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This weekend we remember a very important day in history. One that we should never forget and should honour as long as we live. This was brought home to me by a client earlier this week when he shared an email he sent to his grandchildren about his father. I would like to share that with you today:

November 11th is Remembrance Day in Canada & Veterans Day in the US. We gather at 11am to honour those who gave their lives for our freedom but we should also remember the men & women who returned from the battlefield with unspeakable physical and mental injuries.

100 years ago this month my father (your Great Grandfather) sailed from Quebec City to England on board a troop ship. He was a 21 year old officer with the Canadian Army who had never been away from home. He was going to fight in the 1st World War which had been raging for three years and many thousands of Canadian soldiers had been killed

99 years ago this month, he won the Military Cross which is the second highest award for bravery next to the Victoria Cross. For 3 days and nights he suffered under continuous shell fire and explosions never knowing when he would be hit.

Just days after the war ended my father was found wandering around in a total daze. In those days it was called "shell shock" but today it is known as PTSD - post traumatic stress disorder. He spent a month in a French military hospital before being transferred to England where he spent another 3 months in hospital. Finally he sailed back to Canada where he remained in hospital in Toronto until November 1919.

"He was never the same after the war" according to his family. He lost all his enthusiasm & interest in the fun things of life. As kids he never played with us or involved himself with our activities. Of course we never knew why.

Remember your Great Grandfather on November 11th.

Let's pay our respects to the men and women who have so generously given to our country and the world. Here are some of the events happening in and around Vancouver on Remembrance Day tomorrow.

<http://www.familyfuncanada.com/vancouver/remembrance-day-in-metro-vancouver/>

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