

World War I: Causes and Effects

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Causes of World War I

1. Growth of German power in Central Europe challenged Great Powers (France, Great Britain, Russia).
2. International competition among European powers for colonies and economic markets.
3. Naval rivalry between Great Britain and Germany. Increase in size of European armies.
4. Breakdown of the European treaty system and the 19th c. “Balance of Power.”
5. Nationalism.

Map of Europe



The Balkans in 1914



Events Leading to World War I

- **June 1914- Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria in Sarajevo.**
- **July 1914-Austrians send ultimatum to Serbia with German support.**
- **July 1914-Austria declares war on Serbia.**
- **August 1914-WWI begins.**



Archduke Franz Ferdinand



Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, June 28, 1914



Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, June, 1914



Assassination of Archduke Ferdinand- Painting

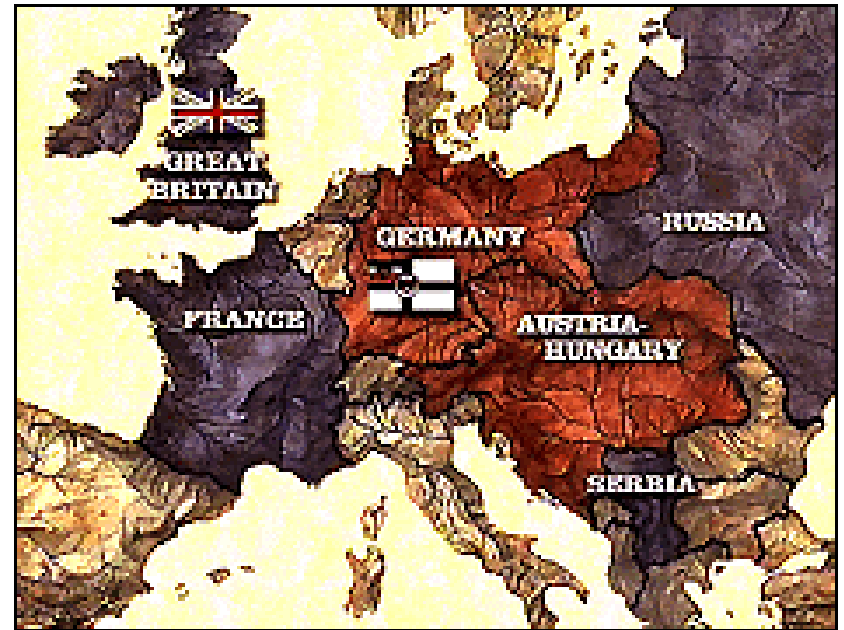


Princip

Europe at War in 1914

Germany
Austria-Hungary
Turkey
Bosnia

England
France
Russia
Italy
Serbia



War Fever and the Capitals



Paris, 1914



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Germany, 1914



World War I War Plans



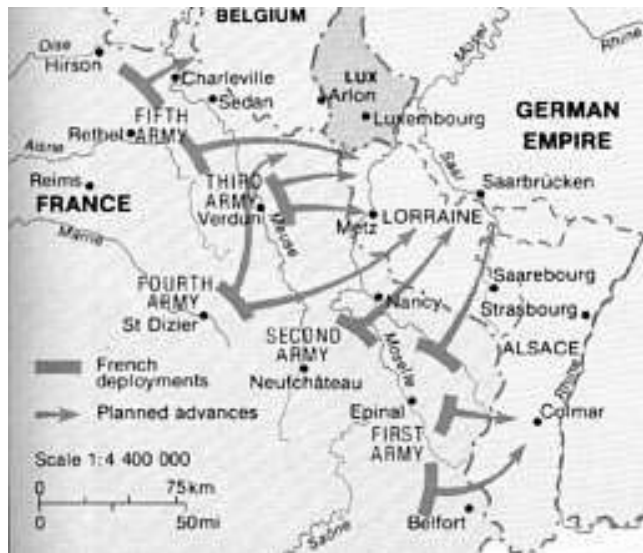
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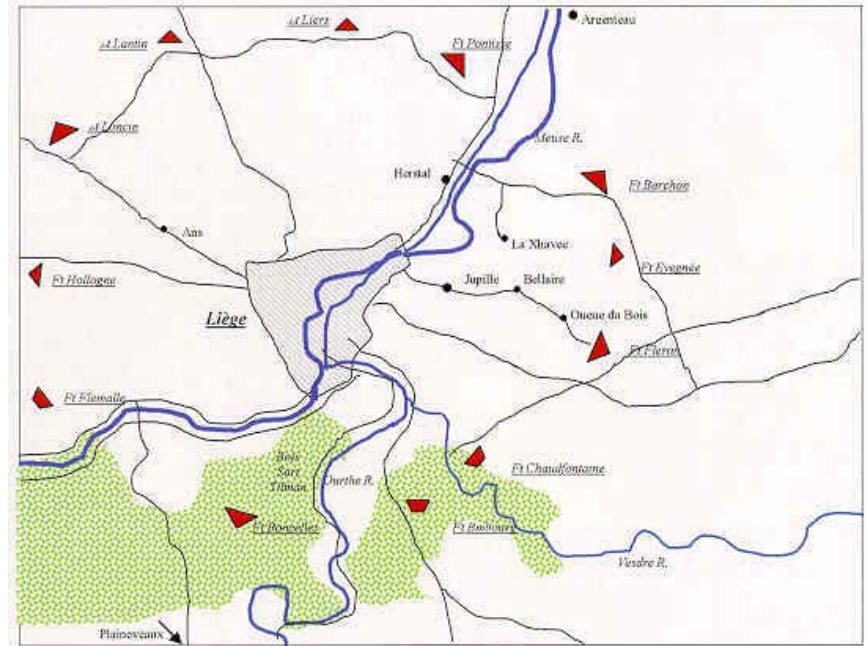
French War Plans



British War Plans



Belgian War Plans



Liege Forts



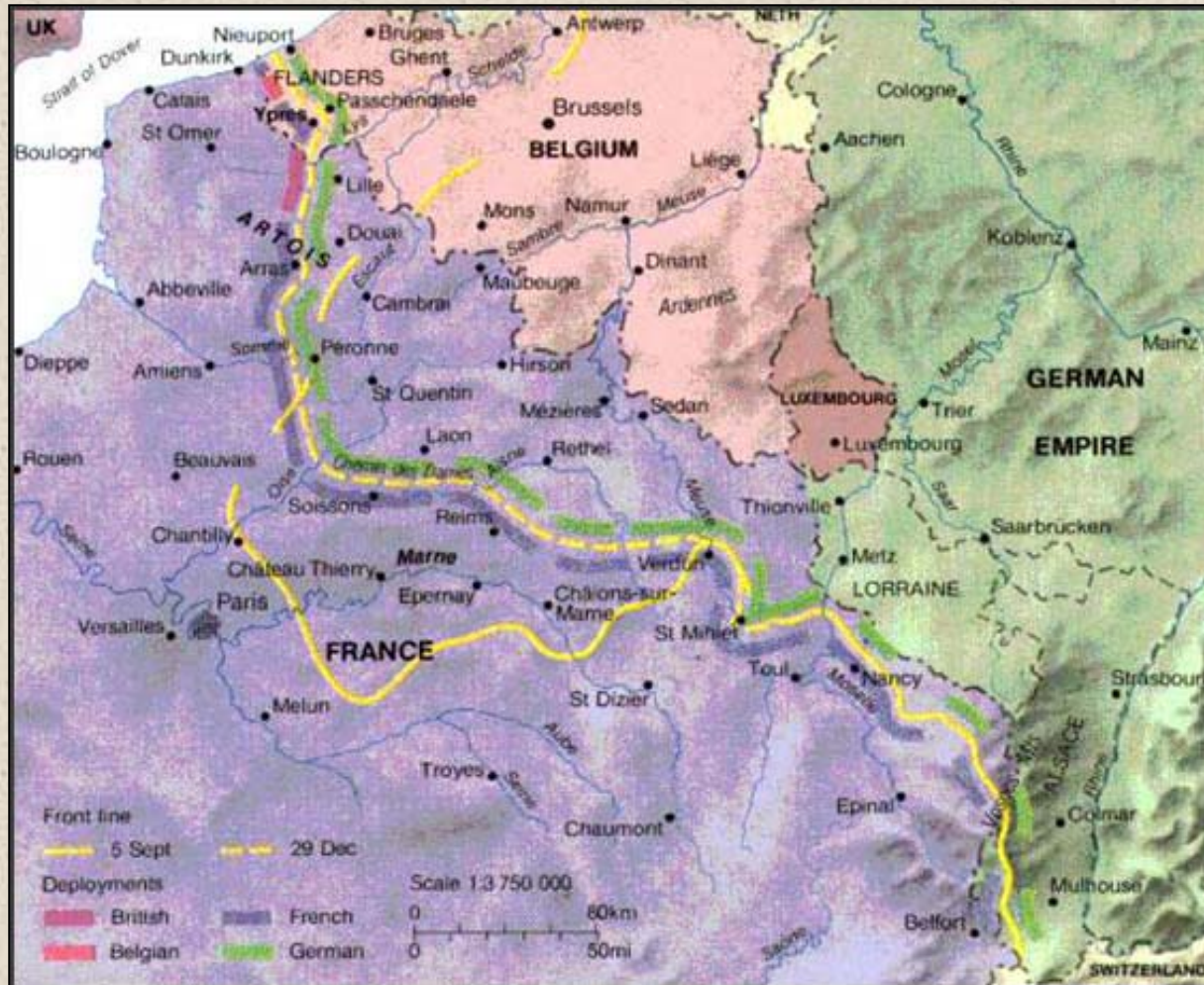


Modern War

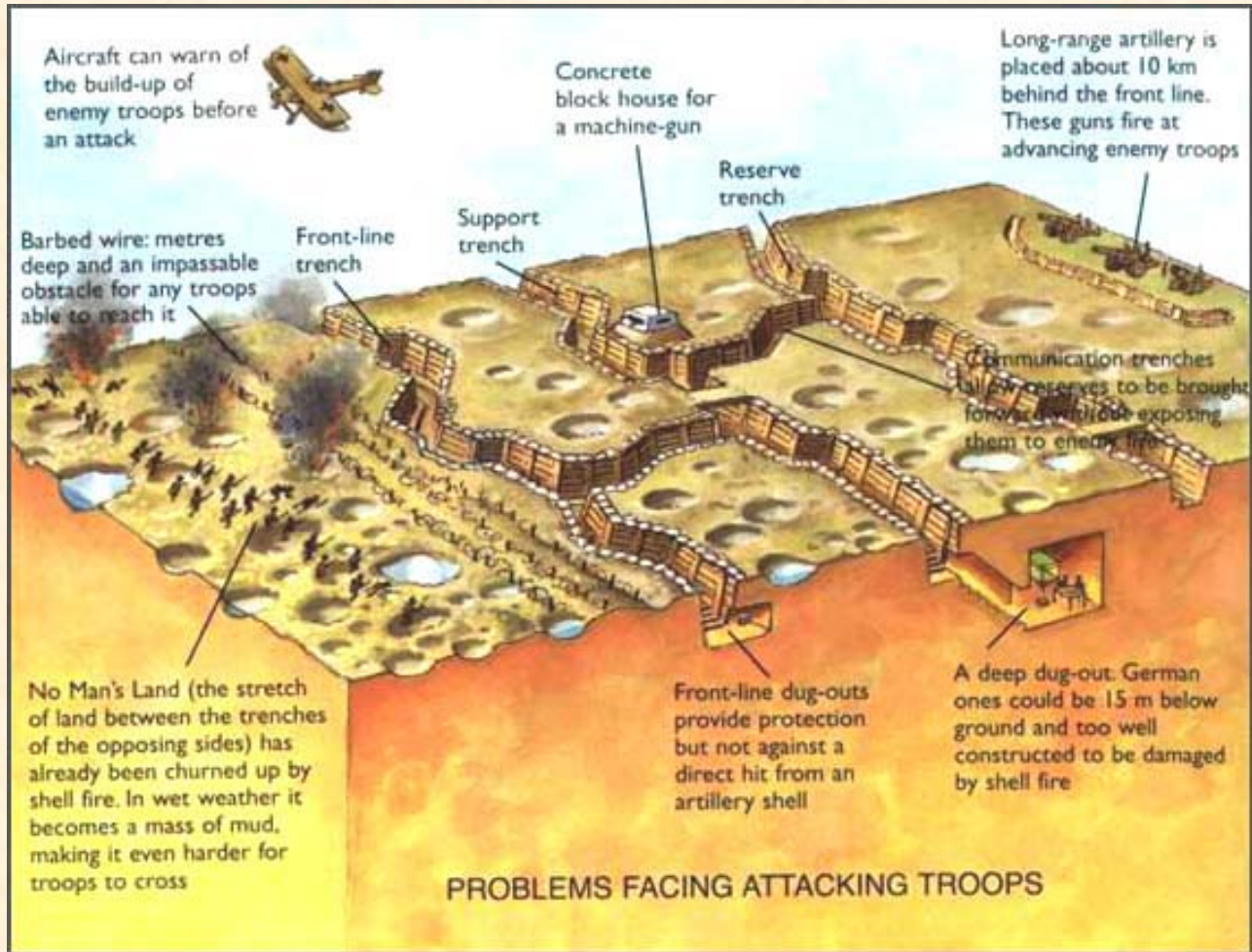
- **Early German advances stop outside Paris in December 1914.**
- **War becomes stalemate neither side advancing.**
- **Artillery and trench warfare on 300 mile fronts.**
- **War of attrition.**



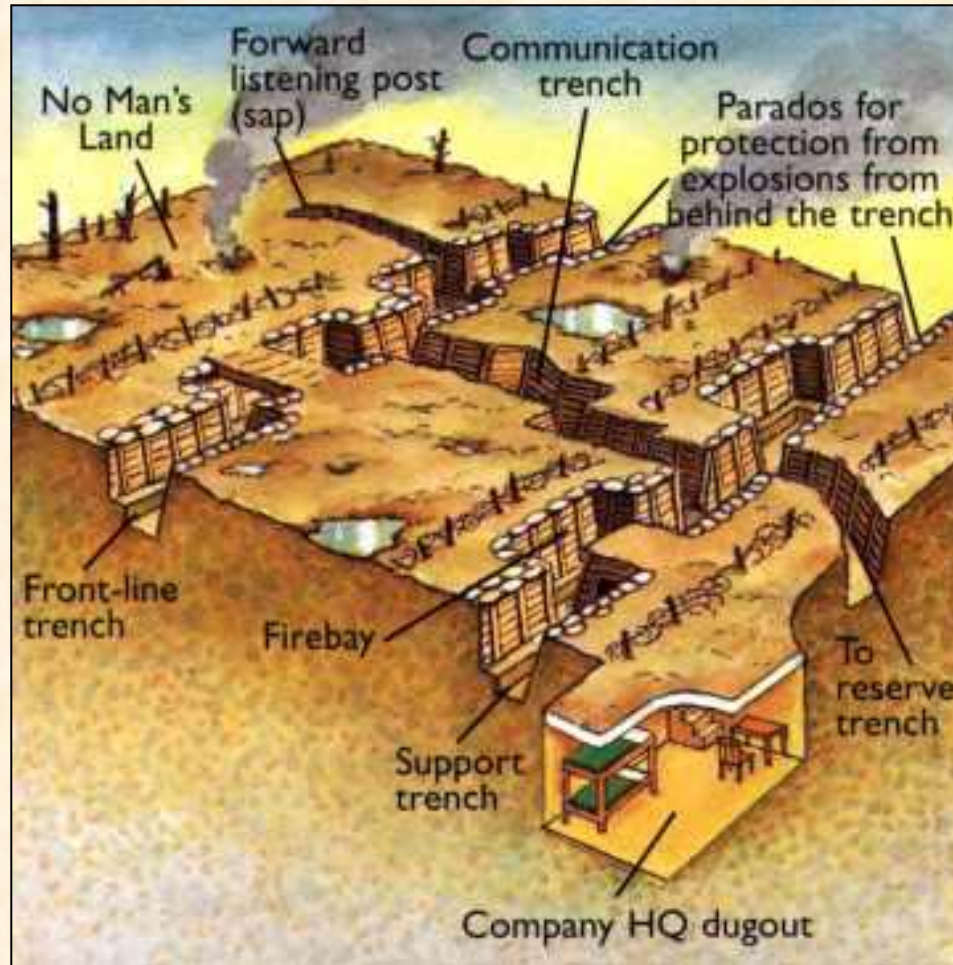
The Western Front



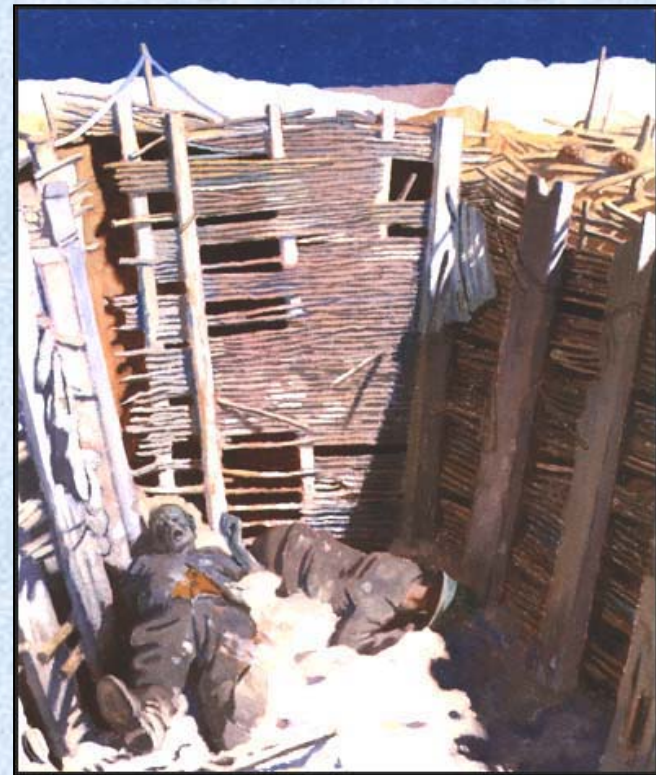
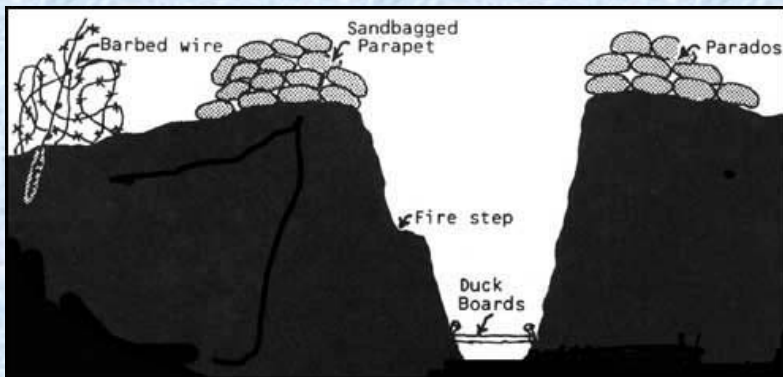
Trench Warfare



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The Trenches





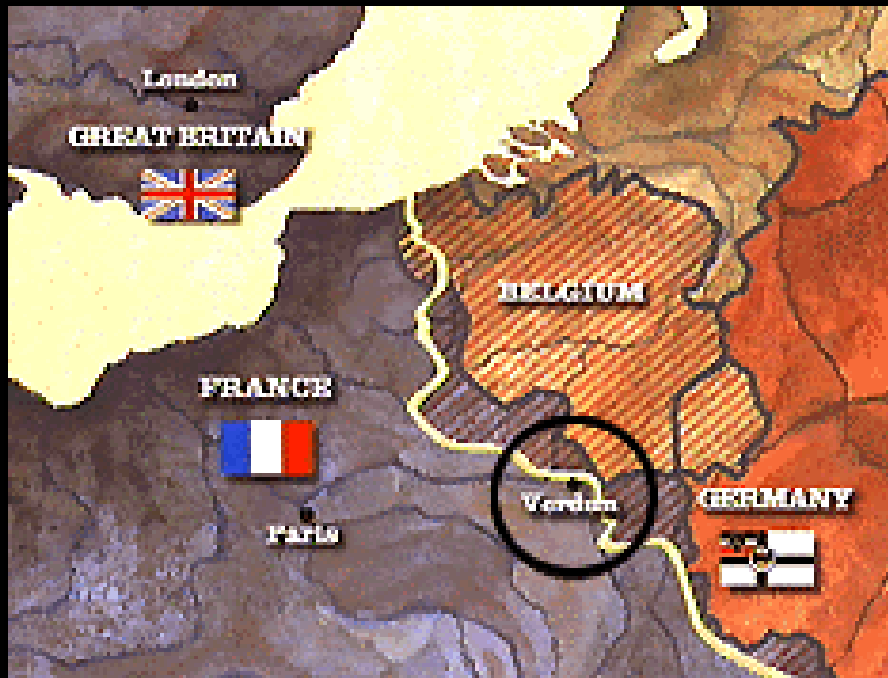


War of Attrition

Attempt to win the war through a defensive strategy aimed at inflicting casualties on the enemy at a rate higher than your own losses.



Verdun, February–December 1916





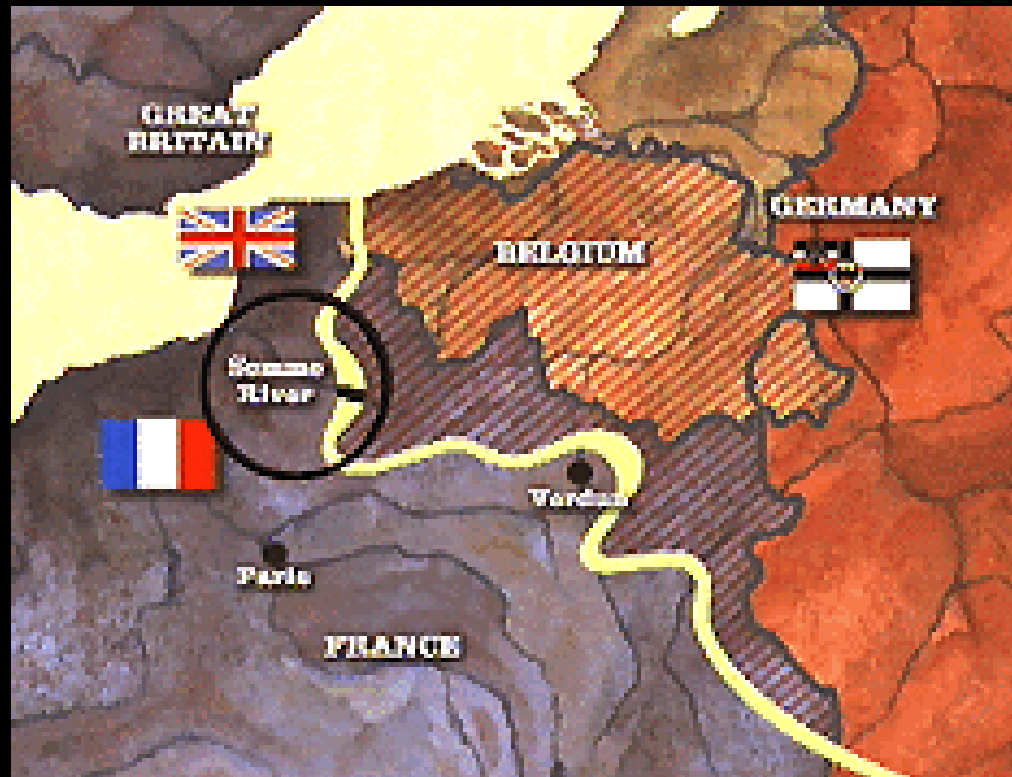
Verdun: Before and After







The Somme-July-Dec, 1916













Paul Nash, Menin Road



French Renault Tank



Comradeship of the Trenches



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Wounded



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Langemarck Cemetery



**"We're not making a sacrifice.
Jesus, you've seen this war.
We are the sacrifice"**

**British soldier at the Somme, 1916
writing home.**

**Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through
sludge,
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame; all blind;
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots
Of tired, outstripped Five-Nines that dropped behind.**

**Gas! GAS! Quick, boys! -- An ecstasy of fumbling,
Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time;
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling
And flound'ring like a man in fire or lime . . .
Dim, through the misty panes and thick green light,
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.**

**In all my dreams, before my helpless sight,
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.**

**If in some smothering dreams you too could pace
Behind the wagon that we flung him in,
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,
His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin;
If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues, --
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old lie: Dulce et decorum est
Pro patria mori. (How glorious it is to die for your country)**

C.R.W. Nevinson, “Machine Gun” (1915)



Otto Dix, “Assault Under Gas” (1924)



William Roberts, “First Gas Attack at Ypres” (1918)



Albin Egger-Linz, “Those Who Have Lost Their Names” (1916)



Otto Dix, “Prague Street” (1920)

