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Our hearts swell with emotion for those who have died fighting for our freedom in America. The “Star Spangled Banner” brings tears to our eyes. We must never become too casual about this day.

Many years ago at Deanfield in Ohio County, Kentucky, Harold Bellamy heard two elderly men, who had worked in coal mines, tell about their being trapped in a mine following a cave-in. The men said they were using carbide lamps, and they were working a mule in the mine. They said the mule got terribly excited and was breathing rapidly and deeply.



The space where the men and the mule were trapped was very small. The men realized their air supply was very limited. They also realized that the mule was using much more of the air than they were, so they decided they should kill the mule. One of the men had a hawk bull knife with which he cut the mule’s jugular vein. The two men said the mule did not even flinch but stood still and bowed his head and seemed to sense he was going to die. They said it was a pitiful sight in the light of their carbide lights. The mule bled to death.

When the men were finally found, so little air remained where they were trapped that they were very weak and about to become unconscious. No doubt they would have died had they not killed the mule. That mule died for them.

Our veterans and this mule will emotionally stir and move us. But I wonder if we are still stirred by the story of Calvary. May it never become so familiar that we become careless and cold about the story of our dying Savior.



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Veteran’s Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, is a national holiday in the United States. It is observed annually on November 11 in honor of the war dead and veterans of American wars. To commemorate the end of hostilities in World War I, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 Armistice Day in 1919. Memorial exercises have been held annually since 1921 at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. Congress changed the name of the holiday to Veteran’s Day in 1954.

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