

ACTIVITIES

READING CHECK

Tick the correct sentences and correct the false sentences.

- a Albert is too ill to fight in the war.
... *Albert is too young to fight in the war.* ...
- b Captain Nicholls promises to look after Joey.
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- c At the riding school, Joey learns to be a war horse.
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- d All the horses and men are proud of Joey's trainer.
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- e Captain Nicholls photographs Joey.
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- f Captain Nicholls doesn't think that the war will be easy.
.....
- g Joey and Tophorn are the slowest horses in their unit.
.....
- h They see dead soldiers when they arrive in France.
.....
- i It takes the unit days to find the enemy.
.....

WORD WORK

1 Unscramble the words to match the pictures.



a erciffo *officer*



b glube



c wrad



d sdow



e rgchae



f torwh

2 Use the words in the box to complete Captain Nicholls's diary.

officers wounded
 machine unit
 cavalry proud
 front flashes



October 22nd, 1914

I am writing this at night. There are **a)** ... flashes ... of light in the sky, because we are near the **b)** line now. We arrived in France yesterday. When we got off the ship, we saw long lines of **c)** soldiers. It was terrible to see them, but the men soon forgot about them. They are excited about going to war!

The other **d)** in my **e)** think that this war is going to be easy, but Captain Stewart and I don't agree. We have fine horses, and we are **f)** of them. But how can men on horses fight against **g)** guns? A few of those guns in the right place can stop the best **h)** in the world.

We will meet the enemy soon, and I will try to do my best when we do. Perhaps I will live to see my home again.

GUESS WHAT

Tick three things that you think will happen in the next chapter.

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| a Captain Nicholls dies. <input type="checkbox"/> | d Joey and Tophorn find Germans around them. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b Joey is very ill. <input type="checkbox"/> | e A German soldier shoots Tophorn dead. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c Someone new rides Joey. <input type="checkbox"/> | f The unit goes back to England. <input type="checkbox"/> |

READING CHECK

Correct ten more mistakes in the chapter summary.

Germans

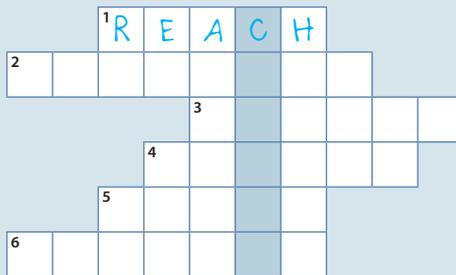
Joey's cavalry unit wins their first battle with the ~~British~~, but they lose one half of their men and horses, and Captain Stewart dies. The next day, Joey meets his new rider – Trooper Warren. Warren is not a bad rider but a very nice man. He talks to Joey and tells him about his family.

When the summer comes, the armies make long roads on either side of the front line. The ground is too hard for cavalry horses, so they stay behind the front line. It rains all the time, and a lot of the horses are ill, but Trooper Warren looks after Joey. When nobody is around, he reads Joey books from his mother in England.

In the winter, Joey's unit goes back to war. They charge towards the enemy, and most of them die. Suddenly, Joey and Topthorn are alone with their riders in a trench. Then they see enemy horses all around them.

WORD WORK

Read the clues and complete the puzzle with new words from chapter 4 in the correct form. Write the mystery word in the grey boxes.



- 1 It takes Joey's unit a long time to reach the front line.
- 2 In the winter, both armies make long in the ground.
- 3 Captain Nicholls dies in his first
- 4 Horses can't jump over wire.
- 5 Topthorn is very ill during the winter. He has a bad
- 6 Joey's new rider is a young cavalry

Mystery word:

GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Choose an ending to complete each sentence.

a Captain Stewart and Trooper Warren ...

- 1 die in battle.
- 2 are suddenly prisoners.



b Joey and Topthorn ...

- 1 work as German cavalry horses.
- 2 pull a cart.



c The German soldiers ...

- 1 leave Joey and Topthorn in the wood.
- 2 take Joey and Topthorn to a hospital.



d A French girl and her grandfather ...

- 1 look after Joey and Topthorn.
- 2 buy the horses from the Germans.



‘WAR HORSE’

ACTIVITY ANSWER KEY

Activity Pages 18 – 19

Reading Check

- b. Correct
- c. Correct
- d. False (All the horses and men are afraid of Joey’s trainer)
- e. False (Captain Nicholls draws Joey)
- f. Correct
- g. False (Joey and Topthorn are the fastest horses in their unit)
- h. False (They see wounded soldiers when they arrive in France)
- i. Correct

Word Work

1

- b. bugle
- c. draw
- d. sword
- e. charge
- f. throw

2

- b. front
- c. wounded
- d. officers
- e. unit
- f. proud
- g. machine
- h. cavalry

Guess What

Events a, c and d happen in the next chapter.

Activity Pages 24 – 25

Reading Check

Joey's cavalry unit wins their first battle with the **Germans**, but they lose one **quarter** of their men and horses, and Captain **Nicholls** dies. The next day, Joey meets his new rider – Trooper Warren. Warren is not a **good** rider but a very nice man. He talks to Joey and tells him about his family.

When the **winter** comes, the armies make long **trenches** on either side of the front line. The ground is too **soft** for cavalry horses, so they stay behind the front line. It rains all the time, and a lot of the horses are ill, but Trooper Warren looks after Joey. When nobody is around, he reads Joey **letters** from his mother in England. In the **spring**, Joey's unit goes back to war. They charge towards the enemy, and most of them die. Suddenly, Joey and Tophorn are alone with their riders in a **wood**. Then they see enemy **soldiers** all around them.

Word Work

2. trenches
3. battle
4. barbed
5. cough
6. trooper

Mystery word: charge

Guess What

These events happen in the next chapter.

- a. 2
- b. 2
- c. 2
- d. 1