

## WW1 Diaries Example sources and Starter Sentences

Read the 'Dairy of Everyday happenings in France 1918' and 'Dairy of Leading Stoker Victor Bethell, HMS Gloucester 1916'. Use the internet to access the following accounts:

**Harry Patch - the Last Tommy** - Henry John "Harry" Patch (born 17 June 1898, died 25 July 2009) was known as 'The Last Tommy' as he was the last surviving soldier known to have fought in the trenches of the First World War. He never spoke about the war until he turned 100 years old. Extracts of his diary can be found here:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/wwone/last\\_tommy\\_gallery\\_03.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/wwone/last_tommy_gallery_03.shtml)

**The Diary of Arthur Linfoot** - Arthur Linfoot volunteered for the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1915 aged 25. Instead of fighting, his role was to rescue injured soldiers on the battlefield, offering first aid and taking them to the hospitals behind the frontline. His diary covers the entire war period and is being published as a blog, in a day-by-day fashion. See: <http://www.arthurlinfoot.org.uk/>

### **EXAMPLES OF STARTER SENTENCES FOR DIARIES**

I've only been here for a matter of days, yet it already feels like years...

All I can hear is the constant rattle of gunfire above my head...

It is raining today and the trenches are full of sloshing, thick mud beneath my tired feet...

Another day, another battle and another friend lost...

I am feeling frightened about what today might bring. All around me are tired comrades and endless mud...

We've been at sea for weeks now....

It is good flying weather today, the clouds are high....

Today we spotted a periscope off our port bow.....