

Remember at Any Time

There is only one day we name "Remembrance Day," but that does not mean that it is the only day that we can remember. War did not happen on only one day, those who died did not do so on only that day. There has been war somewhere on earth on almost every day of the year, which means every day is a perfect time to remember.

You do not need a decorative poppy or special music; all you need is your thoughts. Just think about people you know or knew that were in war. Maybe you can think about those in war right now; we don't see it with our own eyes but it is happening. You do not need to know a soldier to recognize that they are fighting for their country; fighting so that their country, and the people in it, can be free.

Reflect on the brave men and women who died for our safety. Whether from gunshot, sickness, or poisonous gas, they perished so their families could live a healthy, prosperous life. Ponder over the fact that if no one had gone to war, our lives might have been drastically different. We would not be able to walk the streets without being afraid. We might not be able to become whatever we choose to be. We may not even be permitted to go to school. They died so we would not be fearful, so we could grow up and be successful, and so we could go to school and learn about the mistakes and achievements we, as a people, have made.

We may not be able to stop war from happening, but what we can do is honour and respect those who fought for us; the living and the dead soldiers who battled for freedom. Whether it is November, December or June, we can always admire the veterans. It is difficult to imagine what it would have been like in the muddy trenches, but understanding their experiences helps us appreciate them. No matter where we are we can ... Remember at Any Time!