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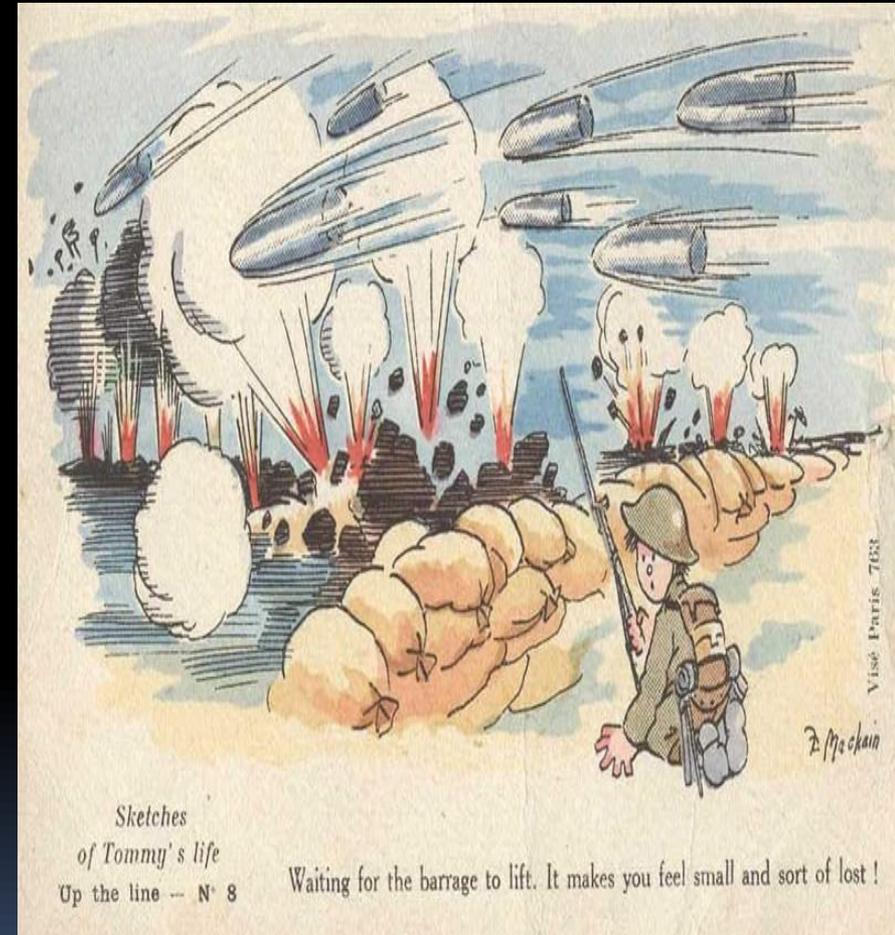
WAR HORSE

barrage / carnage / cataclysm / corralled / induce
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Barrage* - Intensive military bombardment over a wide area

- Barrage – noun
Still in a trench, the soldier saw a barrage of incoming artillery.
- Barraged – verb
“Tommy” – a term describing British soldiers in WWI – was barraged with artillery attacks .



*Barrage – See Chapter 7 (Joey and Albert at War's End)

Carnage* - great destruction of life (especially) and property during a battle

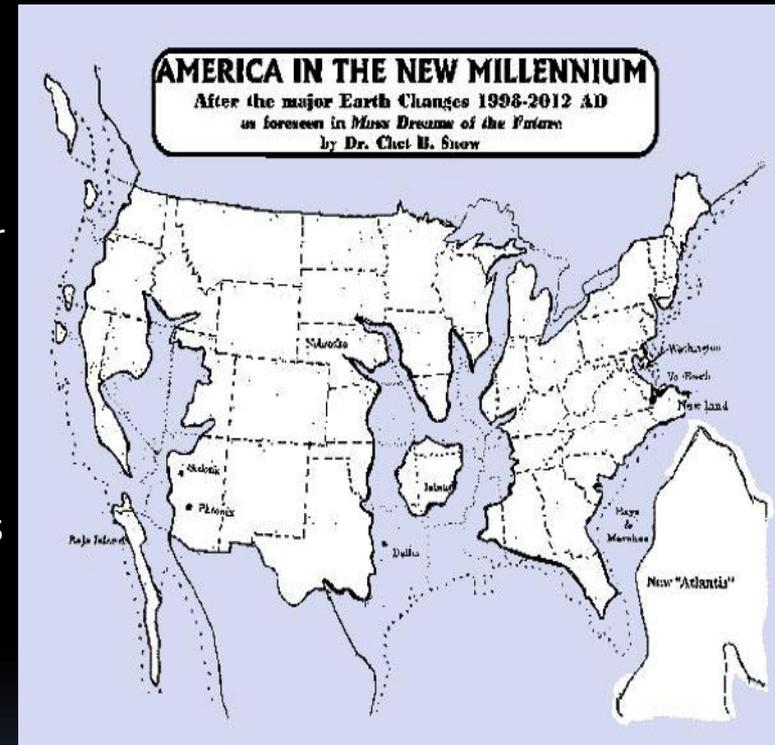
- Carnage – noun
We can see the carnage of World War I in many photos which were taken throughout the war.
- Carnage – noun
The carnage of World War I included the mass slaughter of horses, especially during a cavalry charge.



* Carnage – See Chapter 7 (Joey and Albert at War's End)

Cataclysm* - a large, violent upheaval

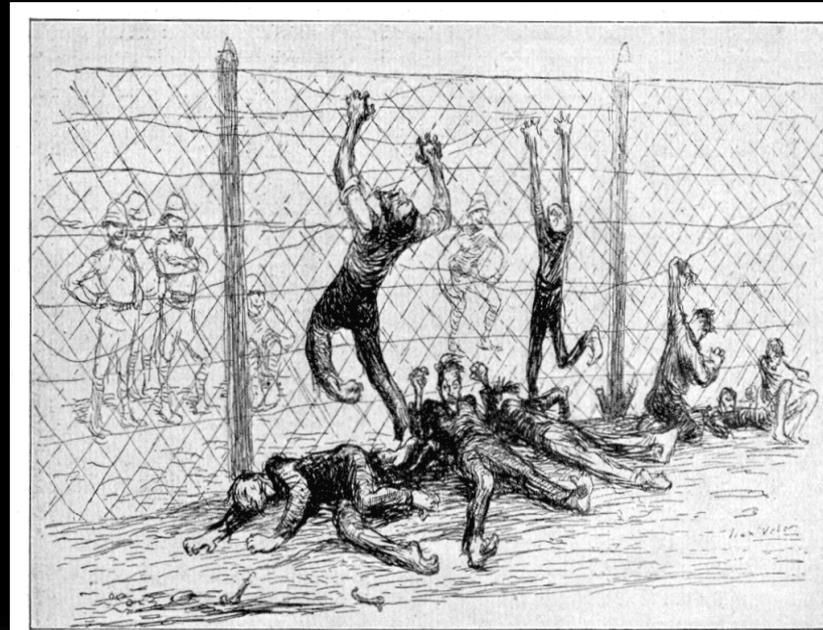
- Cataclysm – noun
The cataclysm of World War One caused major disruption in many countries
- Cataclysmic – adjective
People worry that a cataclysmic event, such as an earthquake, could completely change the geography of the United States.



*Cataclysm – See Chapter 4 (Joey Becomes a War Horse)

Corralled* - a forced gathering of people (or animals)

- Corralled – verb
During the Boer War, British soldiers corralled women and children – of Dutch descent – into concentration camps.
- Corralled – adjective
Corralled women and children received a great deal of sympathy from people throughout the world during the Boer War.
- Corralling - verb
Jean Veber, a French artist appalled by the actions of British soldiers, made a series of drawings to show the impact of corraling human beings behind fences.



Der Fortschritt der Wissenschaft. Französische Karikatur von Jean Veber auf die Konzentrationslager. Aus der Pariser satirischen Wochenschrift „L'Assiette au beurre“ vom Jahrgang 1901.
Amtlicher Bericht aus dem Burenkrieg an das Londoner Kriegsamt: „... Die gefangenen Buren sind in großen Gehegen untergebracht worden, und dort finden sie seit 18 Monaten Ruhe und Frieden. Ein elektrisch geladenes Drahtgitter bildet die gefündeste und zugleich sicherste Umzäunung. Diese gestattet den Gefangenen freien Ausblick, und sie genießen so die Illusion der Freiheit.“

*Corralled – See Chapter 3 (Scars from a Prior War) - Translation of drawing description (from the German): “Official report to the London War Office concerning the Boer War: . . . The captured Boers are confined in large enclosures, and there they have found peace and quiet for the last 18 months. An electrically charged wire lattice constitutes both the most healthful and the most secure fencing. This permits the prisoners a free view outside and they thus enjoy the illusion of freedom.”

Induce* - to bring about, or stimulate, an occurrence

- Induce – verb
Displaying something tasty on a hook will likely induce the fish to take the bait.
- Inducing – verb
Just like a fisherman inducing fish to take the bait, Kaiser Wilhelm II used his influence “to induce” the Austrians to avoid war with Russia. He was unable, however, to bring about that result.



*Induce – See Chapter 4 (Joey Becomes a War Horse)

Lavished* - bestowing something with great abundance

- Lavished – verb

During World War I, Sgt Stubby – a bull dog terrier – was lavished with medals for all the great work he did to help the Allies.

- Lavishing – verb

Lavishing Sgt. Stubby with medals, the Allies made sure the dog who performed so well during the war was properly honored.



*Lavished – See Chapter 1 (Preface – War Horse)

Precipitating* - hastening an event, especially a bad one

- Precipitating – verb

Precipitating a war in Europe, Gavrilo Princip killed Austria's heir to the throne.

- Precipitating – adjective

Less than sixty years before Princip's actions, the secession of Southern states, in the U.S., was a precipitating cause of civil war. The Confederate States of America created their own flag, depicted in this political cartoon.



*Precipitating – See Chapter 1 (Preface – War Horse)

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Squabbling* - noisy argument, usually over something trivial

- Squabbling – verb

Like these birds, Queen Victoria's grandchildren were squabbling between themselves.

- Squabble – noun

Unlike these birds, whose squabble impacts only them, the squabble between the Queen's grandchildren caused a war which killed millions of people and animals.



*Squabbling – See Chapter 4 (Joey Becomes a War Horse)

Tethered* - Tying an animal, with a line, to restrict its movements

- Tethered – adjective

This tethered horse has restricted movements since a rope will keep him very close to the tree.

- Tethering – verb

Tethering their horses outside dugouts, during World War I, soldiers made sure their mounts would not run away if they became frightened by the sounds of artillery barrages.



*Tethered – See Chapter 5 (Horses in World War I)

Ultimatum* - demand which, if rejected, could lead to unpleasant consequences

- Ultimatum – noun
Austria's ultimatum – to Serbia – seemed like the first salvo of war since its demands were so harsh.
- Ultimatum – noun
Because of alliances, between countries, Austria's ultimatum to Serbia had the potential to negatively impact millions of other people.



*Ultimatum – See Chapter 4 (Joey Becomes a War Horse)