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How did so many soldiers survive the trenches?

1 The myth of Trench Warfare

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- What percentage of British soldiers survived the trenches in World War 1?

2 Typical Day on the Front line

- What was the “stand to?”
- What did soldiers do on the “morning hate?”
- List several typical jobs of the trench soldiers.
- How did soldiers typically spend their spare time?
- If soldiers were ordered “into no man’s land.” When did this occur?
- How many days per month did the average soldier spend in the line of fire?

3 How often were soldiers in the firing line?

- What percentage of a soldier’s life was spent in the firing line?
- Where were soldiers 45% of the time?

4 How the trenches kept men safe?

Briefly describe the role of each of the following:

- Dressing Stations
- Shelters

- Firing Trench
- Support Trench
- Reserve Trench
- Communication Trenches

5 Left Behind the Lines - Video not working

6 Wrong Place, Wrong Time

Read Percy’s letter and watch the video. Now it is your turn to write a letter home. Imagine that you were going to “go over the top,” and into battle the next day. What would you want to tell your loved one back home?

Dear _____ ,

Sincerely,