

## Slaughter



### The Roadbed

Answer the following questions from the cartoon.

1. How does the cartoon criticize the strategy of attrition?
2. How does it portray the military leaders' attitude toward the common soldier?

Answer the following questions from the video.

### Verdun

3. What was the German Commander, Erich von Falkenhayn's, solution for breaking the stalemate on the Western Front?
4. Why is Verdun important to the French?
5. What is a strategy of attrition?
6. Ft. Douaumont was captured by the Germans without a shot fired. How many casualties did the French suffer recapturing it?
7. What were the casualties of the Battle of Verdun?

### Somme

8. How experienced were the British at the Battle of the Somme?

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9. Before the battle, how did the British feel about their chances of success?
10. What was the British solution to breaking the stalemate on the Western Front?
11. How did the movie "The Battle of the Somme" fail as propaganda?
12. How long did the Battle of the Somme last and how far did they advance?
13. What were the casualties of the Battle of the Somme?

### Passchendaele

14. In which country did the Battle of Passchendaele occur? (Also known as the 3rd Battle of Ypres.)
15. Why were the British optimistic of their success?
16. What did the British do after destroying the German lines on Messines Ridge? **WHY?**
17. What were the environmental conditions at Passchendaele?
18. What were the casualties? How far did the British advance?
19. Which side, **offense** or **defense**, won the three battles? **WHY?**

British stretcher-bearers  
carry a wounded man  
through the mud of the  
Ypres Salient  
in August 1917.

