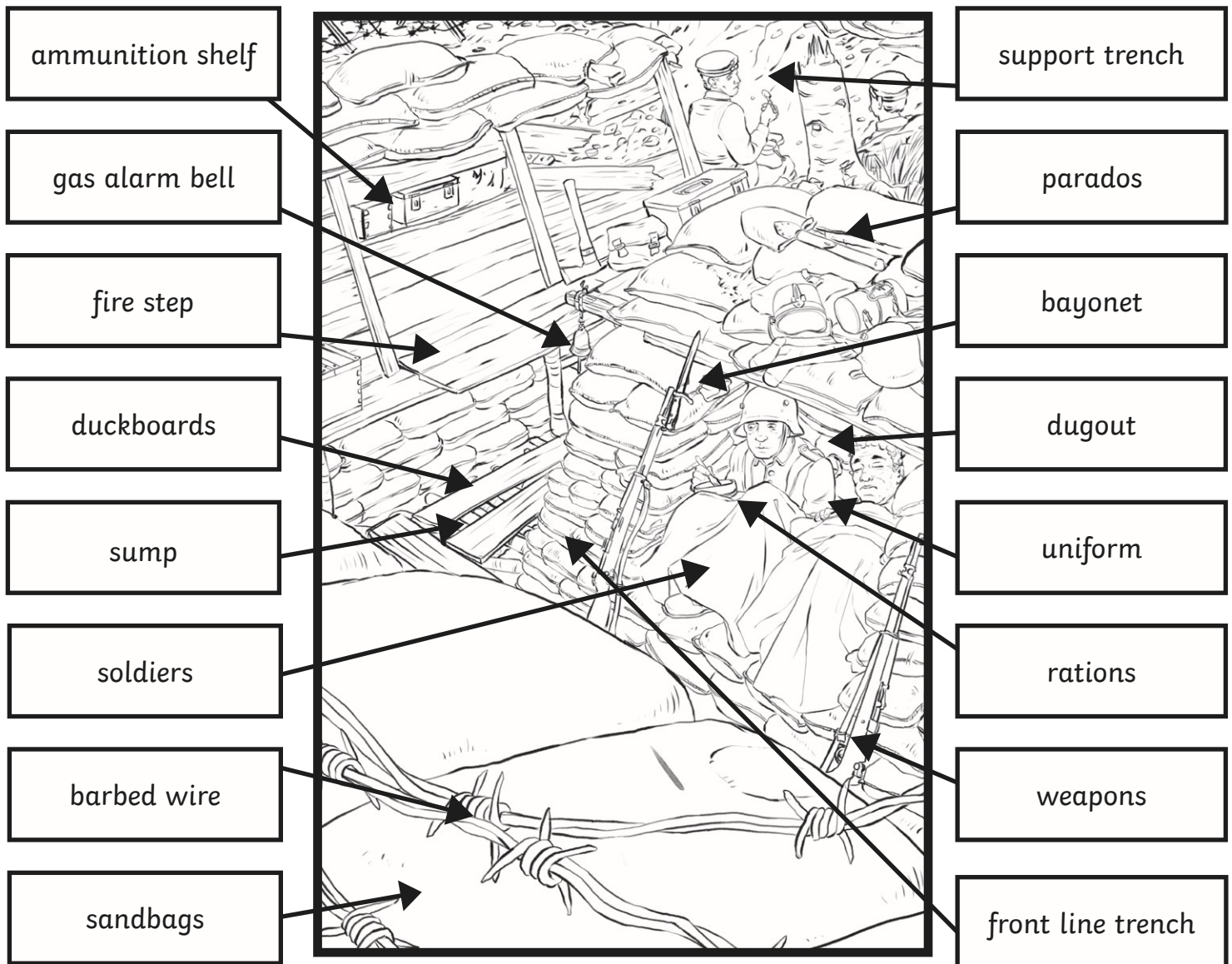


First World War Trenches Answers

Use the words in the word bank to complete these First World War trench labels. Then, find definitions for the words in the word bank and write them in a glossary.



soldiers	sandbags	weapons	rations
barbed wire	front line trench	dugout	uniform
duckboards	fire step	sump	gas alarm bell
support trench	ammunition shelf	parados	bayonet

ammunition shelf	Ledges in the trench walls, used to keep important things like bullets off the ground and dry.
barbed wire	A tangled fence of metal with sharp spikes, designed to make it difficult for the enemy to run at the trench.
bayonet	A steel blade fixed to the end of a soldier's rifle for use in hand-to-hand combat.
duckboards	Planks of wood placed end to end to create a path over muddy or wet ground.
dugout	A resting place in the side of a trench where soldiers might sleep, write letters or eat away from the weather and enemy fire.
fire step	A raised platform or bench along the side of the trench for soldiers to stand on and see over the top.
front line trench	The trench that was closest to the enemy, where soldiers would take turns keeping watch and returning fire.
gas alarm bell	A system for warning the trenches when poisonous gases were used by the enemy.
parados	Lines of sandbags at the rear of the trench, designed to protect against shells and debris from the trench behind.
rations	Daily food provided to the soldiers and shared out fairly. This often consisted of tinned meat and biscuits.
sandbags	Sacks filled with sand, used to protect and support the trenches. Sand soaked up water, stopping the trench from flooding, and raised the sides to protect the men.
soldiers	Men aged between 18 and 41 who had signed up to fight for their country. From 1916, it stopped being a choice. This was called conscription.
sump	A channel dug underneath the duckboards for water to run below the floor, to stop the men having to stand in water for too long.
support trench	A trench behind the front line and connected by a walkway, where soldiers could have a break from duty but support the main trench if needed.
uniform	A soldier's outfit, which included a stiff cap, khaki jacket, puttees and a woollen greatcoat.
weapons	As well as the armies using machine guns, mortars and mines, most soldiers carried a rifle.