

LAST POST: REMEMBERING THE FIRST WORLD WAR



WRITING HOME

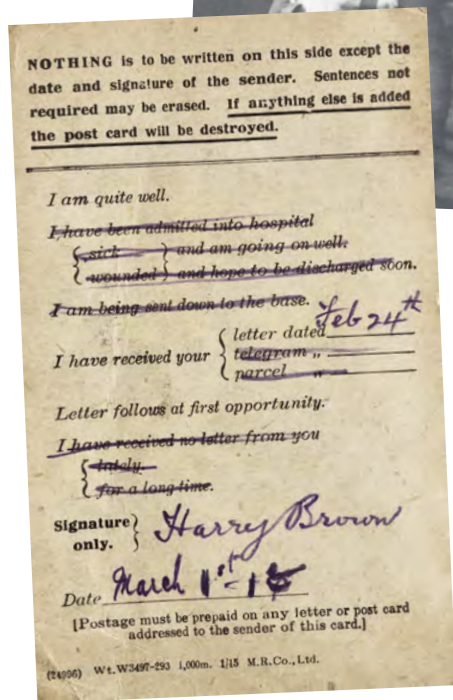
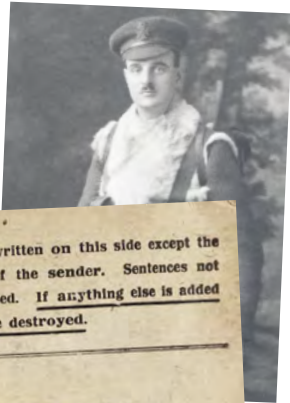
Over 12 million letters were sent a day in the First World War. Letters were sorted in the Home Depot, a giant wooden building in Regents Park in London.

Write your own postcard home to a loved one.

CENSORSHIP

Soldier's letters were censored. This means they were checked for secret information about the war.

Soldiers often sent field postcards. The soldier crossed out the sentences that didn't apply to them. This field postcard was sent by Rifleman Harry Brown.



I am quite well.

I have been admitted into hospital

{ sick and am going on well
 wounded and hope to be discharged soon

I am being sent down to the base.

I have received your { letter dated _____
 telegram dated _____
 parcel dated _____

Letter follows at first opportunity.

I have received no letter from you

{ lately.
 for a long time.

Signature only _____

Date _____

Fill in your own field postcard.

PARCELS


Parcels from home were a big comfort to the soldiers. Food, newspapers and socks were popular items.

Choose six items below to pack in your parcel. Draw the items in the box and colour them in.



SECRET CODES

Soldiers used secret codes to send messages. Draw a symbol next to each letter of the alphabet to create your own secret code. A few letters have been done for you.

A = 

G =

M =

S =

X =


B = 

H =

N =

T =

Y =

C = 

I =

O =

U =

Z =

D =

J =

P =

V =

Use your secret code to write your name on the label below.

E =

K =

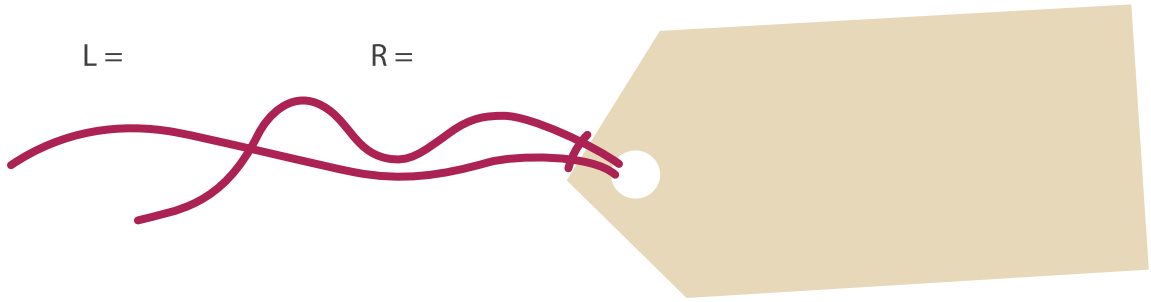
Q =

W =

F =

L =

R =



MOVING THE MAIL

Letters were moved by a variety of transport. From ship, to train, to motorvan, to horse and cart and on foot. Follow the map to work out how your letter will reach the front line.

GOVERNMENT PIGEON SERVICE.
(This message must be laid out forth with to the nearest Postal Telegraph Office.)

From	Date	Time	Lat. Long
<p>DID YOU KNOW?</p> <p><i>Over 100,000 pigeons were used by the British army to deliver messages.</i></p>			