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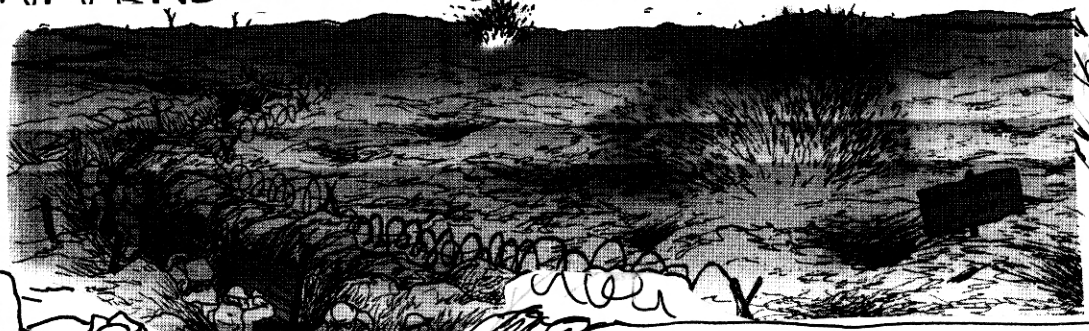
WHAT HAPPENS IN THE FIGHTING AT VERDUN?

CHESTER THE CRAB AND JOHN LEE OTTER ARE HELPING SIXTH-GRADER JAWAN MAKE SENSE OF WORLD WAR I.



STAYING IN THIS TRENCH MAKES SENSE!!

GOOD IDEA! WARS USUALLY GET FOUGHT WITH **NEW** TECHNOLOGY AND **OLD** ATTACK IDEAS...LIKE ONE BIG MASS OF GUYS MAKING A CHARGE. IT DOESN'T WORK NOW BECAUSE:

NEW KINDS OF **BARBED WIRE** SLOW DOWN CHARGES.

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MACHINE GUNS FIRE RAPIDLY ACROSS OPEN GROUND.

POISON GAS CAUSES SLOW AND PAINFUL DEATH.

IT'S LIKE A SIEGE WAR—SO LET'S FIGHT IT LIKE THAT! WE ATTACK THE FORTS AROUND VERDUN NOT TO CAPTURE THEM BUT JUST TO KILL SO MANY FRENCHMEN THAT THEY WILL GIVE UP THE WAR!

GERMAN CHIEF OF STAFF ERICH von FALKENHAYN

THEY SHALL NOT PASS!!

FRENCH GENERAL ROBERT NIVELLE

ABOUT **40 MILLION** ARTILLERY SHELLS ARE FIRED IN THE 10-MONTH BATTLE. 70% OF ALL THE CASUALTIES HERE COME FROM ARTILLERY FIRE.

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GERMANS USE FLAMETHROWERS FOR THE FIRST TIME!

BUT VERDUN DOESN'T FALL! THE FRENCH MOVE MEN AND GUNS AROUND QUICKLY TO KEEP THE GERMANS AT BAY—A VICTORY OF FRENCH TRUCKS OVER GERMAN RAILWAYS.