

**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:

25th Chasseurs à pied

10th Division

10th Dragoon Brigade:

15th Dragoon Regiment
20th Dragoon Regiment
21st Chasseur Regiment

15th Dragoon Brigade:

10th Dragoon Regiment
19th Dragoon Regiment
1st Hussar Regiment

9th Light Cavalry Brigade:

9th Chasseur Regiment
10th Hussar Regiment

Artillery:

14th Artillery Regiment

Cyclist Group:

1st Chasseurs à pied

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:

	In France	In Africa
Field Companies	71	1
Fortress Companies	15	3
Railway Companies	16	2
Telegraph Companies	12	1
Wireless Companies	2	1
Searchlight Sections	21	1

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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