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Listening exercise.

10 fill in the gaps  
questions.

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Unit 3B and 4A

## Answer Key: The Christmas Truce of 1914

1. In 2016, IWM was contacted by the **family** of one of the soldiers shown in this **photograph**.
2. They're standing together in the middle of **no man's land** during the Christmas truce of **1914**.
3. In the midst of a brutal **total** war, how did this momentary **peace** come about?
4. Marmaduke Walkinton recalled that on Christmas Eve, soldiers had been **singing** carols and jokingly **shouting** to each other.
5. Anthony Richards described the trenches in winter 1914, with **conditions** worsening due to **rain** and frost.
6. Both sides began to **communicate** with each other in more **friendly** terms by singing carols and setting up Christmas trees.
7. Mr. Rickner remembered soldiers meeting at the **barbed** wire, sharing **champagne** and cigarettes.
8. For some soldiers, the truce involved **playing** football matches or exchanging **gifts** with the enemy.
9. News of the truce spread through **letters** sent home by soldiers, and it was covered in **newspapers** by January 1915.
10. By 1915 and onwards, trench warfare became more **aggressive**, with constant **artillery** and the introduction of gas warfare.