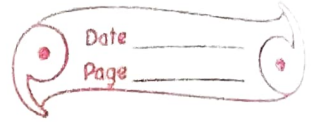


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CHRISTMAS TRUCE



At the end of 1914, the world found itself in difficult circumstances. World war I had begun that summer and many soldiers were facing their first winter in war trenches. However, in the weeks leading up to Christmas, troops on all sides experienced a remarkable change of heart.

MESSAGE OF THE STORY

Humanity Can Conquer the Worst of Circumstances.

The Christmas truce of 1914 is an incredible testament to what humanity can overcome. In a time when the world was at war - when killing and warfare were the daily occupation of hundreds of thousands of men - those most entrenched in the worst of circumstances decided to make a stand for humanity. The soldiers of 1914 remind us of the choice we all can make: We can see others as humans who matter like we matter - even they're our enemies. They also show us what can happen when we make that choice: enemies can become friends and, at least for a moment, there is peace. Like the soldiers of 1914, we can choose to take a stand for humanity. We can choose to end the plague of dehumanization. We can choose to see others as people who matter like we matter. When

When we remember this choice, we also realise that we have the ability to make the most of the future.

So let's resolve to take a stand for humanity.