



## November 11th is Remembrance Day

The eleventh day of the eleventh month—this is Remembrance Day in Canada.

Canadians remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice in many ways. But what should the Remembrance Day ceremony mean to you—today? Perhaps the most important thing to remember is that many of those who were killed were not much older than you. In fact, some were even the same age as you, even though eighteen years was the minimum age for enlistment. Some of these men and women left high school and university classes to fly warplanes while still in their teens. Others stormed the beaches of Sicily, Italy and France or fought in the Battle of the Atlantic in tiny warships known as corvettes. Many of them did not reach the age of twenty-one before they were killed in action, but their plans for the future were as bright as yours today. They left the excitement and promise of graduation—of sharing more good times at home with friends—to serve.

Remembrance Day is the time to honour those who paid the supreme sacrifice. It also gives us the opportunity to reflect on how we would feel if our whole pattern of life was threatened. Would we have the courage to do what our grandfathers and grandmothers did?

This is why it is important to wear the Poppy, and relate to those who left their homes, loved ones and friends to fight for Canada, and to remember those who are serving today. But above all, we must remember those who did not return.

