## Innovate this diary entry:





## Try to use all the features of a diary entry:

- √ First person
- ✓ Mix of present and past tense
- ✓ Emotive language
- ✓ Rhetorical questions
- Description of weather, men, feelings, sounds and sights
- ✓ Refer to family
- ✓ Express thoughts about future
- Clear expression of the mood of the soldier

Dear Diary,	
I am sitting here, soaked	
to the bone in mud and	
shaking with cold.	
Dearest Jane hasn't	
written in weeks and I	
wonder if she's forgotten	
me.	
Last night I drifted in	
and out of empty sleep,	
unsure if I was awake or	
in a nightmare.	
Will this ghastly war	
never end?	
The rain beats down like	
a drum, immovable and	
relentless.	
The bombing and gunfire	
never seem to end and I	
can't sleep despite my	
exhaustion.	
Just when I thought	
things couldn't get any	
worse, I caught a rat	
eating my last biscuit. I	
could have cried!	
Occasionally my mind	
drifts to happier days,	
snuggled up in bed,	
holding my dear wife	
close to me and looking	
out at the rain from	
inside our warm, safe	
home.	
Looking at my fellow men I feel despair: Ever	
darkening circles shadow	
their eyes and the look of	
fear and shock is hidden	
within their faces as they	
visualise their deaths.	
What will tomorrow hold?	
Another deathly day of	
misery and desperation.	
Please God - save me	
from this misery!	
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