



A soldier who had just returned from the Western Front was such an emotional wreck that while he was going down the stairs into the London subway station, he became suddenly aware of the crowds of people coming up. He looked around in a confused way, and evidently mistaking the hollow space below for the trenches and the oncoming crowd for Germans, fixed his bayonet and charged. Thank goodness for the policewoman on duty by the turnstile who grabbed him and hung on with all her might.

*British pioneer policewoman
Mary Allen, in her autobiography*

1. How many soldiers did the Central Powers lose during World War One?
2. How many soldiers did the Allied Powers lose during World War One?
3. What country lost the most soldiers during World War One?
4. Why did this country lose the most soldiers?
5. How many American soldiers died during World War One?
6. What reason can you give for the relatively small amount of American dead as compared to the other countries?
7. Why did the soldier in the passage act this way?

Did you Know?

The last verified US veteran of World War One, [Frank Woodruff Buckles](#), died at the age of 109 in February of 2011.