

## Source 1 (LAP 1/2/4)

Extract from a letter from Sir Lawrence Pattinson to his mother Mary Pattinson in which he comments on seeing his first “real live Hun” and chasing an enemy plane.

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## Key Words

Hun - a derogatory term used by British officers in the First World War to describe the German armed forces

Strafing - the military practice of attacking ground targets from low-flying aircraft using aircraft-mounted automatic weapons