

The “July Crisis” to the “Guns of August”

Date	Country	Occurrence
28 June 1914	Austria-Hungary	Gavrilo Princip, a Bosnian Serb, assassinates Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary.
6 July 1914	Germany	“Blank Check” Germany offers total support to Austria-Hungary.
23 July 1914	Austria-Hungary	Gives Serbia an ultimatum. Purposely designed to be refused by Serbia, to create a pretext for war. Hand over conspirators, allow investigation by Austro-Hungarian officials, & cease all propaganda directed against the Austro-Hungarian Empire.
24 July 1914	Serbia	Requests assistance from the Russian Empire.
25 July 1914	Serbia	Agrees to most demands of Austro-Hungarian ultimatum, except those limiting its sovereignty.
26 July 1914	Russia	Promises help for Serbia if attacked by Austria-Hungary.
28 July 1914	Austria-Hungary	Declares war on Serbia. Why did it take a full month?
31 July 1914	Russia	Mobilizes armed forces in support of Serbia by sending troops to its borders with Germany and Austria-Hungary.
31 July 1914	Germany	Ultimatum to France. Demands neutrality in a German war with Russia Germany gains control of border forts, including Verdun
1 August 1914	Germany	Uses Russian mobilization as excuse to mobilize and declare war on Russia.
2 August 1914	Germany	Demands Belgian neutrality & right of passage to invade France.
2 August 1914	Italy	Declares that it does not intend to honor its Triple Alliance obligations and will remain neutral.

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3 August 1914	Belgium	Refusal of free passage for German troops.
3 August 1914	Germany	Declares war on France.
4 August 1914	Germany	Invades Belgium as part of the Schlieffen Plan.
4 August 1914	Great Britain	Declares war on Germany under pretext of protecting Belgium neutrality and according to an Alliance with France.
5 August 1914	Austria- Hungary	Declares war on Russia.
10 August 1914	France	Declares war on Austria-Hungary.
12 August 1914	Great Britain	Declares war on Austria-Hungary.
14 August 1914	France	Invades German occupied Lorraine, hoping to redeem this "lost territory".