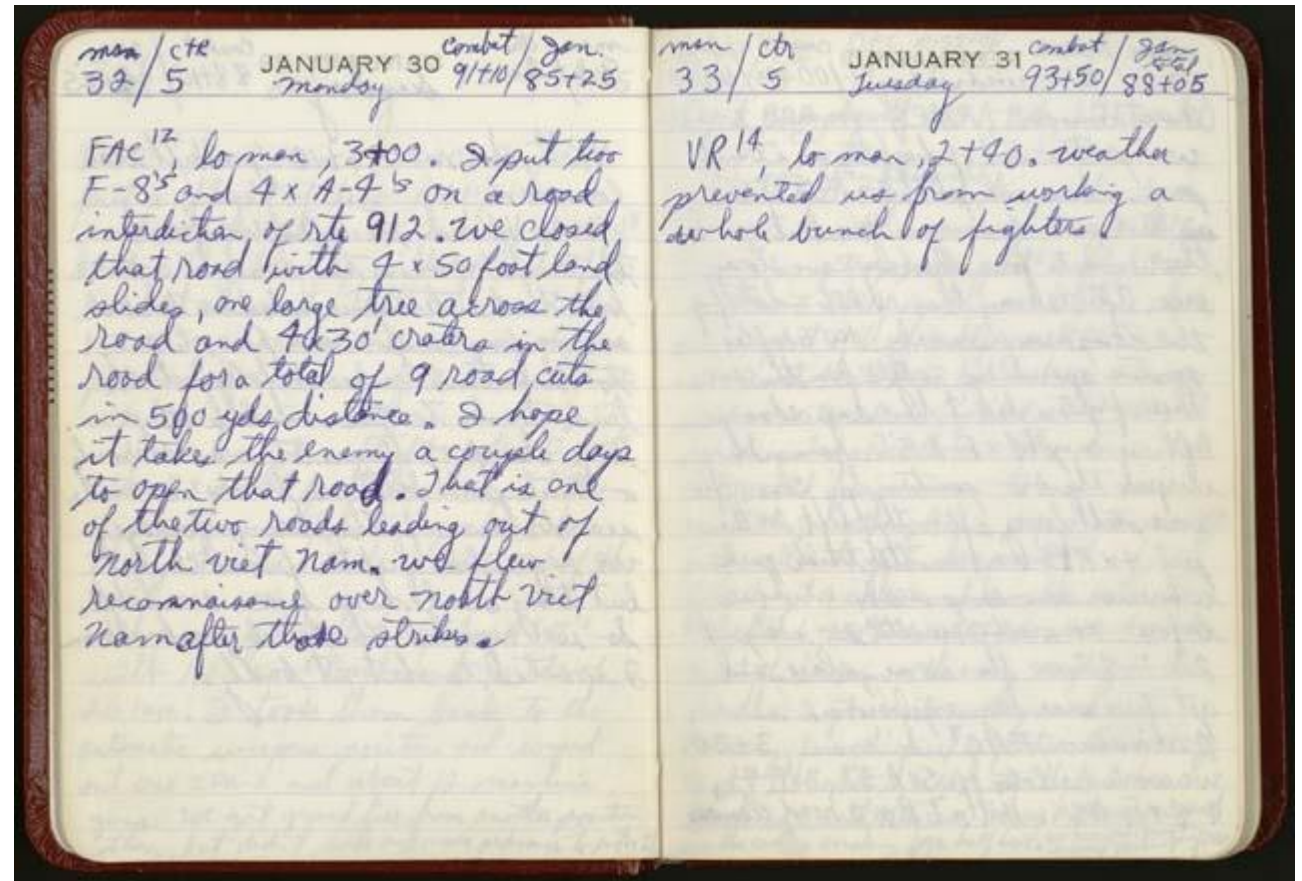


DIARY WRITING

Diary writing

We have learnt a lot about life in the past by reading the diaries people have written.



Imagine people in the future are learning about the coronavirus pandemic

We would like you to start a diary entry about life during the coronavirus pandemic.

Every week we will give you a diary writing session to write in your diary. This can be a diary typed up on the computer or written into one of your exercise books (or a personal book).

What makes a good diary entry?

First person – using the pronouns I, me, my

Past tense – recounting things that have happened to you already

Present tense- if you are writing about things that you are doing currently, as you are writing the diary.

Descriptions- using adjectives, adverbs...to give your reader more information.

Feelings/opinions- telling your reader how you feel and what you think of things that have happened.

Date- every diary entry must have a date.

Colloquial Language

You should try to use chatty/informal language.

Follow a "Diary Style"

Start each entry with a date and "Dear Diary".



Chronological order

Your diary should be in time order, using adverbials.

Self-reflection

Try to include your thoughts, feelings, opinions and hopes (inside speech marks).



HOW TO WRITE A:

DIARY

First person

Remember to use personal pronouns (in particular: I/We)

Past Tense

A diary is about what has already happened.



Detailed descriptions

Remember to use more than one sense, to make your description more imaginable. Similes and metaphors can also be effective.

Example

Monday 23rd March 2020

Well, how strange life has become all of a sudden! A new virus, called the Coronavirus, has come to the UK and is making lots of people ill. This virus has spread across the world and has sent lots of countries in 'lockdown' (which means everything closes). The UK has started 'lockdown' which means I do not have to go to school, but I still have to do my learning at home.

I always wondered what it would have been like to be home-schooled (sometimes I even wished it on days that I had subjects at school that I did not like) but I never thought I would actually be home-schooled. It is very different to what I imagined; I am not actually sure if I like it! |