

Let's Read 2 A Moment of Peace (pp. 100 - 103)

【集中して聞いてみよう！】英文を聞いて、枠の中にある単語を補い、本文を完成させましょう。

【p. 100】 We were face to face with the German army. We were close enough to hear each other. Sometimes we called to each other a morning greeting. Sometimes we listened to the cries of the sick and wounded. Each day the fighting again. We were close enough to be friends, but the war made us enemies.

On the afternoon of December 24, the Germans decorated a tree. It was Christmas Eve, even on a battlefield. I was close enough to see the shining candles on the tree.

The Germans started singing "Silent Night". When they finished, we sang "Home, Sweet Home". That night, the two armies exchanged songs until darkness. Then silence fell.

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【p.101】 The next day was Christmas. A German soldier called out, "Happy Christmas!" I back, "Same to you!"

Later, a German soldier appeared. He was waving a white flag. Then another stood up. He was holding a bottle. "It's Christmas Day. We have wine and sausages. Please join us."

I turned to my friend Paul. "Is it a trick?" I asked.

"Who knows? Who cares? It's Christmas," Paul shrugged and stood up.

With that, the two armies on the battlefield, for peace, not war.

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【p.102】 A German approached me. We shook hands. "My name's Abel. I'm a clerk at a hotel." "My name's Sam. I'm a teacher. Happy Christmas." He me his family's photo. We exchanged addresses.

One of the Germans was a barber. He gave some of us haircuts. We were very glad and thanked him. Paul knew some magic tricks. He delighted all of us, German and British. We shared drinks and food. There was a lot of talking and laughing. I took some photos.

Then someone brought out a football. The game began and for a long time.

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【p.103】 The wonderful time passed quickly. As the sun set and the stars came out, everyone knew that it was over. "Bye now. Take care," I said to Abel. "to you," he said to me. I waved to Abel one last time as a friend.

The next day we were enemies again. Friends from the day before shot at and killed each other. Many were wounded, many died.

But I will always remember that special moment of friendship. The thing happened. Armies met in peace, not war.

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