World War I Combat

The Automatic Machine Gun
These mounted guns fired a rapid, continuous stream of bullets, and made it possible for a few gunners to mow down waves of soldiers. _____ of bullet casualties in WWI were from automatic machine guns.

Poisonous Gas
Gases were lobbed into __________ __________causing choking, blinding, severe skin blisters, or death. Gas masks lessened the importance of poison gas.

Tanks
Tanks protected advancing troops as they broke through enemy defenses. Early tanks were _______ _____ ________.

Submarines
German U-boats destroyed Allied shipping, and brought the US into the war after sinking the ______________. The typical WWI German U-boat had a crew of 30 and could dive to 300 feet.

Allied & Neutral Ships Sunk in WWI

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An Allied surface vessel drops __________ __________ at a German U-boat. A depth charge is like a giant grenade that lets off a “charge” at the desired “depth.”
Airplanes
At first, planes were mainly used for reconnaissance, but later flying “______” engaged in air combat. Propeller planes were equipped with a machine gun and bombs.

The German flying ace Manfred von Richthofen, also known as “________________________,” had over 80 kills in air-to-air combat, or “dogfights” before he was killed.

Artillery
Cannon fire became deadly accurate in WWI, and made battlefields look like the face of ________.

The Germans had “____ ________,” a cannon that could shoot 9 miles. By the end of the war, the Germans were shelling Paris from 70 miles away.

Trench Warfare
Heavy fighting took place along the ______________ ________, a 600-mile stretch of land in ________________ where the troops dug trenches for protection.

For four years neither side could make any significant gains, and millions were killed.

A “dug-out” was used to avoid being killed during shelling. A dug-out was usually ___ _______ _________ and could hold over a dozen soldiers. German dug-outs were usually deeper.

Trench Foot:
An ______________ caused by cold, wet, and unsanitary conditions. Feet would go numb, the skin would turn red or blue, and eventually gangrenous. _______________ were common for trench foot.

The Remedy:
Change your socks and keep your feet dry.

The Human Cost of WWI
Dead: over ____________ Wounded: over 17 million

Also, there was widespread disease, famine, and destruction.