An extract from a letter from Thomas Baker Brown to his father from Somewhere in France, 9 December 1916.

“*The weather is fairly good but the same amount of mud greets your eye when you shove your head out of the dugout.*”

**Key words:**

**Dugout** – holes dug out of the sides of **trenches** and used for shelter and protection.

**Trenches** – long, narrow ditches dug into the ground where soldier lives all day and night.

**Questions:**

How do you know Thomas was in the trenches on 9th December 1916?