

1ST BATTLE OF THE MARNE

WWI SEPTEMBER 5-12, 1914

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The First Battle of the Marne marked the end of the German sweep into France and the beginning of the trench warfare that was to characterize World War One. After the battle the Germans succeeded in capturing a large part of the industrial north east of France, a serious blow. The rest of 1914 was fought in deadlock, in the trenches, taking another 3+ years and millions of lives before WWI would come to an end.

TOTAL CASUALTIES

500,000

KILLED OR WOUNDED
FIRST BATTLE OF THE MARNE

PEOPLE

2,000,000 +
SOLDIERS
FOUGHT



TIME

1914

SEPTEMBER 5-12
BLOODIEST BATTLE ON THE WESTERN FRONT

EVENTS



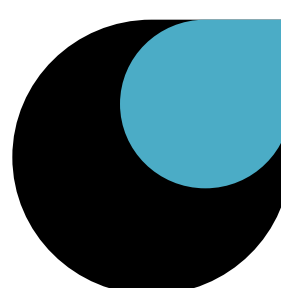
THE FRENCH RETREATED
THE GERMAN ADVANCE TO MEET UP WITH THE BRITISH FORCES

ALLIED EFFORT



TOGETHER, THE FRENCH & BRITISH COUNTERATTACKED AND PUT THE GERMANS IN FULL RETREAT BY SEPT. 11TH

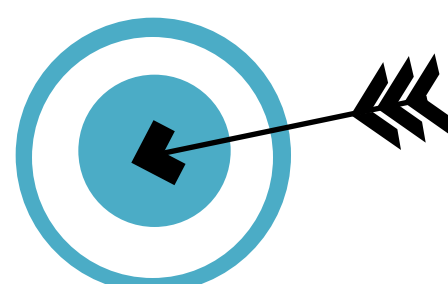
COMBATANTS



GERMANY
FRANCE
GREAT BRITAIN
*FRANCE & BRITAIN WERE ALLIES

LOCATION

RIVER MARNE

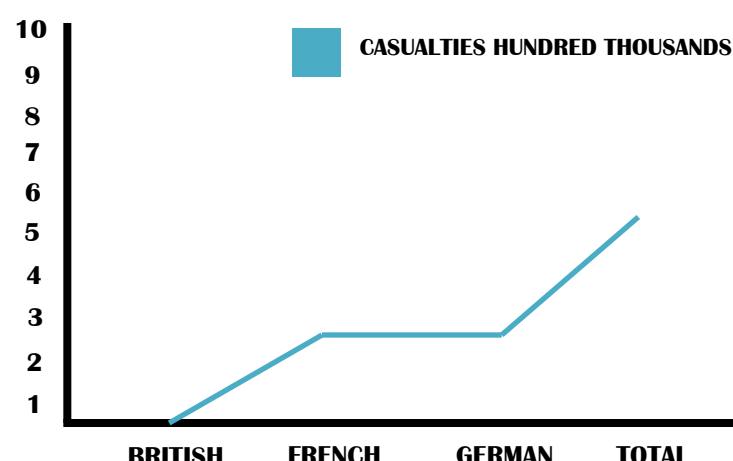


FRANCE
EAST & SOUTHEAST OF PARIS

TRENCH WARFARE BEGINS

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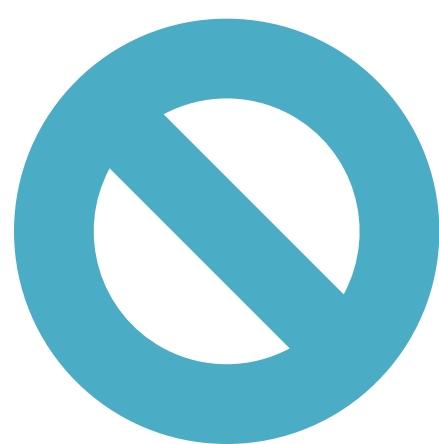
CASUALTIES BY COUNTRY



SCHLIFFEN PLAN

GERMAN PLAN FOR WWI

Germany's grand Schlieffen Plan to conquer France was to move its northern wing of its armies through central Belgium to enter France near Lille. It would turn west near the English Channel and then south to cut off the French retreat. If the plan succeeded, Germany's armies would encircle the French Army from the north and capture Paris.



FRANCE
RALLIES
STOPS GERMAN OFFENSIVE

Once the Germans invaded a French offensive in Lorraine forced German counter-attacks that threw the French back onto a fortified barrier. Once the French defense was strengthened, with the help of the British, they could send troops to reinforce their left flank – that helped win the Battle of the Marne. In saving Paris from capture by pushing the Germans back some 45 miles, the First Battle of the Marne was a great strategic victory, as it allowed the French to continue the war and buy time for further Allied help.

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