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The Old Contemptibles were a group of British soldiers who fought in World War One. They were the first to arrive in France in 1914 and they fought in some of the most brutal battles of the war. They were known for their bravery and determination, and they earned the respect of both their allies and their enemies.

### The Early Days of the War

The Old Contemptibles were made up of regular soldiers and reservists. They were all volunteers and they were highly trained and experienced. They were sent to France in August 1914, shortly after the outbreak of war. Their mission was to help the French army stop the German advance.

The Old Contemptibles fought in the Battle of Mons in August 1914. This was one of the first battles of the war and it was a disaster for the British. The British were outnumbered and outgunned, and they were forced to retreat. However, the Old Contemptibles fought bravely and they helped to slow down the German advance.

### **The Battle of the Marne**

The Old Contemptibles also fought in the Battle of the Marne in September 1914. This was a major victory for the Allies and it helped to turn the tide of the war. The Old Contemptibles played a key role in the battle and they helped to defeat the German army.

### **The Battle of the Somme**

The Old Contemptibles also fought in the Battle of the Somme in 1916. This was one of the bloodiest battles of the war and it resulted in the deaths of over one million soldiers. The Old Contemptibles fought bravely but they were unable to break through the German lines.

### **The End of the War**

The Old Contemptibles fought in many other battles during the war. They were always at the forefront of the fighting and they always fought with bravery and determination. They helped to win the war for the Allies and they are remembered as one of the finest fighting forces in history.

### **Legacy**

The Old Contemptibles are a symbol of the bravery and determination of the British people. They fought against overwhelming odds and they never gave up. They are an inspiration to us all.

There are many memorials to the Old Contemptibles around the world. The most famous is the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium. This memorial bears the names of over 54,000 British soldiers who were killed in the war. It is a reminder of the sacrifices that were made by the Old Contemptibles and all those who fought in World War One.

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