



# OVER THE TOP

*The Story of a Soldier*

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The big guns boom all night.  
My head feels like it will explode.  
I hate the stink of this place.  
I wish I was back in the garden.

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“YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS  
**YOU**”

World War I began in the summer of 1914. Britain went to war with Germany.

The men of Britain were asked to fight for their king and country.

Thousands of men signed up.

Many young men wanted to go to the battlefields in France.

They thought it would be an adventure.

**They could not imagine  
the horror of the  
battlefields ...**

# BANG BOOM

The ground shakes.

My ears feel like they  
will explode!





# BANG BOOM

The night sky glows with smoke and fire.  
My ears feel like they will explode.



I wish I was back in England.  
I wish I was back in the garden.  
I wish I could hear a bird sing.





I'm digging.  
The sun is warm on my back.  
The birds are singing.



I can hear my friend  
Harry whistling.  
He's planting seeds.

