

Active Stories

1916- The Delivery



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Primary Steps in PE

1.

Hi Everybody I'm private Jones
I need to deliver a message but I
can't do it alone

We need to be brave be fast and
be strong
To deliver this letter, we haven't
got long.

2.

We must go through the trenches,
along enemy lines.
But first, over the top. We've not got
much time.

The general is walking into a trap,
Now go pack your bag. Remember the
map. (pack bag and check map)

3.

Climb up the ladder, peak over the top.
(climb ladder from tuck to stretch neck up)
It's eerily quiet. Has all the fighting
stopped?

Keep low on your belly, get under this wire,
(army crawl)
It's strange not to hear the sound of
gunfire.



4.

We've made it across what they call
'No Man's Land'
Now head down into the trenches.
Give me a hand.

These maze-like paths really twist
and wind.
Run quickly through. A way out, we
must find! (run quickly turning left
and right)

5.

Look at that tunnel so long and so dark.
This mission is not a gentle stroll in the park.

We must go on through it and please stay
alert.
There could be a soldier hiding in all this
dirt! (start tall then squat walk, then hands
and knees)

6.

Get lower, get lower, this tunnel is shrinking.
Why did they build it? What on earth were
they thinking?

Shhhh what's that sound? Go quick we're in
trouble!!!
This tunnel's collapsing, I can hear falling
rubble! (crawl quickly)

7.

Phew. We just made it, out into fresh air.

But the tunnel's now gone. There was no time to spare!

We best check the map. Is this the right way? **(check map and walk on)**

Now quick get a move on, we've no time to delay!

8.

This raging river is extremely fast flowing.

Is that rope bridge safe? There's only one way of knowing.

Go slow and be careful. Move like you're sneaking.

(sneak over bridge wobbling left and right)

I don't like the sound of this rickety bridge creaking!

SNAP!!

9.

The bridge is broken. Take a deep breath. 'Cause we're heading down to the river's icy depths.

Tuck up nice and small and now start to swim. **(tuck up small then splash into water)**

We must get to the General. We have to warn him!

10.

Swim hard and fast and make it to shore.

(swim fast)

I'm not sure I can handle very much more.

Let's get to those house and have a quick rest

Delivering letters shouldn't be such a test!



11.

Bang, bang! Pop, pop! Bang, bang. Pop, pop. That's the sound of a sneaky sniper's shot.

We have to keep going but dodge left and dodge right. **(jump left and jump right multiple times)**

If we go in a straight line, well get caught in his sights.



12.

Take cover behind this broken old tank.

(dive behind a tank and take cover)

Who left it here? Who do I thank?!

The general and his army are just down this road.

We'll have to escape when the sniper reloads.

13.

Go go go! As fast as can be. **(run)**

Back down the ladder to join the army **(from stretch to tuck)**

Back in the trenches with our special letter.

Ooooh **(hold nose)** I wish the smell was much better.

14.

"General, General! Stop your attack"

You're walking straight into an enemy trap.

We've just come from the Somme, please read this note.

You mustn't attack. No General, don't!

15.

"Thank you, young soldiers. Call off the attack. Stop loading those mortars. Get those soldiers back!!"

"This news you have brought me has saved day! Now go and rest. You've come a long way."

16.

Now let's get some sleep. He said we're allowed. Great job today, you've done yourselves proud.

We've got a big day ahead. We're heading back home. And I don't think I can make it alone. **(lay down to sleep)**

