

Ordered to the Somme

October 1916

This place is a vision of Hell. The smells. . . the sounds. . .

The battle of the Somme (a river in northern France) has been going on for months. The place is a quagmire of mud. We live in our hole in the ground as if we have already been buried. We are attacking hard, and the enemy are defending every step of the way. I run through mud and barbed wire, explosions, machine gun fire. Men die around me, friends. . .

I see terrible, terrible things. . . My own regiment started out with 400 men. Only 79 were still alive when we left. And I was one of the lucky few.

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Sir D. Haig moving General Joffre on the eve of the attack.



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Men of the Warwick Regiment photographed on their way to the front line to take their place



A Roll Call in the trenches on the afternoon of July 1.—(Official Photographs.)

When you read the story of how British Troops went into battle with a smile and a cheer. The top photograph shows that the wonderful stories of our war correspondents, our official and semi-official eye-witnesses were not exaggerated. The camera shows you plainly the spirit of our men.



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