A Letter from the Trenches: Instructions and Rubric

Imagine you are a young soldier sent to fight on the Western Front during World War One. You can be from any country you want as long as they were involved in the war. Describe your experiences in the trenches in a letter home to your parents or loved one. You must include all of the following words below (next to a club symbol) in your letter. Make sure to underline the words the first time you use them in your paper. You must hand in this Instructions and Rubric paper with your letter. You may use a different tense or form of the word; for example you can use bombed, bombs, or shelling instead of just bombing.

♣ Reason that your country entered the war – 4 Pts (underline just the word “Reason”)
♣ Trench – 1 Pt
♣ No Man’s Land – 1 Pt
♣ Barbed Wire – 1 Pt
♣ Mud – 1 Pt
♣ Machine Gun – 1 Pt
♣ Tank – 1 Pt
♣ Airplanes – 1 Pt
♣ Shrapnel – 1 Pt
♣ Lice – 1 Pt
♣ Rats – 1 Pt
♣ Smell – 1 Pt
♣ Mustard Gas – 1 Pt
♣ Gas mask – 1 Pt
♣ Rations – 1 Pt
♣ Bombing – 1 Pt
♣ Trench Foot – 1 Pt

Your letter must be:

✓ At least two pages typed with 1” margins – 10 Pts
✓ Double spaced & Size 12 font Calibri (default) – 5 Pts
✓ All prescribed words are underlined – 5 Pts

Describes why your country went to war and uses prescribed words: 20/____
Letter is organized & free of grammatical errors: 10/____
Letter meets required length and other mechanics, words are underlined: 20/____

Total: 50/____