

Mass Murder at Verdun 1916

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In Verdun's trenches on opposing sides
four hundred thousand men had died.

Mass Murder by artillery
of French and German infantry.

For the field artillery,
It was a very lovely year.
Firing from five miles rear,
they never even shed a tear.

They did not hear the screams
nor ever smell the blood
nor ever see the body parts
there, floating in the mud.

Forty million shells were fired,
yes many a megaton,
while generals on both sides
knew it never could be won.

It was death dealt at a distance
for the field artillery.
But death up close and personal,
for the slaughtered infantry.

Eight thousand men, both bold and meek
were murdered, every single week.
But, neither side would call it quits,
till all their men were blown to bits!

The Battle of Verdun

During the eleven months between February and December 1916, near the small French town of Verdun in north east France, one hundred divisions of infantry were marched into trenches a few miles long and perhaps one thousand feet apart. The men on both sides were then blown to bits by the French and German field artillery. There were over one million casualties, seven hundred thousand wounded and over four hundred thousand killed. My wife's father was in the French Cavalry and was gassed at Verdun. He never fully recovered and passed away in 1937. After a year of fruitless stupidity the French General, Philippe Petain was promoted, but the German General, Erich von Falkenhayn was replaced by General Paul von Hindenburg.