

FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT WORLD WAR I

You could research these facts or find many more of your own and create a fact file with illustrations.

- Plastic surgery was invented during WWI to help injured soldiers
- The youngest British soldier to serve was just twelve years old
- Blood banks were introduced during WWI
- Nine out of ten soldiers survived the war but many had wounds that would never heal. 700,000 British soldiers were killed.
- WWI was the first war to involve aeroplanes and tanks
- WWI was the first time that civilians were bombed during a war
- WWI was the first war to use trenches. They stretched for 25,000 miles mostly across northern France and Belgium
- WWI was the first war in which various kinds of poisonous gas were used
- Dogs were used for many jobs during WWI and of course horses
- More than half a million pigeons carried messages to the front lines
- The term 'dogfight' was first used in WWI for fighter aircraft
- After the war four empires collapsed: Ottoman (Turkish), German, Austro-Hungarian and Russian.

