



Source 5

Time spent in the front line at the Battle of the Somme, July – November 1916

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How to use this source:

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

- What is the longest amount of time a division spent in the front line during the battle?
- Why do you think some units spent longer than others?
- In the second phase of the battle, what happened to a unit that had spent a lot of time in the front line during the first phase?
- Will you use this source in your presentation?



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STATEMENT SHOWING NUMBER OF DAYS EACH DIVISION HAS BEEN IN FRONT LINE IN SOMME BATTLE.

From 1st July to 23rd Nov, 1916.

Divisions.	FIRST TIME IN THE BATTLE.								SECOND TIME IN THE BATTLE.					Grand Total of No. of days in Somme Battle up to Nov. 23rd, '16.	
	First Time in Front Line.	No. of Days.	Second Time in Front Line.	No. of Days.	Third Time in Front Line.	No. of Days.	Fourth Time in Front Line.	No. of Days.	Total Number of days for First Period.	First Time in Front Line.	No. of Days.	Second Time in Front Line.	No. of Days.		Total Number of days for Second Period.
1	11-7 ... 25-7	15	16-8 ... 11-9	27	21-9 ... 28-9	8			50					50	
2	26-7 ... 9-8	15	22-8 ... 20-9	30 ^v	2-10 ... 7-10	6 ^s	18-10 ... 15-11	29 ^v	80					80	
3	8-7 ... 25-7	18	15-8 ... 19-8	5					23	8-10 ... 19-10 12-10 ... 23-11 33 ^v	45 ^v		45 ^v	68	
4	1-7 ... 21-7	21 ^e							21 ^s	10-10 ... 24-10	15		15	36	
5	20-7 ... 1-8	13	27-8 ... 6-9	11	11-9 and 13-9 19-9 to 26-9 8 =	10			34					34	
6	8-8 ... 27-8	20 ^v	12-9 ... 18-9	7	22-9 ... 30-9	9	9-10 ... 19-10	11	47					47	
7	1-7 ... 5-7	5	12-7 ... 20-7	9	27-8 ... 7-9	12			26					26	
8	1-7 ... 1-7	1							1	20-10 ... 30-10	11	8-11 ... 16-11	9	20	
9	8-7 ... 19-7	17							17	10-10 ... 24-10	15			32	
11	8-9 ... 1-10	24	22-11 ... 23-11	2					26					26	
12	2-7 ... 8-7	7	16-7 ... 22-7	5	29-7 ... 18-8	16			28	2-10 ... 19-10	18		18	46	
14	13-8 ... 30-8	18	13-9 ... 16-9	4					22					22	
15	8-8 ... 18-9	42	9-10 ... 2-11	25					67					67	
16	1-9 ... 9-9	9							9					9	
17	1-7 ... 10-7	10	2-8 ... 12-8	11					21	31-10 ... 13-11	13		13	34	
18	1-7 ... 7-7	7	13-7 ... 17-7	5					12	26-9 ... 5-10	10	16-10 ... 21-11	27	47	
19	2-7 ... 9-7	8	20-7 ... 31-7	12					20	9-10 ... 16-10	8	22-10 ... 22-11	32	40	
20	30-7 ... 17-8	19 ^v	23-8 ... 4-9	13	17-9 ... 26-9 4 and 27-9 1 =	5	30-9 ... 8-10	9	46					46	
21	1-7 ... 8-7	3	11-7 ... 17-7	7					10	17-9 ... 1-10	15		15	25	
23	4-7 ... 11-7	8	17-7 ... 19-7	3	26-7 ... 8-8	14			25	19-9 ... 8-10	20		20	45	
24	10-8 ... 22-8	13	31-8 ... 4-9	5					18					18	
25	4-7 ... 16-7	13	25-7 ... 10-8	17	19-8 ... 7-9	20	2-10 ... 21-10	20	70					70	
29	1-7 ... 24-7	24 ^v							24 ^v	11-10 ... 29-10	19	17-11 ... 23-11	7	26	
30	1-7 ... 5-7	5	8-7 ... 11-7	4	24-7 and 30-7	2			11	11-10 ... 22-10	12		12	23	
31	1-7 ... 4-7	4							4	17-10 ... 23-11	38 ^v		38 ^v	42	
32	1-7 ... 3-7	3	9-7 ... 15-7	7					10	16-11 ... 23-11	8		8	18	
33	15-7 ... 21-7	7	7-8 ... 30-8	24					31	25-10 ... 7-11	14		14	45	
34	1-7 ... 3-7	3	10-7 ... 19-7	10	31-7 ... 15-8	16			29					29	
35	18-7 ... 31-7	14	20-8 ... 26-8	7					21					21	
36	1-7 ... 2-7	2							2					2	
37	Split up between 21st and 34th Divisions.														
38	6-7 ... 11-7	6	15-7 ... 29-7	15					21					21	
39 ^v	28-8 ... 17-10	51 ^e	18-10 ... 15-11	29					80					80	
40	15-11 ... 22-11	8							8					8	
41	11-9 ... 17-9	7	29-9 ... 1-10	3	4-10 ... 10-10	7			17					17	
46	1-7	1 [†]							1 [†]					1 [†]	
47	12-9 ... 20-9	9	29-9 ... 9-10	11					20					20	
48	1-7 ... 14-7	14 ^v	15-7 ... 28-7	14	14-8 ... 29-8	16			44	3-11 ... 23-11	21		21	65	
49	2-7 ... 18-8	48 [†]	28-8 ... 25-9	29 [†]					77 [†]					77 [†]	
50	10-9 ... 3-10	24	25-10 ... 18-11	25					49					49	
51	22-7 ... 6-8	16							16	5-10 ... 17-11	44 ^v		44 ^v	60	
55	31-7 ... 14-8	15	5-9 ... 12-9	8	18-9 ... 28-9	11			34					34	
56	1-7	1 [†]							1 [†]	4-9 ... 12-9 6-14-9 ... 27-9 14 ^v	20	1-10 ... 9-10	9	29	
60															
61	22-11 ... 23-11	2							2					2	
63	8-10 ... 15-11	39 ^v							39 ^v					39 ^v	
Guards	11-8 ... 21-8	11 ^e	10-9 ... 16-9	7	21-9 ... 30-9	10	14-11 ... 21-11	8	36					36	
1 A.	20-7 ... 27-7	8	17-8 ... 22-8	6					14	30-10 ... 13-11	15		15	29	
2 A.	28-7 ... 6-8	10	28-8 ... 28-8	6					16	5-11 ... 21-11	17		17	33	
4 A.	7-8 ... 16-8	10	29-8 ... 4-9	7					17	14-11 ... 23-11	10		10	27	
5 A.	22-10 ... 4-11	14	22-11 ... 23-11	2					16					16	
N.Z.	11-9 ... 3-10	23							23					23	
1 Can.	5-9 ... 11-9	7	18-9 ... 28-9	11	7-10 ... 15-10	9			27					27	
2 Can.	12-9 ... 17-9	6	26-9 ... 5-10	10					16					16	
3 Can.	14-9 ... 22-9	9	29-9 ... 15-10	17					26					26	
4 Can.	12-10 ... 23-11	43							43					43	

NOTE.—^v In line North of the Ancre. [†] Chiefly on Defensive Front. [‡] Gommecourt Attack.

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