

REMEMBRANCE DAY- Complete the text with the words given.

silence 11th trench armistice mud
November Poppy Flanders remember no man's land

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CHRISTMAS TRUCE - Choose the right answer.

1 In December 1914 the soldiers

- a did not want to celebrate Christmas. b felt the spirit of Christmas.
c did not care about Christmas. d did not like Christmas.

2 The Christmas Truce

- a was an official truce. b wasn't an official truce.
c wasn't a spontaneous truce. d was organised by the authorities.

3 During the truce

- a the French stopped fighting. b the Germans and the British stopped fighting.
c the Germans stopped fighting. d all the opposing armies stopped fighting.

4 After 1914 the authorities

- a tolerated other truces. b permitted other truces.
c ignored other truces. d stopped other truces.

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