**Enlisting for WW1**

TRANSCRIPT

August 1914: all over Europe, soldiers were mobilizing for war, saying goodbye to their families and rushing to the front. They all believed that the war would be over by Christmas.

In Germany, a young student, Walter Lemmer, was quick to volunteer.

“August 3rd, 1914. At last, I have got my orders. Dear mother, please try and remember if at this time we think of ourselves and those who belong to us, we shall be petty and weak. We must have a broad outlook and think of our nation, our fatherland of God.”

In England, George Coppard was afraid it would all be over before he was old enough to join up.

“I presented meself to the recruiting center at Croydon. The sergeant asked me me age and when told replied “Clear off, son! Come back tomorrow and see if you’re 19, eh?” So, I turned up again the next day and gave me age as 19 and with a bunch of a dozen others, holding up me right hand, I swore to fight for king and country. The sergeant winked as he gave me the king’s shilling. I was born on the 26th January, 1898. So I was 16 years 7 months old.”

**Degré 1**

Août 1914, guerre en Europe, beaucoup de volontaires, au revoir aux familles

**Degré 2**

Certitude de voir la guerre finie avant Noël

Enthousiasme général

Identifier deux nationalités : 1 allemand, 1 anglais

L’allemand écrit à sa mère

**Degré 3**

Penser à la nation, ne pas penser à soi ou à sa famille

Serment de se battre pour le roi et le pays

Limite d’âge pour s’enrôler : 19

Age réel du soldat britannique : 16 ans 7 mois (né le 26 janvier 1898)

**Degré 4**

Fierté nationale du soldat allemand

Peur du britannique de ne pas pouvoir s’enrôler

Renvoi du britannique car trop jeune

Mensonge suggéré par le sergent de recrutement

Bonus : classe sociale défavorisée du jeune britannique car son anglais est fautif