



Source 10

Extracts from a government report called 'The British Empire's Contribution To The Great War', 1919

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How to use this source:

Study this source carefully. It contains information that could be useful in your presentation on life in the trenches. As you study the source, ask yourself:

- What does the document say about the contribution of French forces?
- According to this source, how heavy were the casualties suffered by empire forces?
- Why do you think some of the figures in table 1 have been changed?
- Which aspects of trench warfare does this source provide information on?
- How could this source be used in your final presentation?



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THE BRITISH SHARE IN VICTORY.*

Pride of place, so far as man-power is concerned, belongs to France, though the actual figures of the strength of her Armies are not available for comparison. Great Britain, who between 4th August, 1914, and 11th November, 1918, passed more than 6,000,000 men through the ranks of her Armies, occupies the second place in respect of the contingents contributed for military service. The third largest contribution was made by the United States, who sent close on 2,000,000 men to fight in France.

(1.) TOTAL of British Troops.

British Isles	...	...	...	...	5,704,416
Canada	...	...	...	...	640,886 628,964
Australia...	...	...	...	...	416,809 412,953
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	220,099 128,525
South Africa	...	...	...	...	136,070
India	...	...	...	...	1,401,950 1,440,437
Other Colonies†...	...	...	...	...	134,837
Total	...	...	...	...	8,654,467 8,586,202

(2.) TOTAL CASUALTIES.

	Approximate killed, died of wounds, died.	Approximate missing and prisoners.	Wounded.
British Isles	662,083	140,312†	1,644,786
Canada	56,119	306†	149,733
Australia	58,460	164†	152,100
New Zealand	16,132	5†	40,749
South Africa	6,928	33†	11,444
India	47,746	871†	65,126
Other Colonies§..	3,649	366†	3,504
Total	851,117	142,057	2,067,442

* As supplied to and published in *The Times*, 2nd January, 1920.

† Includes coloured troops recruited from South Africa, West Indies, &c.

‡ Prisoners repatriated not shown. Men now known to be killed shown under heading of "killed."

§ Includes coloured troops from South Africa, &c., but excludes 44,262 African native followers, i.e., died and killed, 42,318; wounded, 1,322; missing, 622. The deaths were due mainly to epidemics.