

OUR SOLDIERS OVERWHELMED BY NUMBERS AMIENS AUG, 29 1914

England should realise and should realise at once that she must send reinforcements, and still send them. Is an army of exhaustless valour to be borne down by the sheer weight of numbers, while young Englishmen at home play golf and cricket? We want men, and we want them now!

Source A

HORRIBLE STORIES OF GERMAN FIENDISHNESS

British war correspondents in Belgium have seen little murdered children with roasted feet. The tiny mites were hung over a fire before they were slain. This was done by German troops – men with children of their own at home, or with little brothers and sisters of the same age as the innocents they torture before killing.

At Tiremont the Special Correspondent to the Times met a peasant woman who told him that her babes had been trampled to death under the hoofs of the horses of the Uhlans. As the Englishman was considering that he only had the woman's word for this atrocity, he saw a little girl come staggering along the road, as if she were blind. He found that her eye and cheek were laid open. This had been done, not by a chance bullet, but by a deliberate thrust of an Uhlan's lance, who charged upon the innocent child in sheer devilish sport.

The things done to Belgian girls and women, before their tortured, lifeless bodies with battered faces were thrown into a ditch, are so unspeakably dreadful that details cannot be printed.

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Source B

'Little girls and little boys,
Never suck your German toys;
German soldiers licked will make
Darling Baby's tummy ache.
'Parents, you should always try
Only British toys to buy;
Though to pieces they be picked,
British soldiers can't be licked.'

Little Folks

Christmas 1914

Q1. What do Sources A and B tell us about British attitudes towards (a) Germany and (b) Belgium in 1914?

Q2. In the picture (Source D – *see next page*) what are the men doing? Where are they? What does this tell us about how most ordinary people felt about the war?



Source C

Source D



USING ALL THE SOURCES

Q3. What do these sources tell us about British propaganda? Do the sources encourage men to fight? Do they make appeals to end the war by talking, do they explain why the war started?