





## 1<sup>st</sup> Months of WWI

June 28, 1914: Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to Austria-Hungary's empire

<u>July 6</u>: Germany offers support to Austria-Hungary

July 28: Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia: WW1 begins!

Italy refuses to participate on the side of the Triple Alliance (Italy has had a secret pact with France since 1902)

July 30: Russia and Austria-Hungary began to mobilize armies

<u>Aug 1</u>: Germany declares war on Russia





<u>Aug 2</u>: Germany enacts the Schlieffen Plan = Germany invades Belgium and France

Ottoman Empire signs secret alliance with Germany – threatens Russian and English territories

<u>Aug 4</u>: Britain declares war on Germany for invading neutral Belgium

<u>Sept 5</u>: Battle of the Marne – France pushes Germany back closer to their border; stalemate begins (neither side is gaining ground)

<u>Sept – Nov</u>: The "Race to the Sea" begins – France and Germany attempt to out flank each other, which leads to 200 miles of trenches on the Western Front





