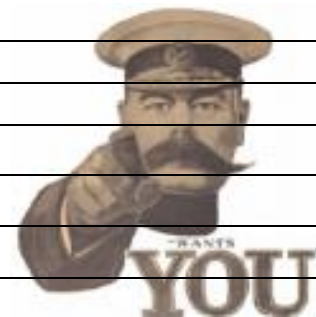




Key Vocabulary

★ Alliance	When countries join forces or work together to achieve a certain goal
★ Armistice	a formal agreement of warring parties to stop fighting
★ Conscription	the requirement by law to join the armed forces
★ Front Line	the area where the armies are engaged in fighting
★ The Great War	the name used for World War One at the time
★ No Man's Land	the area of land between two enemy trench systems
★ Treaty	a written agreement between two or more countries
★ Trench	long ditches dug into the ground where soldiers live
★ Ration	a fixed amount of a commodity (bread, chocolate etc) officially allowed to each person during a time of shortage, as in wartime

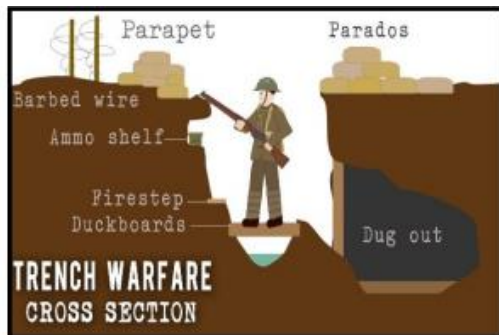


The Alliance system: Many countries had made alliances with one other. They agreed to protect each other. If one was attacked, the others would defend them. The war was fought between:

- The Triple Alliance: Germany, Austria-Hungary and their allies.
- The Triple Entente: Great Britain, France and Russia.



Archduke Franz Ferdinand: The assassination of Franz Ferdinand (Archduke of Austria) sparked the outbreak of World War One.



Trench Warfare

Many battles were fought using trench warfare. Long ditches were dug in the ground. Soldiers lived in the trenches and sometimes climbed out to attack.

A famous example of trench war was the Battle of the Somme which started in July 1916.