

# WW1 Battles & Events 1914 - 1918

## 1914

**Britain declares war on Germany 4 August 1914**

### **Battle of Mons ( 23 - 24 August )**

Action of Elouges	24 August
Affair of Landrecies	25 August
Rearguard action of Solesmes	25 August

### **Battle of Le Cateau ( 26 August - 1 September )**

Rearguard affair of Le Grand Fayt	26 August
Rearguard affair of Etreux	27 August
Affair of Cerizy	28 August
Rearguard action of Villers Cotterets	1 September
Rearguard action of Crepy en Valois	1 September
Affair of Nery	1 September

### **Battle of the Marne ( 7 - 10 September )**

Including the passage of the Petit Morin and the passage of the Marne.

### **Battle of the Aisne ( 12 - 15 September )**

Including the capture of the Aisne Heights including the Chemin des Dames	
Actions of the Aisne Heights	20 September
Action of Chivy	26 September

### **Defence of Antwerp ( 4 - 10 October )**

### **Battle of La Bassée ( 10 October - 2 November )**

### **Battle of Messines ( 12 October - 2 November )**

### **Battle of Armentières ( 13 October - 2 November )**

Including the capture of Meteren	13 - 17 October
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### **The First Battle of Ypres 1916 ( 19 October - 22 November )**

Battle of Langemarck	21 - 24 October
Battle of Gheluvelt	29 - 31 October
Battle of Nonne Bosschen	11 November

### **Winter Operations ( 23 November - 21 December )**

Defence of Festubert	23 - 24 November
Attack on Wytschaete	14 December
Defence of Givenchy	20 - 21 December

# 1915

## Winter Operations ( 25 January - 6 February )

First action of Givenchy	25 January
Affairs of Cuinchy	29 January. 1 - 6 February

## Battle of Neuve Chappelle ( 10 - 13 March )

Action of St Eloi	14 - 15 March
Capture of Hill 60	17 - 22 April

## **The Second Battle of Ypres** ( 22 April - 25 May )

	Battle of Gravenstaffel	22 - 23 April
<b>50th Division</b> -	Battle of St Julien	24 April - 5 May
<b>50th Division</b> -	Battle of Frezenberg	8 - 13 May
	<a href="#">Battle of Aubers</a>	9 - 10 May
	<a href="#">Battle of Festubert</a>	15 - 25 May
	Second action of Givenchy	15 - 25 May
<b>50th Division</b> -	Battle of Bellewaarde	24 - 25 May

## **Other actions in Spring 1915 (15 June - 9 August )**

First attack on Bellewaarde	15 June
Actions of Hooze	19 July. 30 July. 9 August

## The Battle of Loos ( 25 September - 19 October )

Action of Pietre	25 September
Actions of Bois Grenier	25 September
Second attack on Bellewaarde	25 - 26 September
Actions of the Hohenzollern Redoubt	13 - 19 October

**50th Division - John Houseman  
Walter Houseman**

# 1916


## Actions of Spring 1916

Actions of the Bluff  
Actions of the St Eloi Craters  
German attacks on Vimy Ridge  
Battle of Mount Sorrel

**14 February - 13 June**

14 - 15 February  
27 March - 16 April  
21 May  
2 - 13 June

## The Battle of the Somme 1916 ( 1 July - 18 November )

<b>49th Division</b> -	Battle of Albert incl the capture of Montauben, Mametz, Fricourt, Contalmaison and La Boiselle incl the attack on the Gommecourt salient	1 - 13 July 1 July
<b>49th Division</b> -	Battle of Bazentin incl the capture of Longueval, Trones Wood and Ovillers incl the attack on Fromelles incl the attacks on High Wood	14 - 17 July 19 July 2- 25 July
	Battle of Delville Wood	15 July - 3 September
<b>49th Division</b> -	Battle of Pozieres incl the fighting for Mouquet Farm	23 July - 3 September
	Battle of Guillemont	3 - 6 September
	Battle of Ginchy	9 September
 <b>49th &amp; 50th Div</b> <b>John died here</b>	Battle of Fleurs-Courcelette incl the capture of Martinpuich	15 - 22 September
<b>50th Division</b> -	Battle of Morval incl the capture of Combles, Lesboeufs & Gueudecourt	25 - 28 September
	Battle of Thiepval	26 - 28 September
<b>50th Division</b>	Battle of Le Transloy incl the capture of Eaucourt L'Abbaye, Le Sars & the attacks on Butte de Warlencourt	1 - 18 October
	Battle of the Ancre Heights incl the capture of the Schwaben Redoubt, Stuff Redoubt and the Regina Trench	1 October - 11 November
	Battle of the Ancre incl the capture of Beaumont Hamel	13 - 18 November

**49th Division - Harold Houseman**

**50th Division - John Houseman  
Walter Houseman**

# 1917

## January - July

### Operations on the Ancre ( 11 January - 13 March )

Capture of Munich Trench	10 - 11 January
Capture Puisieux Trench	3 February
The capture of Ten Tree Alley	10 - 13 February
The actions of Miraumont	17 - 18 February
Capture of the Thilloys	25 February - 2 March
Capture of Irles	10 March

### **50th & 62nd Div**      The German retreat to the Hindenburg Line ( 14 March - 5 April )

Occupation of Peronne	18 March
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### The Second Battle of Arras 1917 ( 9 April - 16 June )

<b>50th Division</b> -	Battle of Vimy	9 - 14 April
	First Battle of the Scarpe incl the capture of Monchy le Preux and the Wancourt Ridge	9 - 14 April

<b>50th &amp; 62nd Div</b>	The First attack on Bullecourt	11 April
<b>50th &amp; 62nd Div</b>	The German attack on Lagnicourt Attack on La Coulotte	15 April 23 April
<b>50th Division</b> -	Second Battle of the Scarpe incl the capture of Guemappe and Gavrelle	23 - 24 April

	Battle of Arleux	28 - 29 April
	Third Battle of the Scarpe incl the capture of Fresnoy	3 - 4 May

 <b>50th &amp; 62nd Div</b>	Battle of Bullecourt Clare Norman died here	3 - 17 May
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	Capture of Roeux	13 - 14 May
	Actions on the Hindenburg Line	20 May - 16 June

### The Battle of Messines and subsequent actions ( 7 June - 11 July )

<b>23rd Division</b> -	Battle of Messines incl the capture of Wytschaete	7 - 14 June
<b>32nd &amp; 49th Div</b>	Operations on the Flanders Coast Capture of Oppy Wood German attacks on Nieuport	20 June - 11 Nov 28 June 10 - 11 July

**23rd Division - Tom Houseman**  
**32nd Division - John Thomas Houseman**  
**50th Division - Walter Houseman**  
**49th Division - Harold Houseman**  
**62nd Division - Clare Norman Houseman**

# 1917

## July - December

### Operation Hush ( Planned for July - August )

Cancelled

### The Third Battle of Ypres 1917 ( 31 July - 10 November ) ( Passchendaele )

	Battle of Pilkem	31 July - 2 August
	Capture of Westhoek	10 August
	Battle of Hill 70	15 - 25 August
	Battle of Langemarck	16 - 18 August
	Local operations around St Julian	19, 22, 27 August
<b>23rd Division</b> -	Battle of Menin Road	20 - 25 September
<b>23rd Division</b> -	Battle of Polygon Wood	26 September - 3 October
	Battle of Broodseinde	4 October
<b>49th Division</b> -	Battle of Poelcapelle	9 October
<b>23rd Division</b> -	First Battle of Passchendaele	12 October
<b>23rd &amp; 50th Div</b>	Second Battle of Passchendaele	26 October - 10 November

### The Cambrai Operations ( 20 November - 30 December )

	The Tank attack ( Battle of Cambrai )	20 - 21 November
	The capture of Broulton Wood	23 - 28 November
	The German counter attack	30 November - 3 December
	Action of Welsh Ridge	30 December

**23rd Division - Tom Houseman**

**50th Division - Walter Houseman**

**49th Division - Harold Houseman**

# 1918

## January - July

### The First Battle of the Somme 1918 ( 21 March - 4 July )

<b>50th Division</b> -	Battle of St Quentin	21 - 23 March
	incl the actions of the Somme crossings	24 - 25 March
	First Battle of Bapaume	24 - 25 March
<b>50th Division</b> -	Battle of Rosieres	26 - 27 March
<b>32nd Division</b> -	First Battle of Arras	28 March
	Battle of the Avre	4 April
<b>32nd Division</b> -	Battle of the Ancre	5 April

### The Fourth Battle of Ypres 1918 ( 9 - 29 April )

( The Spring Offensive )

( The Battle of the Lys )

<b>50th Division</b> -	Battle of Estaires	9 - 11 April
	incl the first defence of Givenchy	
<b>49th Division</b> -	Battle of Messines	10 - 11 April
<b>50th Division</b> -	Battle of Hazebrouck	12 - 15 April
<b>Walter died here</b>	incl the defence of the Hinges Ridge and the Nieppe Forest	
<b>49th Division</b> -	Battle of Bailleul	13 - 15 April
	incl the defence of Neuve Eglise	
<b>49th Division</b> -	First Battle of Kemmel	17 - 19 April
	Battle of Bethune	18 April
	incl the second defence of Givenchy	
	Action of Villers Bretonneux	24 - 25 April
<b>49th Division</b> -	Second Battle of Kemmel	25 - 26 April
<b>Harold died here</b>	Battle of the Scherpenberg	29 April

### Battle of the Aisne 1918 ( 27 May - 6 June )

Action of La Becque	28 June
Capture of Meteren	19 July

**32nd Division - John Thomas Houseman**

**50th Division - Walter Houseman**

**49th Division - Harold Houseman**

# 1918

## July - October

### Battles of the Marne 1918 ( 20 July - 2 August )

Battle of the Tardenois incl the fighting for the Ardre Valley	20 - 31 July
Battle of the Soissonais and the Ourcq incl the attack on Buzancy and the capture of the Beugneux Ridge	23 July - 2 August

#### **32nd Division**

### Battle of Amiens ( 8 - 11 August )

### The Second Battle of the Somme 1918 (21 August - 3 September )

<b>32nd Division</b> - Battle of Albert incl the capture of Chuignes	21 - 23 August
<b>32nd Division</b> - The Second Battle of Bapaume	31 August - 3 September

### The Advance in Flanders (18 August - 6 September )

Actions of Outtersteene Ridge	18 August
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### The Second Battle of Arras ( 26 August - 3 September )

Battle of the Scarpe incl the capture of Monchy le Preux	26 - 30 August
Battle of Drocourt-Queant	2 - 3 September

### Battles of the Hindenburg Line ( 12 September - 12 October )

Battle of Havrincourt	12 September
Battle of Epehy	18 September
Battle of the Canal du Nord incl the capture of Bourlon Wood	27 September - 1 October
<b>32nd Division</b> - Battle of the St Quentin Canal incl the passage at Bellenglise and the capture of the Bellicourt tunnel defences	29 September - 2 October
<b>32nd Division</b> - Battle of Beaurevoir	3 - 5 October
Battle of Cambrai incl the capture of Villers Outreaux and Cambrai	8 - 9 October
The pursuit to the Selle	9 - 12 October

# 1918

## September - November

### The Final Advance in Flanders ( 28 September - 11 November )

Battle of Ypres	28 September - 2 October
Battle of Courtrai	14 - 19 October
Actions of Ooteghern	25 October
Avtions of Tieghem	31 October

### The Final Advance in Artois ( 2 October - 11 November )

### The Final Advance in Picardy ( 17 October - 11 November )

Battle of the Selle	17 - 25 October
Battle of Valenciennes incl the capture of Mont Houy	1 - 2 November

<b>32nd Division -</b> Battle of the Sambre incl the passage of the Sambre-Oise canal and the capture of Le Quesnoy	4 November
Passage of the Grande Honelle	5 - 7 November
Capture of Mons	11 November

**32nd Division - John Thomas Houseman**

**Armistice Day 11 November 1918**