



GCSE HISTORY

Paper 1B/A: Conflict and tension, the First World War, 1894–1918

Sources Booklet

Source A for use in answering Questions 01

Sources B and **C** for use in answering Question 02

Source A

President Woodrow Wilson, in a speech to the US Congress made on 2 April 1917.

Property can be paid for; the lives of peaceful and innocent people cannot be. The present German submarine warfare is a warfare against mankind. The German policy has swept every restriction aside. Neutrality is no longer possible or desirable where the peace of the world is involved.

We do not act for selfish reasons. We desire no conquest. The world must be made safe for democracy. We shall fight for the things which we care deeply about.

Source B

A drawing published in 'The Illustrated London News' on 27 July 1916. It showed the East Surrey Regiment advancing into battle on 1 July 1916.



Source C

From a report completed in July 1916 containing the evidence of two front line officers. They were giving evidence to an army inquiry after their Division had been accused of 'lacking courage' on the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

Captain Kerr: 'the smoke had at that time [8.10 am] practically disappeared and the enemy's trenches and wire were plainly visible – my men were shot down as soon as they showed themselves and I was unable to get forward beyond 70 or 80 yards'.

Lieutenant Auden: 'I was in the third wave of the attack and from what I saw I don't think the wire had been successfully cut by the artillery as the posts were all standing and the grass in which the wire was standing was not destroyed. There was a heap of British dead and wounded in one small gap in the wire'.

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