**Over the Top:**

* The British government wanted to encourage men to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for war.
* They said the war would be safe, hardly any fighting, a good lark and over by Christmas.
* They used advertising \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to encourage this idea!

**The reality of ‘going over the top’ was very different!**

* Soldiers were expected to carry all of their equipment with them at all times.
* They were supposed to keep it clean and in good condition – they were British after all.

**How the uniform and equipment changed after just three weeks in the trenches…**

* Posters always showed men \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* They never showed the boredom of the trenches or actual fighting taking place.
* Their equipment is scattered everywhere…
* Boredom and sleep are obvious…
* No smiling and relaxed faces…
* No clean uniforms…

**Other things to take into consideration:**

* Mass devastation
* Freezing winters
* The soldiers had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ food, and what food they had was often attacked by rats.
* These rats were the size of small rabbits and badgers because they had fed on the decomposing bodies of dead soldiers.
* Trench Foot
* Lost limbs

**Task Notes:**

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