



Should Victory in War be Celebrated or Commemorated?

If you had been at war for 4 years, your immediate reaction when it is end is announced would be to celebrate. But think about it, is celebrating, after the brutality, really what we should be doing?

In my opinion, I think you should initially celebrate the idea of getting back to normal but for the anniversaries that follow, commemorate the millions of lives that were lost and sacrificed by young men. I think this because your natural reaction would be to celebrate your relief and your happiness when you were reunited with your family. If you didn't celebrate, you would dishonour the hardworking, never-tiring soldiers. The reason why most people didn't celebrate was because they were either pacifists or they were grieving for family or close friends. Imagine is a woman had sent her two sons and her husband away to fight and got not one of them back. She would be devastated and certainly not be celebrating.

On the front lines there were people dying in their millions yet we still celebrated at the end. People were taken prisoners of war but there was no thought of that as we partied, almost selfishly, through the night.

Whilst not celebrating seems wrong, everyone had their own reasons for only commemorating. Some people would have lost relatives. Think of how you would feel if you lost your Dad. People made their own sacrifices. Even if you weren't in the war, your life would be constantly interrupted by the squealing sirens. Lines for food would be hours long and it was in short supply.

Every year we commemorate the lives which have been lost with a two-minute silence on Armistice Day. World-wide, people stop what they are doing and are silent remembering those who fell on the battlefield. Although this is only two minutes a year, we will remember them.

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