



Tuesday 24th

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24/11 Vocabulary

- 1. What does the word uneventful mean in this sentence?**
- 2. Find a synonym for task in the text**
- 3. What does the word ritual mean in this sentence?**
- 4. Find a synonym for seldom in the text**

Wednesday 2



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25/11 Retrieval

1. Explain what happens during a 'morning hate'
2. Order the events of the day for 1 to 5



Morning hate	
Stand	
Chores	
Fire Step	
Stand to	



3. List the things the soldiers could be asked to do after 'stand to'.
4. True or false. In the trenches men could

Sleep	
Make new clothes	
Watching films	
Do sentry duty	
Grow vegetables	
Write letters	
Fetch rations	

Thursday 26



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Inference

Can you summarise the text in 20 words?

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