

# ADVENTURE. DUTY. DANGER. FEAR.

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## Slang Terms and Nicknames used by soldiers in WWI and WWII

Can you match the terms with their definitions?

The answers are below - but try to guess on your own before you check!

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| 1) ace                 | A) a person who does a lot of boring paperwork  |
| 2) a Blighty           | B) a trained military engineer who lays, detects or disarms mines or constructs trenches or tunnels |
| 3) boot camp           | C) sleeping bag   |
| 4) clear the decks     | D) a weapons technician who repairs firearms  |
| 5) fartsack            | E) a wound not too severe, but enough to get a soldier sent back to England for care                |
| 6) gun plumber         | F) a combat pilot who has downed a number of enemy planes   |
| 7) pencil-pusher       | G) prepare for action   |
| 8) plumber's nightmare | H) English mispronunciation of the name Ypres   |
| 9) sapper              | I) a centre for basic training.   |
| 10) Wipers             | J) a Sten submachine gun, which was prone to jamming  |

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1:F 2:E 3:I 4:G 5:C 6:D 7:A 8:J 9:B 10:H

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