okay we've gathered here today on

Remembrance Sunday to commemorate to

remember those persons that gave their

life during the conflicts of the First

World War and the war continued for four

years and 2016 as we are now has

just seen the 100th anniversary of the

Battle of the Somme which is widely

renowned as being one of the worst

disasters the British Army were

involved in numbers of dead across both

sides numbered somewhere around a

million people over the course of the

six months or there aboutse of that

action the local units that fought the

Leicestershire regiment had a number of

battalions and there were ya'muru units

that also formed and the forces that

went abroad and during the course of the

fighting the individuals would

eventually been honoured with the medals

known as the war medal the victory medal

and either the 1415 star or the

fifteenth star

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I never thought as a young boy born and

bred in Coalville that one day I'd have

the honour of leading the parade through

my own town and after serving in the

Army and in the guards I have been

on quite a lot of state occasions that's

but nothing is quite the same as coming

to march through your own hometown

through the people that you know and

people that you've grown up with I think

back to my old grandad and his son bill

who went off to war in 1914 one of the

first to volunteer there were famous

fifty who was well documented all about

the fifty lads bill was an ex- minor he got

drafted with the engineers and

the others too to join the tunnelers who

were busy trying to counter the German

tunnel in offensive and that's how he

met his death and he hid the tunnel that

he was working in got broken into by the

German counter tunnellers a firefight

and explosion 4 British lads down

there 2 got out 2 didn't and Bill

was one of the 2 that did so Bill’s

remains are still there under Vimy Ridge

somewhere we went to the First World War

battlefields we researched a lot of the

cemeteries and graves and on the last day

we found Bill's memorial at Fiat vault

on the big memorial there and there he

there he is with his name engraved on

there along with all the other soldiers

who have no known grave

[Music]

Remembrance Sunday involves everyone it

involves the people of today and we

remember in history the past and

remember that all the people of our

community oh their lives and their

freedom to those members of their family

who gave their lives for us this is an

occasion that brings everybody together

from all walks of life and from all age

groups and it's so important that we

keep this memory alive

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well as you know today's been

Remembrance Sunday it's been fantastic

to see the actual turnout of people here

in Coalville today and the community have

really come together to show and pay

their respects on this special day

we as the district council organize

Remembrance Sunday are working in

partnership with central historians and we

hope that from today that we can go out

and deliver some of the stories of the

comrades and share what they've gone

through to other people in the community

to schools libraries community groups

and lots of other people so that these

stories are shared with many people

and by doing this these stories will

never ever be forgotten