



Over The Top

When people today think of the Great War, they think of soldiers going over the top of the trench into great battles like the Battle of Ypres in 1915 or the Somme in 1916. This was certainly a big part of being a soldier. However, as well as the great battles, there were countless patrols, raids and other types of fighting. In this case study, you can look at a range of sources that give some sense of what it was like to fight in the trenches.

You will probably find it helpful to study the [Background](#) before you start looking at the sources.

Use the [Worksheet](#) as you look through the sources. This will help you plan your research and think about how to present your findings.

Sources



General's reports, 1914



Battle reports, Ypres, 1915



Casualty list after an attack, 1915



Photo of the front line, Loos, 1915



'For the Empire', a film released in 1916



Aerial photos of a raid, Cherisy, 1917



Painting called 'The Harvest of Battle', 1919