

CHRISTMAS TRUCE

Reading Comprehension

WW-I


Comprehension Questions
Name: _____ Date: _____

What event marked the beginning of World War I?
a) The invasion of Tripoli
b) The Christmas Truce
c) The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand
d) The signing of the Treaty of Versailles

What was the space between the trenches called?
World War I
a) No Man's Land
b) The Trenches
c) The Front
d) The Rear

What did the German soldiers receive in Christmas 1914?
a) Food, medicine, tobacco, and newspapers
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c) Food, medicine, tobacco, and newspapers
d) Food, medicine, tobacco, and newspapers

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TRENCH WARFARE
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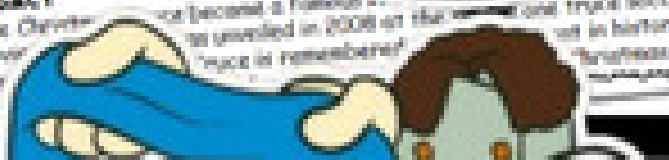
Both sides received Christmas packages, tobacco, and wine, including Christmas trees. On Dec. 24, they sang "Silent Night," "O Christmas Tree," and "The First Noel." The British also sent a chocolate cake with a note that said, "You no fight, we no fight."

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TRUCE
Both sides agreed to a truce and exchanged greetings, shared food, and played soccer in No Man's Land.

AGAINST ODDS
The truce went against all odds. It was a surprise and a Christmas celebration.

LEGACY
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GIFTS

Both sides received Christmas gifts from home. The British got chocolates, tobacco, and notes, while the Germans received gifts, including Christmas trees. On Christmas Eve, the Germans lit candles on their trees and sang "Silent Night."

PEACE OFFERS

Recognizing the song, British soldiers joined in. A German soldier even sent a chocolate cake with a note proposing a truce for Christmas. The note said, "You no fight, we no fight."

TRUCE

Both sides agreed to a truce, celebrating Christmas together. They exchanged greetings, shared Christmas notices and gifts, and even played soccer in No Man's Land.

AGAINST ORDERS

The truce went against orders, but officers allowed it. Despite some disapproval, soldiers found a brief moment of friendship during the Christmas celebration.

LEGACY

The Christmas Truce became a famous story, inspiring songs, books, and movies. A memorial was unveiled in 2008 at the site of one truce soccer game. The Christmas Truce is remembered as a unique event in history, bringing enemies together for a short time in the spirit of Christmas.

Comprehension Questions

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1. What marked the beginning of World War I?
- assassination of Franz Ferdinand
 - Christmas Truce
 - assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand
 - start of the Truce

2. What was the space between the trenches called during World War I?
- Space
 - No Man's Land
 - Gap
 - Frontline

3. What did the German soldiers receive as Christmas gifts in 1914?
- chocolates, tobacco, and notes
 - Christmas trees and notices
 - chocolates and notes
 - chocolates

4. Why did the officers allow the Christmas Truce despite it not being an official order?
- because of the spirit of Christmas
 - because of the soldiers' requests
 - because of the soldiers' requests and the spirit of Christmas
 - because of the soldiers' requests and the spirit of Christmas

FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. How did the German soldiers celebrate Christmas during the Truce, and how did the British soldiers respond?
2. What was the significance of the chocolate cake that a German soldier sent to the British during the Christmas Truce?
3. How did the British soldiers respond to the German soldiers' Christmas Truce?

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