

Remember

Remember: Ypres, the Somme, Passchendaele, and Verdun.

Remember: the Western Desert, El Alamein, the Normandy beaches.

Remember: Dresden, Hiroshima and the Burma Road.

Remember: Korea, the Falkland Islands, Northern Island, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Remember: the courage, the comradeship, the ingenuity, the spirit of working together for a common cause, the planning together for a better world that would come with peace.

Remember: the call to arms, the patriotic songs, the posters, the partings which were such sweet sorrow, the sound of the drum, the skirl of the pipe, the prayer that God would be on our side.

Remember: the old men and women living now who never knew their fathers.

Remember: the love that was lost, the wisdom wasted the minds that were twisted and the limbs distorted.

Remember: the hope of a whole generation left to evaporate in the sands of a desert, the cold of the mountains or sink forever in the oceans of the world.

Remember: the carnage, the colossal, stinking, bloody horror; the ripped bodies on the wire, the platoons of which only three out of forty lived.

Remember: the widows of sixty years and more,

Remember: the wealth of nations being fired from guns, dropped as bombs: smashing schools, homes, factories, churches and hospitals; ruining crops, destroying trees,

Remember: the one who asked us to remember him.