



DID YOU KNOW? Children Did Their Part Too

Young children were expected to help out during the First World War. Children knit socks for soldiers and helped around the house or farm.



Hee Haw!

Donkeys and pack mules were valuable in wartime because they could travel over rough ground where vehicles and even horses could not go. They carried loads of supplies weighing up to 91 kilograms at a speed of three kilometres per hour! They were also great mascots.



Private
P.T. Leachman
with the donkey mascot of the
Saskatoon Light Infantry, in Sicily, 1943.
Source: DND ARMY 23177 and DVA 519-16.

007 Feathered Spies!

Watch out James Bond! Pigeons are well known as messengers in war. They were also spy photographers. In the First World War, pictures taken by cameras attached to pigeons helped soldiers decide what direction to go in a battle.

Source: International
Spy Museum



Sergeant Teddy Bear!

Lieutenant Lawrence Rogers always carried a little teddy bear with him through the trenches of the First World War. It was a gift from his 10-year old daughter who hoped it would keep him safe.



Source: VAC Photo taken
at Canadian War
Museum, Ottawa

Tales of Animals in War



Let's Remember Together! New Motto for Remembrance Club

Left to Right: Squeaker, Bonfire Jr., Simone, Gandy, Ellie and Win

BY GANDY THE DOG – CLUB LEADER

We've had a busy year in the Pause for Remembrance Clubhouse! The six of us have a new motto: *Let's Remember Together!* We also have new plans on how to remember the men and women who served in war and peace efforts.

Today, I arrived at the Clubhouse and found that it was as busy as a beehive! Ellie, the elephant, was knitting little dolls. Simone, the cat, and Win, the bear, were planting seeds in flower pots. Bonfire, Jr., the horse, was studying a picture of a war memorial, while high above Squeaker, the pigeon, was gliding around with a graceful white paper bird in his beak. I joined in the fun, and began carefully tracing my paw print onto green paper to make a wreath. What does this all mean? To find out, try singing our new *Rockin' Remembrance Rhyme!*

We love our new song. It helps us understand our big plans to be part of remembrance. To learn more, read through this special newspaper. Let

us, the Remembrance Club members, explain what we will do to be part of Remembrance Day and Veterans' Week, November 5-11. Maybe we will encourage YOU to start a Remembrance Club or take part in Remembrance Day this year. So, *Let's Remember Together!*

To read the stories about animals that were involved in war, go to www.vac-acc.gc.ca and click on "Youth & Educators." Then click on "Kids Zone" and "Tales of Animals in War." 🐾



Charge! Sir Alfred Munnings, a war artist, painted Major-General the Right Honourable J.E.B. Seely, on his Charger "Warrior" in 1918 during the First World War. Seely and his horse retired to England after the war, and Warrior was reported to be still alive in 1940. Today, mounted cavalry are used only in special ceremonies, not in war.

Rockin' Remembrance Rhyme

Hey, we're the Pause for
Remembrance Club,
Come on everybody;
Come remember with us!

Remember what?
You may ask,
People and animals in war
They did amazing tasks!

How do you remember if
You weren't even there?
Through stories and pictures
Hey, we can all share!

What can we do now,
It was so long ago?
Being a part of remembrance,
It's what we're here to show!

My name's Win,
And I'm Simone,
We remember with tulips
And poppies, so come on!

My name's Gandy,
Wreaths are what I take,
To the cenotaph,
For Remembrance sake.

My name's Squeaker and
I fold paper cranes,
They're a symbol of peace
from violence, we refrain.

My name is Bonfire Jr. and
I visit memorials.
It's cool to do,
So why don't you!

Here is Ellie,
She never forgets,
Knitting Izzy Dolls is
What she does best!

Let's remember together!
It's what we do,
Remembering is cool,
Will you remember too?

Lest We Forget

FLOWER POWER!

BY GANDY THE DOG



At the Clubhouse, I sat with Win and Simone while they planted seeds in planters. They had decided to plant a remembrance flower garden in their backyard as their way to remember together.

They plan to have the poppy flower in their garden because it is a symbol of remembrance. They will also plant tulip bulbs because tulips are a symbol of international friendship.

"When I look at our remembrance garden, I will remember the importance of friendship. I will also remember my relative, Winnie-the-Bear, who was a

lovable mascot and friend to soldiers in the First World War. That's how I got my name," says Win. 🐾

"When we see the flowers growing each spring, we will remember that war can bring sadness to people and animals," Simone explains. "My relative, Simon, served in a military conflict with other animals and people. Many of them died while fighting for peace." 🌻

I was impressed with Win and Simone's plans. They will wear poppies on Remembrance Day, and their remembrance flower



garden will grow for years. What wonderful ways to remember!

Let's Remember Together this year. To remember this year, you too could plant a remembrance garden with tulips, poppies or other flowers of your choice!

Tulips are a symbol of international friendship. In the Second World War, Canada helped the people of The Netherlands stay safe in their country. We also helped their Princess and her daughters by inviting them to live safely in Canada. To say thank you, in 1945 the Princess sent Canada 100,000 tulip bulbs. The Netherlands still sends us 15,000 tulip bulbs every year.



Source: Chelsea Smith, Courtesy of the Canadian Tulip Festival

Cats were often kept on ships as mascots during war because, as hunters, they caught rats onboard. They adapted well to sea life and were easily cared for. Cats were also good to cuddle when the seamen were sick, scared or lonely.

Source: Purr-n-Fur (www.purr-n-fur.org.uk)



Bears were often mascots in war because they were friendly with people. They were also believed to bring good luck to the soldiers. Winnie-the-Bear (who inspired the character Winnie the Pooh) was a mascot during the First World War.

Source: Manitoba, Culture Heritage & Tourism: Archives of Manitoba



Poppies grow in fields in France where wars took place. The flower reminds us of the sacrifices and loss of war. We can wear poppies as a symbol of remembrance on November 11 and during Veterans' Week as a way of showing respect for the people who have served in wars or peace support missions.

VAC Photo



PEACE CRANES

BY SQUEAKER THE PIGEON

My ancestor, Beachcomber, served in the Second World War. He delivered important messages in a little canister attached to his leg. Beachcomber, and thousands of other animals and people, risked their lives for my freedom. I want to thank them for this.

On Remembrance Day, I am going to fold paper peace cranes, a symbol of international peace. ✌



VAC Photo

"Royal Air Force carrier pigeon, 1942. Pigeons were carried by the Royal Air Force in case radio communications failed or aircraft were shot down"
Source: Imperial War Museum -The Animals War Exhibition



Pigeons carried messages during the wars. They were kept on planes and ships to carry emergency messages back to base. They even wore tiny cameras to take pictures of battlefield positions! More than 100,000 pigeons served in the First World War and more than 200,000 served in the Second World War.

Brave Beasts

BONFIRE, JR. THE HORSE

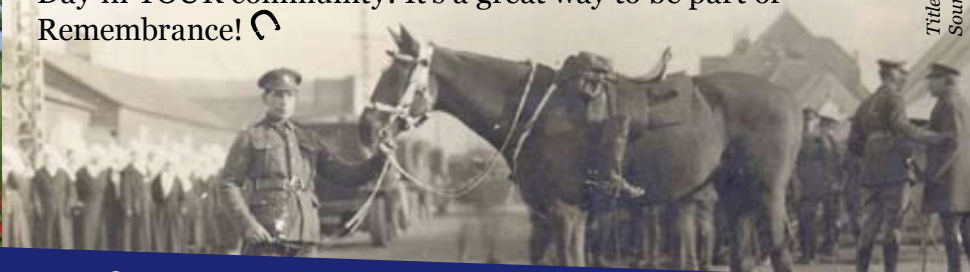


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My ancestor Bonfire served as a mascot and dear friend to Dr. John McCrae during the First World War. Sadly, Dr. McCrae died in the war. Bonfire remembered him by attending his funeral in France.

I plan to remember horses like Bonfire and men like Dr. McCrae on November 11. I will remember by attending the national Remembrance Day ceremony at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. This monument has bronze figures of soldiers, nurses and animals representing the thousands of Canadians and animals who served in wartime.

There are war memorials all across Canada! Visit one of these monuments or attend a ceremony on Remembrance Day in YOUR community! It's a great way to be part of Remembrance! 🐾



Title: Bonfire at John McCrae's funeral 1918. Image #: M1972-5-5-1
Source: Courtesy of Guelph Museums, McCrae House



Horses served in war by carrying soldiers on their backs and by pulling weapons, cannons, supply sleds, ambulances and more. They were also mascots and loving companions to their human caregivers. They continue to serve in places like Afghanistan, where they carry water and food in the mountains where trucks and helicopters cannot go.

Courageous Canines

GANDY SHOWS HIS THANKS

Hi, it's Gandy again. This year I want to remember brave animals like my ancestor, Gander, who served in the Second World War.

I am going to make a wreath to honour everyone who protected peace and freedom worldwide. I am going to go to a Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11 where I will place my wreath at the local monument, called a cenotaph. Would you like to make a wreath too? 🐾

Dogs were trained to serve in war as messengers. They carried secret notes and encoded documents in their collars. They also served as watch dogs, search-and-rescue dogs, "para-dogs" (trained to parachute behind enemy lines), de-mining dogs (trained to sniff out landmines and bombs) and as man's best friend.



VAC Photo



Gander the dog playing with children at the Second World War air base in Gander, Newfoundland. As mascot of the Royal Rifles of Canada, he was recognized and awarded the Dickin Medal in October 2000, for his valour and bravery in Hong Kong in 1941.
Source: Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association

LITTLE DOLLS AID IN REMEMBRANCE

ELLIE THE ELEPHANT KNITS IN MEMORY OF THE PEOPLE AND ELEPHANTS WHO SERVED

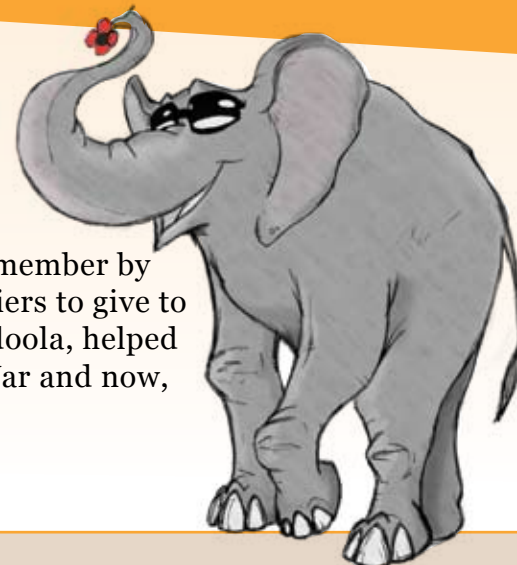


Izzy Dolls
(on display at the Canadian War Museum)
VAC Photo

Hi, I'm Ellie and I know what it's like to be scared. Imagine! A big elephant like me getting scared when I see a little mouse! What is it like for boys and girls who live in war-torn countries? They must be scared everyday. Thank goodness Canadian

soldiers help put smiles on these children's faces by giving them Izzy Dolls. Have you ever heard of Izzy Dolls?

This year, I am going to remember by knitting Izzy Dolls for soldiers to give to children. My relative, Bandoola, helped out in the Second World War and now, I'm helping in my own way too! 🐘



First World War elephant.
Source: Illustrated War News, February 9, 1916

Elephants were very useful on war construction projects because of their strength. During the Second World War in Burma (now Myanmar), they were used to do things like build roads and transport people.

ENTERTAINMENT



A true story of the friendship between the Canadian soldier and the bear that inspired the beloved A.A. Milne character.

CAN YOU CRACK THE CODES?

Pigeons carried secret messages that were sometimes written in code. The enemy had to know the code or else the message meant nothing to them.

Here are two secret messages that would fill the small piece of paper inside the capsule on a messenger pigeon's leg. Can you read these messages? (Clue: Each number matches a letter in the alphabet.)

Code One

12 5 20 19
18 5 13 5 13 2 5 18

Code Two

18 5 13 5 13 2 5 18 9 14 7
9 19 3 15 15 12
23 9 12 12 25 15 21
18 5 13 5 13 2 5 18
20 15 15

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WORD FIND

Look for these words about animals and remembrance. You can find them written up, down, backward, forward or diagonally. Good luck!

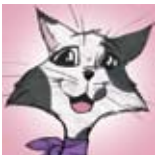







- Poppy Bandoola Wreath Veteran Peace Medal
- Izzy Doll Simon Memorial Tulip Friendship Hero
- Peace Crane Beachcomber Gander Winnie Brave Mascots

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ANIMALS IN WAR PUZZLE

The point of this 4 by 4 square Sudoku-like game is to fill in all the blank squares in the game with the correct remembrance characters. The four remembrance characters in this game are: **Gandy, Simone, Win and Bonfire Jr.**

- Rules:
- Every row of 4 squares across must include all 4 remembrance characters in any order.
 - Every column of 4 squares down must include all 4 remembrance characters in any order.
 - Every 2 by 2 subsection of the larger 4 by 4 square must include each of these 4 of the remembrance characters: Win, Bonfire Jr., Gandy and Simone.

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|--|---|---|---|
| |  Simone | |  Bonfire, Jr. |
| |  Win |  Simone | |
| |  Gandy |  Bonfire, Jr. | |
|  Win | |  Gandy | |

(See your teacher for the answers!)

When Did Animals Serve In War?

Mark the year you were born!

A Century
100 Years
(1900 – 2000)

Peace
Support
Missions
1956 – Present

Korean War
1950 – 1953

Second
World War
1939 – 1945

First
World War
1914 – 1918

