

Walter Tull

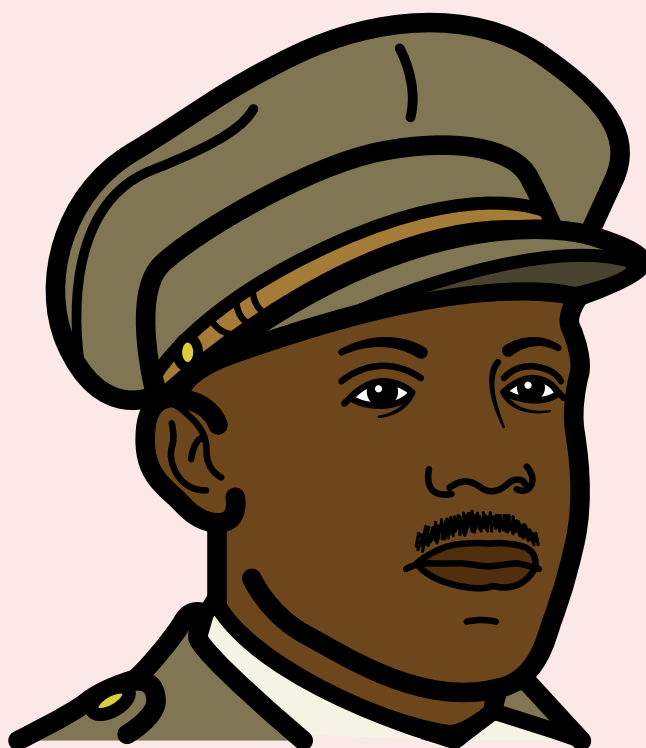
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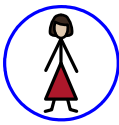

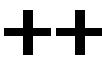
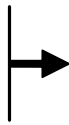

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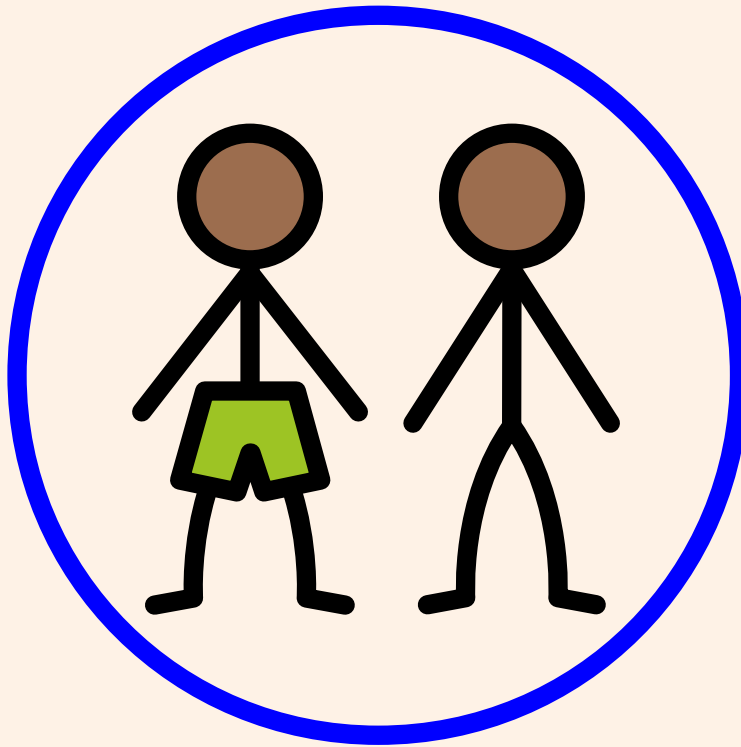



 was
 
 born
 in
 
 F
 
 K
 1888
 in
 1888.


 His
 
 mother,
 
 A
 Alice Palmer,
 was
 
 also
 
 from
 
 K
 Kent.





 His
 
 father,
 
 D
 Daniel Tull,
 was a
 
 carpenter
 
 from
 
 Barbados.



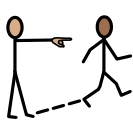


 Walter's
 
 grandfather
 was a
 
 slave
 in
 
 Barbados.



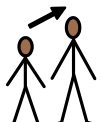
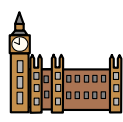



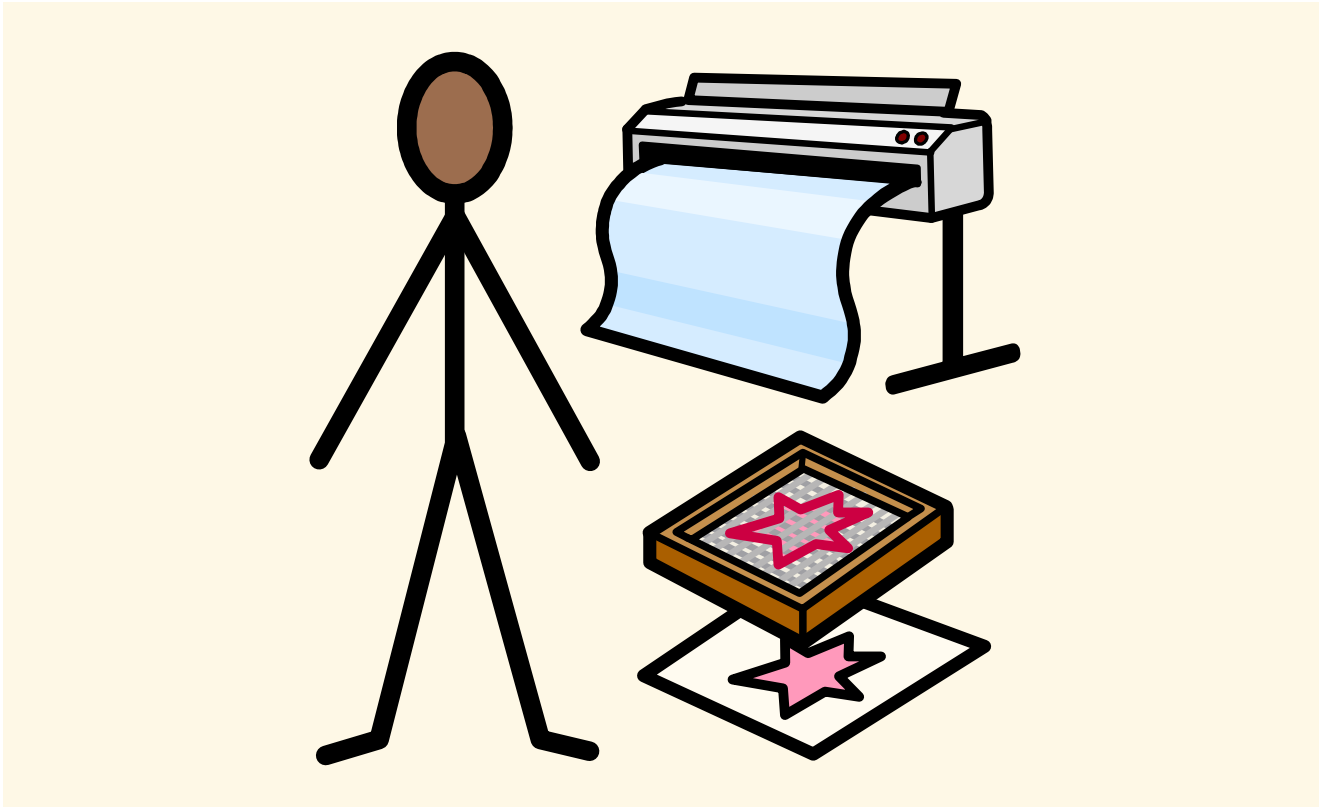






 both
 
 died
 when
 
 Walter
 was
 
 young.







 Walter
 had a
 
 brother
 called
 
 Edward.

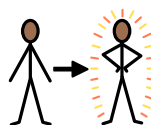

 Walter
 and his
 
 brother
 were
 
 sent
 to an
 
 orphanage.




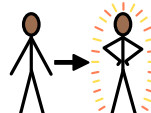


From
 
 age
 9
 
 Walter
 
 grew up
 in a
 
 London
 
 orphanage.



At the  orphanage  Walter and  Edward went to school. 

 Walter  began  playing  cricket and  football.

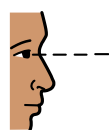
 Walter  loved  football and  became  very good.

 After  school  he  became a  printer's  apprentice.



Walter

was



spotted



playing

for



Clapton Football Club.

1909

In

1909



Walter



signed



with



Tottenham Hotspur.



Spurs

was

1

one

of



London's



top



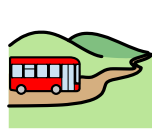
professional



teams.



Walter



toured



South America



during

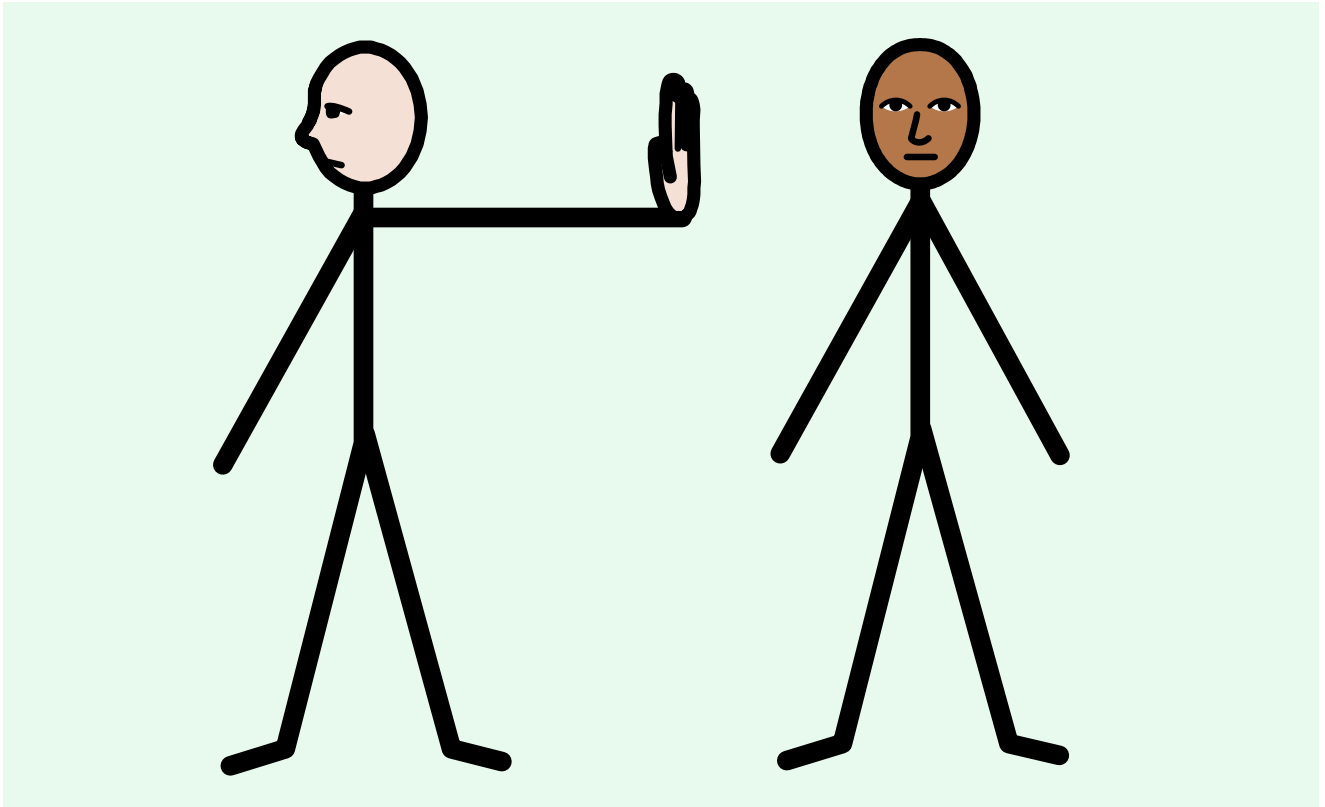
his

1st

first



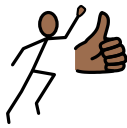
season.



Walter



gained



a

reputation

for his



accurate



passing.



He

was the

2nd



British

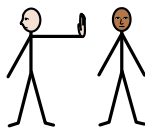


black professional player.



Walter

was



racially



abused

by



opposition



fans.



He

was



dropped

from the

1st

1st







team

at







Spurs.



1911    .






In 1911 Walter signed with Northampton Town.

  **111**   .

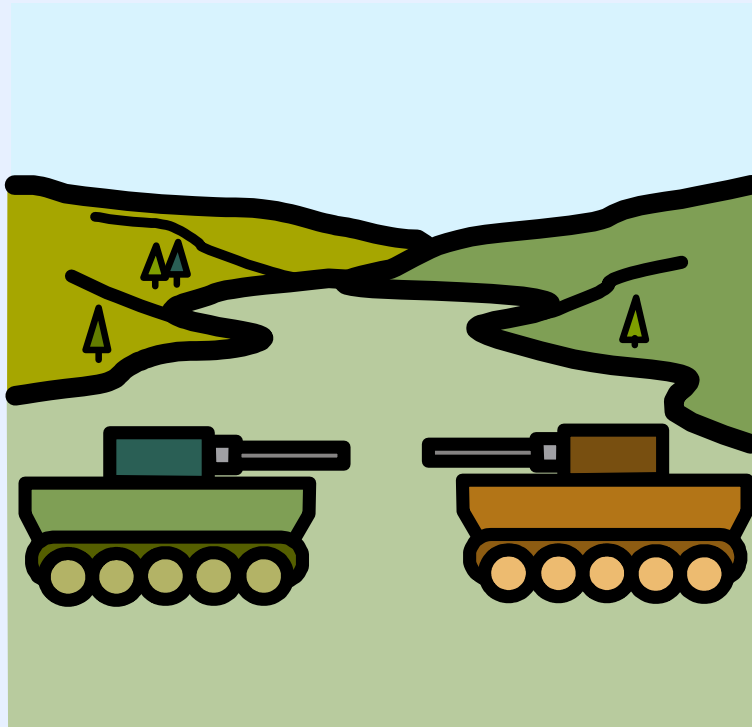
Walter played 111 matches during his time there.

 **9**   .

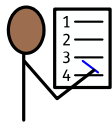
Walter scored 9 goals for Northampton Town.

1914     .

In 1914 World War 1 began and football stopped.



Walter

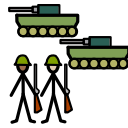


enlisted

in the



British



Army.



Walter



served

in the

2



Football



Battalions.

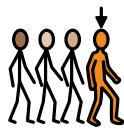


He

was a



natural



leader

and



promoted

to



sergeant.

1916

In

1916

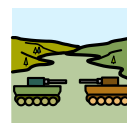


Walter

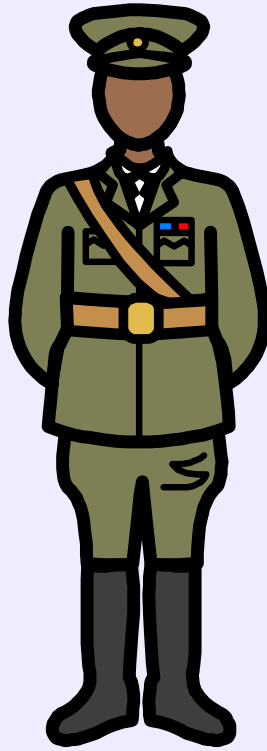


fought

in the



Battle of the Somme.



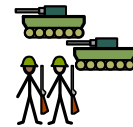
1917



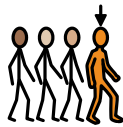
In 1917 Walter was promoted to lieutenant.



1st



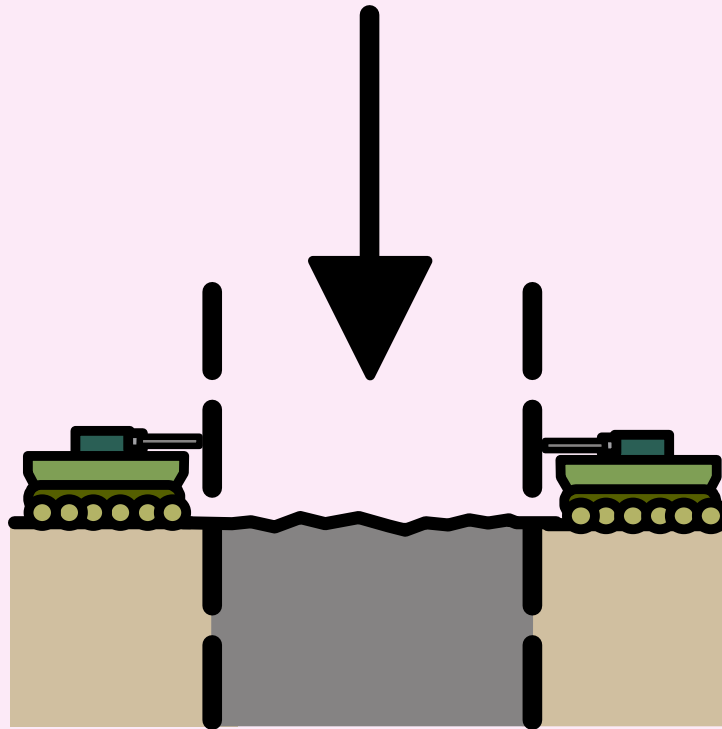
He was one of the 1st black officers in the army.










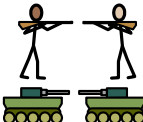

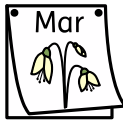
In Italy Walter led raids to the German trenches.





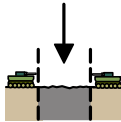




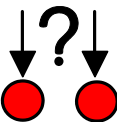

He was nominated for a Military Cross for bravery.

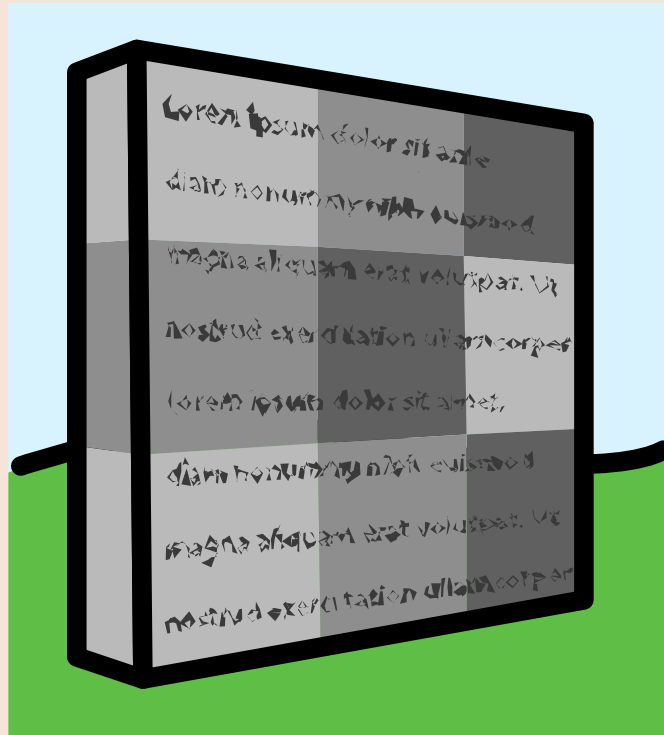







 1918
 Walter returned to northern France in March 1918.






 1918
 He was killed in action on 25th March 1918.






 Walter's body was not found in No Man's Land.





 Walter is buried somewhere in the Somme.



Walter



received



medals



but

not



the Military Cross.



A

road

to



Northampton Town

was

named after



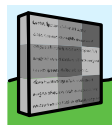
him.



In

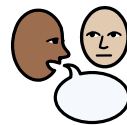
Northampton,

a

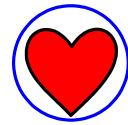


wall memorial

tells about



his



life.

2014



In

2014

Walter



featured on a special



£5



coin.



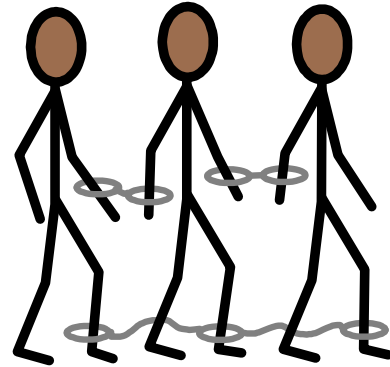
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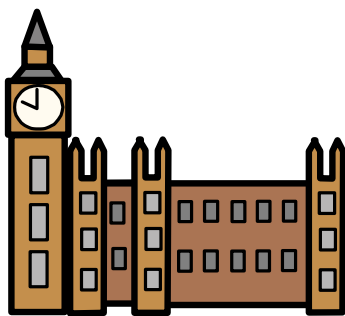
Folkestone



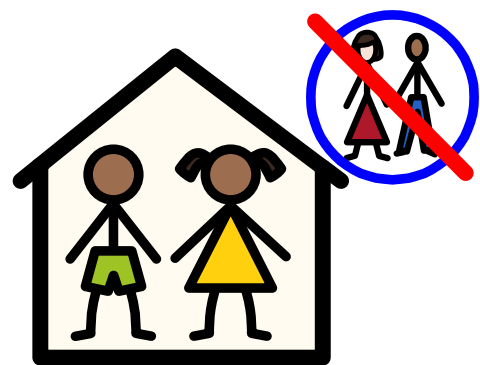
Barbados



slave



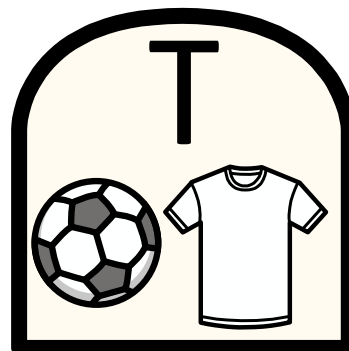
London



orphanage



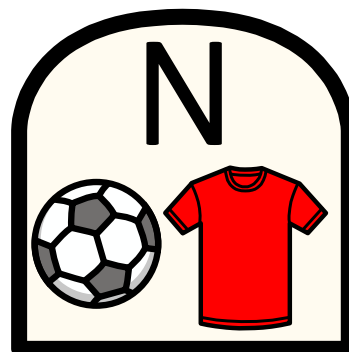
football



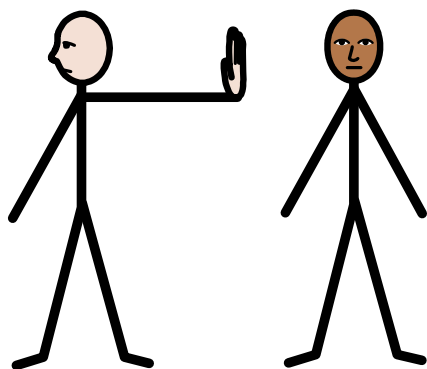
Spurs



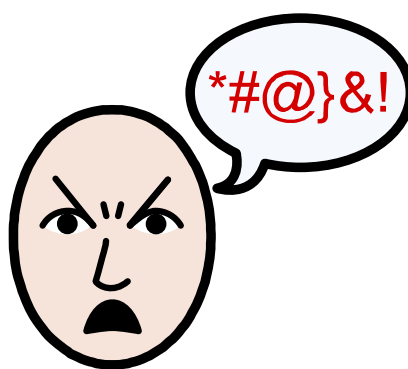
passing



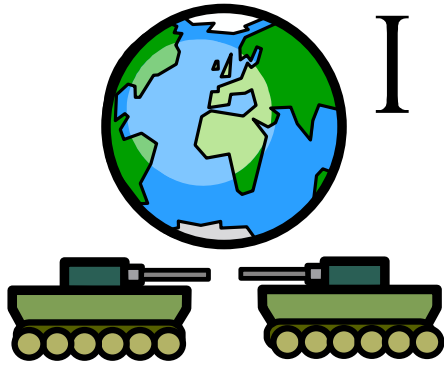
Northampton Town



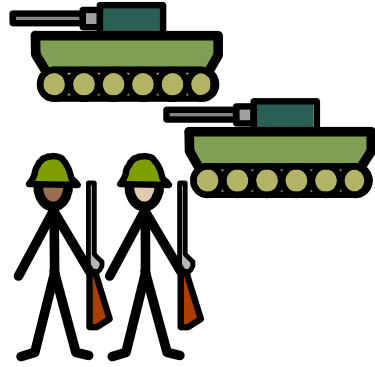
racially



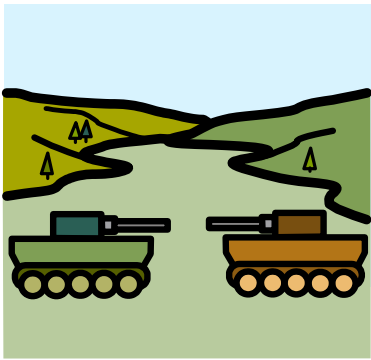
abused



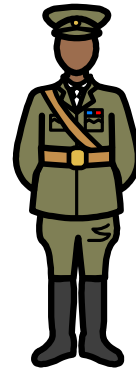
World War 1



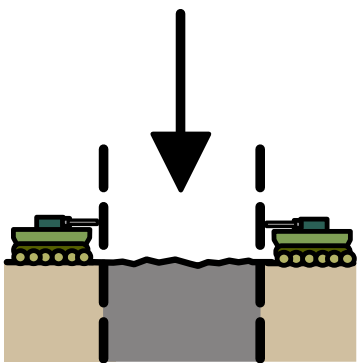
army



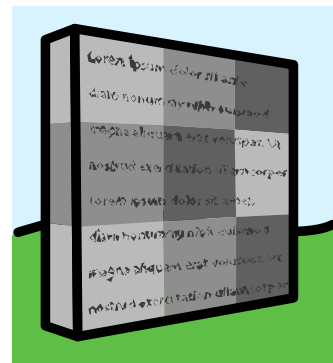
Battle of the Somme



lieutenant



No Man's Land



memorial