

**Why should we remember?
And who ?**

Remembrance

11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month

Day



What is Remembrance Day ?

**WHEN YOU GO HOME,
TELL THEM OF US AND SAY:
'FOR YOUR TOMORROW
WE GAVE OUR TODAY'.**

A black and white photograph showing a vast cemetery filled with numerous white crosses, likely World War I soldiers' graves, arranged in neat rows across a field.

**It is a day for the nation to remember
those who fought, and those who died
to secure and protect our freedom.**

The background of the slide features a somber and commemorative scene. On the left, a dark silhouette of a World War I soldier stands on a dark mound, looking towards a simple wooden cross. The sky is overcast and grey. In the foreground, several vibrant red poppies are in bloom, their bright color contrasting with the dark and grey tones of the background. The overall mood is one of remembrance and solemnity.

Remembrance Day takes place
on 11th November each year. It
was originally called Armistice to
commemorate the end of World
War I.

Remembrance Day
is now also used to
remember all the
people who have
died in all wars
since World War 1

Home by Christmas..? Most people thought WW1 would be over very quickly and they would be home in just few months. However, they were wrong!



The Trenches, France, 1914.







The spade was as important as the gun.









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Fixing bayonets (knives) to rifles and getting ready to go 'over the top'.

Many of these men were dead a few minutes later.



**‘Over The Top’ . . . to face the
machine guns.**





Soldiers who did not go 'over the top' would be shot by their own commanders.



French soldiers go over the top.



Barren lands where nothing grew





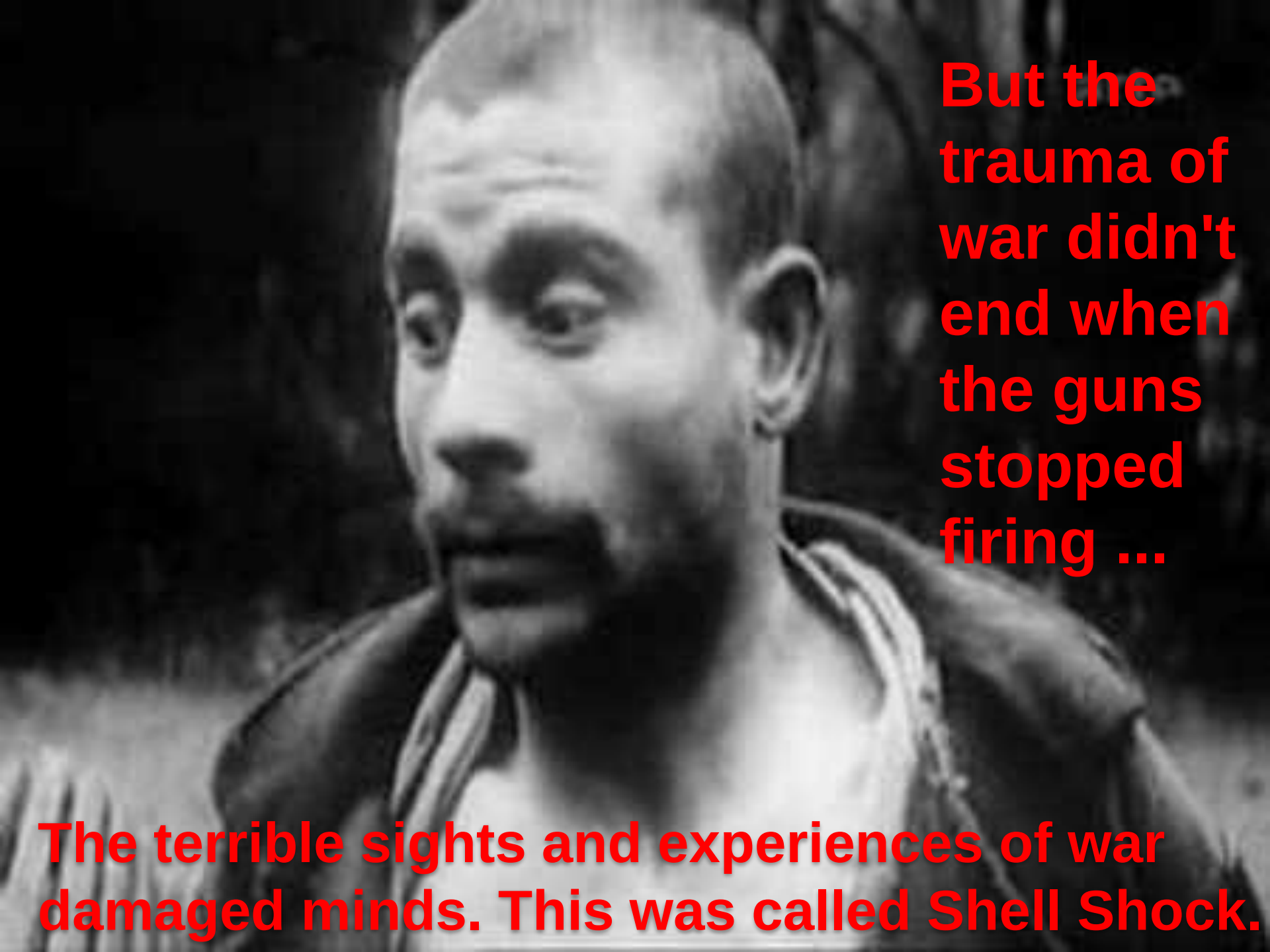












**But the
trauma of
war didn't
end when
the guns
stopped
firing ...**

**The terrible sights and experiences of war
damaged minds. This was called Shell Shock.**

Thousands of soldiers killed in the WW1 fighting were buried on the battlefields in war cemeteries, sadly many in unmarked graves.



**18 Million people died in WW1.
More than 56 Million died in WW2.**



- **Military conflict has taken place during every year of the 20th Century.**





The last man in 'No Man's Land'



After the war ended one flower
grew on the fields where so
many died.

The poppy is worn by people
on Remembrance Day.



John McCrae

In Flanders Field

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.

Remembrance Day

"They shall grow not old, as we that are
left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in
the morning
We will remember them."

'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon

Who do we remember ?

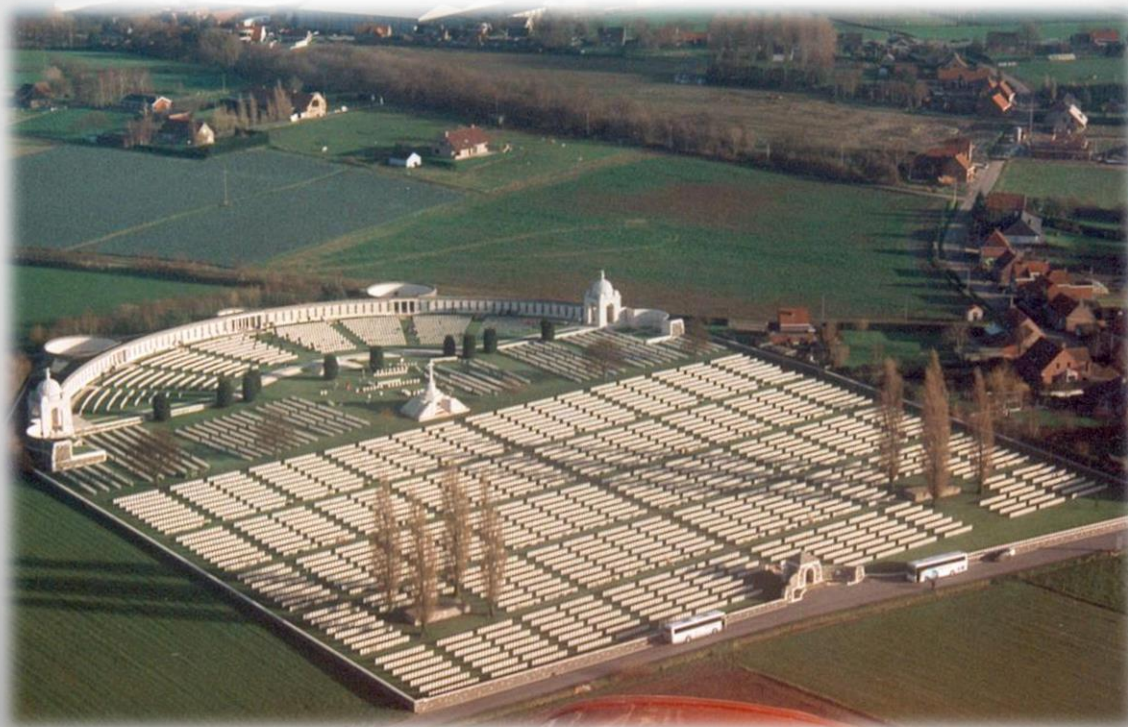


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- There have been only short periods of time that the world was free of war.
- The total number of deaths caused by war during the 20th Century has been estimated at 187 million and is probably higher.



Remembering WW1

- 1 million soldiers from the British Empire died.
- 37 million people either dead or wounded when we include all countries.



Remembering WW2

- 60 million people killed in the deadliest military conflict in history.
- Nearly 40 million of these were civilians.



Remembering the Falklands



- 1982 – Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands.
- **255** British servicemen died in the war.
- **300** British servicemen were wounded.



Remembering Afghanistan

- The British Army have been fighting a war against the Taliban in Afghanistan since 2001. In that time **437** soldiers have been killed. Maybe you will be remembering them.



Thinking about those who come back wounded

- Clive Smith was minutes away from bleeding to death.
- Caught in an explosion while searching for bombs he lost both his legs.
- Now, he is learning to walk again.
- “If it wasn’t for the British public being so generous injured soldiers would find it more difficult to get their lives back on track.”



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Thinking about those whose lives have been affected



- Kirianne married Stephen Curley, a Royal Marine, in 2006.
- In 2010 Kirianne and Stephen had a baby boy.
- Stephen was killed in action

A Poem for Remembrance Day

"The inquisitive mind of a child"



Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?
Selling poppies in town today.
The poppies, child, are flowers of love.
For the men who marched away.

But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppies grow.



But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?
Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child.
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.
Why does it have to be black?
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.
For the men who never came back.

But why, Mummy are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain.
My tears are my fears for you my child.
For the world is forgetting again.



(Author Unknown)

For those who leave never to return.
For those who return but are never the same.

we remember

