAY?

Canadians recognize Remembrance Day, originally called Armistice Day, every 11 November at 11 a.m. It marks the end of hostilities during the First World War and an opportunity to recall all those who have served in the nation's defense. Remembrance Day rejuvenated interest in recalling the war and military sacrifice, attracting thousands to ceremonies in cities large and small across the country. It remained a day to honour the fallen, but traditional services also witnessed occasional calls to remember the horror of war and to embrace peace.

WHY DO WE WEAR A POPPY?

The red poppy, a native plant along much of the Western Front during the First World War, has become a powerful symbol of remembrance. It is the principal emblem of the Royal Canadian Legion, which distributes several million each year to be worn by Canadians on Remembrance Day. In 1921, the Great War Veterans' Association, the largest of several Canadian veterans groups, adopted the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. The Canadian Legion, formed in 1925, continued this connection. The poppy was worn on the left lapel and close to the heart to recognize the sacrifice of soldiers in times of war. They were initially made by disabled veterans and the proceeds of sales, then and now, go towards funding veterans' needs.

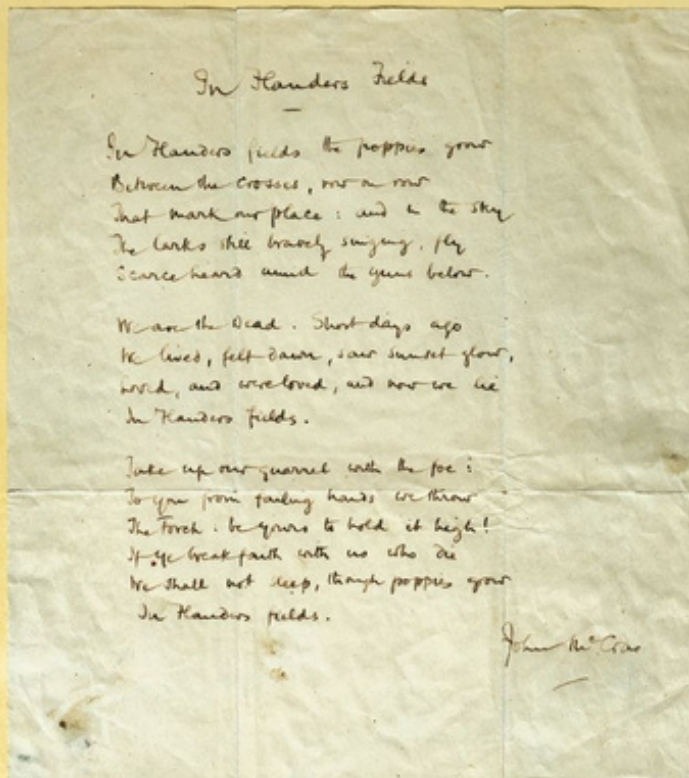


IN FLANDERS FIELDS

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.

- John McCrae

John McCrae wrote this famous poem on May 3rd, 1915. He was inspired to write it after attending the funeral of a friend, who was also a fallen soldier.



Ready Reads

In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

A Very Modern Memorial

with Professor
Kate Pullinger

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PaJPddnP5kM>

Shameless Showtime

Hacksaw Ridge

on Netflix

WW1 lasted exactly
4 years, 3 months,
and 14 days