



Tales of Animals in War

Tulip

Each spring, in Ottawa, Canada's capital, millions of multi-coloured tulips burst into bloom. These tulips are symbols of the friendship that blossomed between the people of Canada and the Netherlands during the Second World War. During the war, Canada provided a safe haven for the Dutch Royal Family, helped liberate so many Dutch people during the war. Following the war, Princess Juliana of Holland presented Canada with 100,000 tulip bulbs to thank Canada for being so kind. Canada continues to receive a gift of 20,000 bulbs from Holland each year.

The flowers are also a beautiful display of colour, and to celebrate winter's end in Canada, the Canadian Tulip Festival is celebrated each spring in Ottawa.

