



A Letter from the Trenches

Imagine you are a young soldier sent to fight on the Western Front during World War One.

Describe your experiences in the trenches in a letter to your parents. You should include all of the following words in your letter. Tick them off as you use them.

- Trench
- Dug out
- No Man's Land
- Barbed Wire
- Mud
- Machine Gun
- Lice
- Flies
- Rats
- Smell
- Gas
- Gas mask
- Rifle
- Soldier
- Rations
- Bombing
- Trench Foot

Vocabulary that may be useful - you could look up meanings in a dictionary if you need!

Awful	Onslaught	Hunger
Barbarous	Stench	Decaying
Gruesome	Petrified	Boredom
Horrendous	Disease	Hopeless
Horrific	Blighty	Stale
Terrible	Squalid	Torture

Phrases that you could adapt for your own use:

"I will never forget these terrible conditions ..."

"It was so horrible, I can hardly bring myself to write about it ..."

"So many innocent lives have been lost ..."

"I am so lucky to have survived so far - I will never forget those who died fighting alongside me ..."

"The trench is horrible, but it gives us somewhere to rest ..."

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