On this day, 11th November, you will pause to remember those who have died in the service of your country. Almost every New Zealand family lost loved ones in the First World War, and each and every New Zealander was affected by the conflict in some way. On Armistice Day, we pay tribute to their courage and to the sacrifices they made on behalf of the nation.

Today I congratulate you on the publication of your centenary histories of New Zealand and the First World War which document the struggle to create a proud legacy of peace and freedom for future generations of New Zealanders.

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