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Prospective Assignment on Trench Journals and Magazines

For My prospective project I found a Link to a digital database that has copies of journals and magazines issued and written and read by troops in the First World War. For this paper I would focus on how it compares to Military journals and magazines nowadays in information and presentation. Moving forward I would compare the topics and information present to papers nowadays. Lastly, I would see if I can find a connection between the journals and magazines of today and that of the past. This paper would be a purely a comparison piece.

So, for my first paragraph I would look for a journal entry or magazine from the past that I found interesting from the database. My next step would be to try and find a current military newspaper or journal that's somewhat similar. From here I would compare the quality of writing, language, and overall ability to entertain and get its message across. Doing this would generate interest in the reader as it has the possibility of showing startling similarities in frontline troops then and now. This is important because the troops may not change but slang among other things is different today than it was yesterday. In this paragraph I would add in quotes to build and reinforce my argument.

My second paragraph would be a comparison of topics consistently brought up by both groups (i.e. past troops and current frontline troops). This is a great topic to focus on as it will give the reader something to find either amusing or similarities too as anybody will tell you the

times may change but troops of 100 years ago are almost exactly like the troops of today.

Technology may keep moving forward but troops still care about and want to hear about the same stuff.

My last paragraph would focus on summing up the differences and similarities of both groups. In this paragraph I would touch on how either the way journals and magazines were written for and by military troops have either stayed the same through the years with little to no changes or how they are completely different.

In my conclusion I would sum up my findings and touch on each paragraph and restate my thesis statement. I would also state any opinions or comments on the database information I had and my intentions for writing this paper. Honestly this would be a fun paper to write for me not only as a history major, but also as a member of the National Guard.

Bibliography

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