French Army at Outbreak of War
1914

French Infantry Consisted of:
- 164 3-battalion Infantry Regiments
- 8 4-battalion Infantry Regiments
- 1 Corsica Infantry Regiment (# bns varied)
- 31 "Chasseurs à pied" Battalions each with 6 companies
- 10 Cyclist Groups
- 4 Zouave Regiments
  - 1st Zouave Regiment (6 bns)
  - 2nd Zouave Regiment (5 bns)
  - 3rd Zouave Regiment (6 bns)
  - 4th Zouave Regiment (7 bns)
  - 5th Zouave Regiment (raised after war started)
  - 6th Zouave Regiment (raised after war started)
- 9 Native Tirailleur Regiments
  - 1st Native Tirailleur Regiment (3 bns)
  - 2nd Native Tirailleur Regiment (6 bns)
  - 3rd Native Tirailleur Regiment (5 bns)
  - 4th Native Tirailleur Regiment (6 bns)
  - 5th Native Tirailleur Regiment (3 bns)
  - 6th Native Tirailleur Regiment (4 bns)
  - 7th Native Tirailleur Regiment (4 bns)
  - 8th Native Tirailleur Regiment (6 bns)
  - 9th Native Tirailleur Regiment (3 bns)
- 2 Foreign Regiments (6 bns each, but number would vary)
- 5 African Light Infantry Battalions (6 cos per bn)
- 3 Saharan Companies
- 9 "Special Sections" (disciplinary sections)

Total 642 Battalions
- 15 Depot Companies (1 for each Zouave & Tirailleur Rgt & 2 for each Foreign Rgt)
- 3 Saharan Companies

French Colonial Infantry (white troops):
- 12 Regiments (36 bns) in France
- 4 Regiments (12 bns) in Indochina & North China
- 9th Regiment (3 bns in Tonkin)
- 10th Regiment (3 bns in Saigon)
- 11th Regiment (4 bns in Tiensin)
- 15th Regiment (2 bns in Peking)
- 1 Battalion in West Africa
- 2 Battalions in Madagascar
- 2½ Companies in Antilles
- 2 Companies in New Caladonia
Native Infantry in Colonies:
  In Indo-China
    5 Regiments (16 bns)
  In West Africa
    4 Regiments (10 bns)
    3 Independent Battalions
  In Equatorial Africa
    1 Regiment (3 bns)
    1 Regiment (8 cos)
    2 Battalions
  In Madagascar
    3 Regiments (9 bns)
    1 Battalion (Senegalese)
  In Algeria
    2 Battalions (Senegalese)

The above does not take into account improvised formations of colonial (white) infantry, and of Senegalese temporarily employed in Morocco.

Cavalry Regiments at Outbreak of War:

1st Division
  2nd Cuirassier Brigade:
    1st Cuirassier Regiment
    2nd Cuirassier Regiment
  5th Dragoon Brigade:
    6th Dragoon Regiment
    23rd Dragoon Regiment
  11th Dragoon Brigade:
    27th Dragoon Regiment
    32nd Dragoon Regiment
    7th Chasseur Regiment

Artillery:
  13th Artillery Regiment
Cyclist Group:
  26th Chasseurs à pied

2nd Division
  2nd Dragoon Brigade:
    8th Dragoon Regiment
    31st Dragoon Regiment
  12th Dragoon Brigade:
    4th Dragoon Regiment
    12th Dragoon Regiment
    5th Hussar Regiment
  2nd Light Cavalry Brigade:
    17th Chasseur Regiment
    18th Chasseur Regiment

Artillery:
  8th Artillery Regiment
Cyclist Group:
  2nd Chasseurs à pied

3rd Division
4th Brigade:
- 4th Cuirassier Regiment
- 9th Cuirassier Regiment
- 6th Chasseur Regiment

13th Dragoon Brigade:
- 5th Dragoon Regiment
- 21st Dragoon Regiment
- 19th Chasseur Regiment

3rd Light Cavalry Brigade:
- 3rd Hussar Regiment
- 8th Hussar Regiment

Artillery:
- 42nd Artillery Regiment

Cyclist Group:
- 18th Chasseurs à pied

4th Division

3rd Cuirassier Brigade:
- 3rd Cuirassier Regiment
- 6th Cuirassier Regiment

4th Dragoon Brigade:
- 28th Dragoon Regiment
- 30th Dragoon Regiment

1st Light Cavalry Brigade:
- 10th Chasseur Regiment
- 12th Chasseur Regiment

4th Light Cavalry Brigade:
- 2nd Hussar Regiment
- 4th Hussar Regiment

Artillery:
- 40th Artillery Regiment

Cyclist Group:
- 19th Chasseurs à pied

5th Division

3rd Dragoon Brigade:
- 16th Dragoon Regiment
- 22nd Dragoon Regiment

7th Dragoon Brigade:
- 9th Dragoon Regiment
- 29th Dragoon Regiment

5th Light Cavalry Brigade:
- 5th Chasseur Regiment
- 15th Chasseur Regiment

Artillery:
- 61st Artillery Regiment

Cyclist Group:
- Chasseurs à pied

6th Division

5th Cuirassier Brigade:
- 7th Cuirassier Regiment
- 10th Cuirassier Regiment
- 9th Hussar Regiment

6th Dragoon Brigade:
- 2nd Dragoon Regiment
- 14th Dragoon Regiment

6th Light Cavalry Brigade:
13th Chasseur Regiment
6th Hussar Regiment
1th Hussar Regiment

Artillery:
54th Artillery Regiment

Cyclist Group:
13th Chasseurs à pied

7th Division
6th Cuirassier Brigade:
11th Cuirassier Regiment
12th Cuirassier Regiment

1st Dragoon Brigade:
7th Dragoon Regiment
13th Dragoon Regiment
8th Chasseur Regiment

7th Light Cavalry Brigade:
8th Chasseur Regiment
20th Chasseur Regiment
14th Hussar Regiment

Artillery:
30th Artillery Regiment

Cyclist Group:
4th Chasseurs à pied

8th Division
8th Dragoon Brigade:
11th Dragoon Regiment
18th Dragoon Regiment

14th Dragoon Brigade:
17th Dragoon Regiment
26th Dragoon Regiment
16th Chasseur Regiment

8th Light Cavalry Brigade:
11th Chasseur Regiment
14th Chasseur Regiment
12th Hussar Regiment

Artillery:
4th Artillery Regiment

Cyclist Group:
15th Chasseurs à pied

9th Division
1st Cuirassier Brigade:
5th Cuirassier Regiment
8th Cuirassier Regiment

9th Dragoon Brigade:
1st Dragoon Regiment
3rd Dragoon Regiment
2nd Chasseur Regiment

16th Dragoon Brigade:
24th Dragoon Regiment
25th Dragoon Regiment
13th Hussar Regiment

Artillery:
33rd Artillery Regiment

Cyclist Group:
The 10th Division was expected to be increased in strength by the creation of two chasseur regiments.

Artillery:

In France:
- 9 Regiments of foot artillery - 68 batteries & some foot & fortress
- 5 Regiments of heavy artillery - 58 batteries (24 btrys Rimailho 155mm Quick Fire & 34 heavy artillery
- 62 Regiments of field artillery (including horse artillery 618 field artillery batteries 30 horse artillery batteries
- 2 Regiments of Mountain Artillery - 14 batteries

Engineers:

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Engineer Regiments:

1st Regiment
- 4th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
- 5th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
- 22nd Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
- 1 Company Sappers Drivers Type A (1 co)

2nd Regiment
- 16th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
- 17th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
- 18th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
- 1 Company Sappers Drivers Type A (1 co)
3rd Regiment
  1st Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  2nd Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  3rd Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  1 Company Sappers Drivers Type A (1 co)

4th Regiment
  8th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  13th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  14th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (4 cos)
  1 Company Sappers Drivers Type A (1 co)

5th Regiment
  1st Railway Battalion (4 cos)
  2nd Railway Battalion (4 cos)
  3rd Railway Battalion (4 cos)
  4th Railway Battalion (4 cos)

6th Regiment
  9th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  10th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  11th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  12th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (1 co)
  1 Company Sappers Drivers Type A (1 co)

7th Regiment
  15th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  23rd (Pontoon) Battalion (3 cos)
  24th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  1 Company Sappers Drivers Type A (1 co)

8th Regiment
  1st Telegraph Battalion (4 cos)
  2nd Telegraph Battalion (4 cos)
  3rd Telegraph Battalion (4 cos)
  4th Telegraph Battalion (2 cos)
  1 Company Sappers Drivers Type A (1 co)

9th Regiment (Allotted to VI Army Corps & Fortress of Verdun)
  6th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  25th Fortress Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  1 Company Sappers Drivers Type B (1 co)

10th Regiment (Allotted to XX Army Corps & Fortress of Toul)
  20th Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  25th Fortress Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  22nd Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  1 Company Sappers Drivers Type B (1 co)

11th Regiment (Allotted to XXI Army Corps & Fortress of Epinal)
  21st Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  27th Fortress Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  22nd Field Battalion Sappers & Miners (3 cos)
  1 Company Sappers Drivers Type B (1 co)

Independent Engineer Battalions:
  7th Battalion (in Besançon, France)
    3 field companies of Sappers & Miners
  28th Battalion (in Belfort, France)
    3 field companies of Sappers & Miners
    1 company Sappers Drivers, Type B
19th Battalion (in Alberia, North Africa)
  5 companies
  1 company Sappers Drivers, Type A
29th Battalion (in Tunis, North Africa)
  1 Field Company Sappers & Miners
  1 Fortress Company Sappers & Miners
  1 company Sappers Drivers, Type A

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