

Tannenberg War

* August 26th - August 29th

* East Prussia - Eastern Front

* Russian First Army - Paul von Rennenkampf. Russian Second Army - ^{Alexander} Samsonov. German Eighth Army - Paul von Hindenburg and Erich Ludendorff

* France was under attack on the Western Front.

* Russia agreed to attack Germany on the Eastern Front, by invading German territory of East Prussia.

* Prior to ~~this~~ ^{the} battle, a ^{catalyst} spark that set ~~it~~ ^{the battle} off would have been ~~the~~ fact that the Russian First Army had defeated eight ~~the~~ divisions of the German Army, beforehand.

* Following this, ~~the~~ the German Eighth Army launched an attack on the Russian Second Army, in retaliation.

* Germany centered all their might on defeating the Russian Second Army.

* This attack commenced on August 26th, 1914, leading the Russians ~~to~~ into retreating to Weidenburg. ~~The~~

* The German troops ~~passed~~ carried on and captured thousands of ~~the~~ Russian soldiers.

* By August 29th, 1914, Germany had proudly defeated Russia, and it became one of the most decisive victories won by the central powers in World War ~~the~~ one.

* 92,000 Russians were captured - Most of the Second Army killed

* Alexander Samsonov committed suicide after the battle

* Resulted in further battles between the two countries in Sep 1914
More damage inflicted in Russia - First Army suffered huge damages.

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Battle of Verdun

The battle of Verdun was the longest single battle of WWI, there was about 700,000 dead, missing or wounded.

The battle took place in Verdun, France, the battlefield was not even ten square kilometers. Verdun was also a special place to the French and the towers or forts there are historically protected.

The battle was between France and Germany mainly.

It ~~was~~ took place between 21st Feb 1916 ~~and~~ to 16th Dec 1916.

The battle of Verdun happened as the French man General Philippe Pétain wanted to be seen as a hero in France also a plan by the German chief of General Staff von Falkenhayn - wanted to "bleed France white" by launching a massive German attack on a historic settlement for the French - Verdun.