

419,654

British Casualties

500,000

German Casualties  
(approx figure)

204,253

French Casualties



57,470

British casualties  
(killed and wounded)  
on the first day of the  
Battle of the Somme

19,240

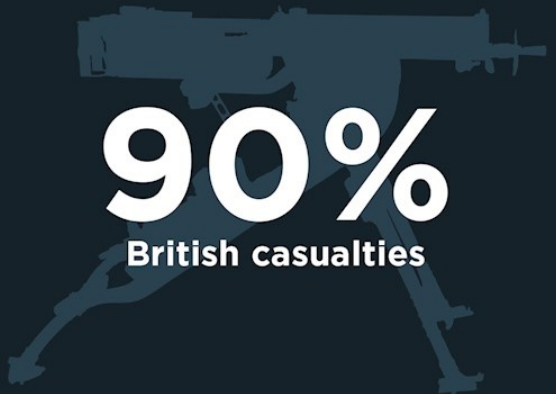
19,240 British soldiers  
died on the first day  
of the battle

8 days

The initial pre-battle  
artillery bombardment  
lasted 8 days

5 miles

The furthest advance  
of any Allied force  
was 5 miles



90%

British casualties

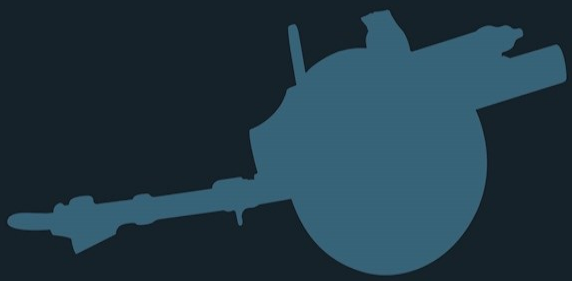
It is thought that 90% of all British casualties  
on the first day of the Battle of the Somme  
were caused by German machine guns

800

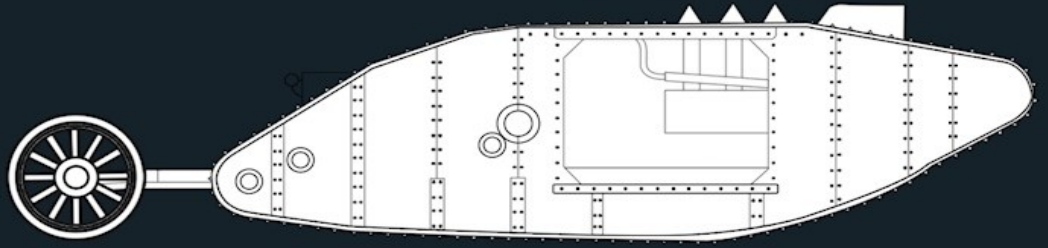


During the Battle of the Somme (July – Nov 1916)  
the RFC lost 800 aircraft and 252 aircrew killed,  
with 292 tons of bombs dropped and 19,000  
recon photographs taken

British 18 Pounder Gun



The standard British field gun fired 18lb shells,  
over 800 guns were deployed on the first day  
of the Battle of the Somme. The German counterpart  
Howitzer 'Big Bertha' was capable of  
firing shells of over 2,000lb.



The British used tanks  
for the first time in battle  
on 15 September 1916

MKI Tank

Country of origin: Great Britain  
Number built: 150 (75 male and 75 female)  
Year: 1916  
Crew: 8  
Speed: 4.5km/h  
Armour: 6-12mm  
Range: 37km  
Firepower (male): 2 x 6 pounder guns  
and 3 x 8mm Hotchkiss machine guns  
Firepower (female): 4 x .303 Vickers machine guns  
and 1 x 8mm Hotchkiss  
machine guns

141

The Battle of the Somme  
lasted 141 days and ended  
on 18 November 1916

# The Battle of the Somme.

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