

# SCALE OF WW1 MILITARY CONFLICTS

Glossary Terms

# WW1 Conflict Terms

**Each of the Terms in this presentation relate to the various conflict situations experienced in the Great War**

# Conflict Glossary

## Skirmish

Surprise fire fights of relatively short duration (minutes>hours) between small bodies of opposing soldiers ( platoons / companies) often in advanced or outlying locations

# Skirmishes



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SKIRMISHERS AT CHANCELLORSVILLE.

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## Trench Raid



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## Battle

A combat action between relatively large bodies of opposing soldiers (divisions > brigades) where each attempted to achieve specific military objectives.

Usually fought in a localized area over a period of a day or two, extending up to 2-3 weeks.

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## Offensive

A large scale military attack launched to achieve specific tactical goals (towns, heights, rail junctions) and involving 100,000+ soldiers.

The term was often used to describe the opening phase of a longer Campaign.

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## Campaign

A prolonged conflict (Gallipoli Campaign > 9 months – Somme Campaign > 4 1/2 months) usually incorporating an opening ‘offensive’ followed by a series of ‘battles’ involving hundreds of thousands of soldiers fighting over an extensive zone.



# 1914 Western Front Battles

## The 'Battles of the Frontiers'

- **Battle of Lorraine** (14 - 25 August 1914)
- **Battle of the Ardennes** (21 - 28 August 1914)
- **Battle of Charleroi** (21 - 23 August 1914)
- **Battle of Mons** (23 August 1914)

## Battles in the autumn of 1914 during 'The Race to the Sea'.

- the **First Battle of Picardy** (22-26 September 1914)
- the **First Battle of Albert** (22-25 September 1914)
- the **First Battle of Artois**, (27 September - 10 October 1914)
- the **Battle of La Bassée** (10 October - 2 November 1914)
- the **First Battle of Arras** (1 October - 4 October 1914)
- the **First Battle of Messines** (12 October - 2 November 1914)
- the **Battle of Armentières** (13 October - 2 November 1914)
- the **Battle of the Yser** (16 October - 10 November)

## Battles of the Ypres Salient 1914

- the **First Battle of Ypres** (19 October - 22 November 1914)
- the **Battle of Langemarck** (21 October - 24 October 1914)
- the **Battle of Gheluvelt** (29 October - 31 October 1914)
- the **Battle of Nonneboschen** (11 November - 22 November 1914)