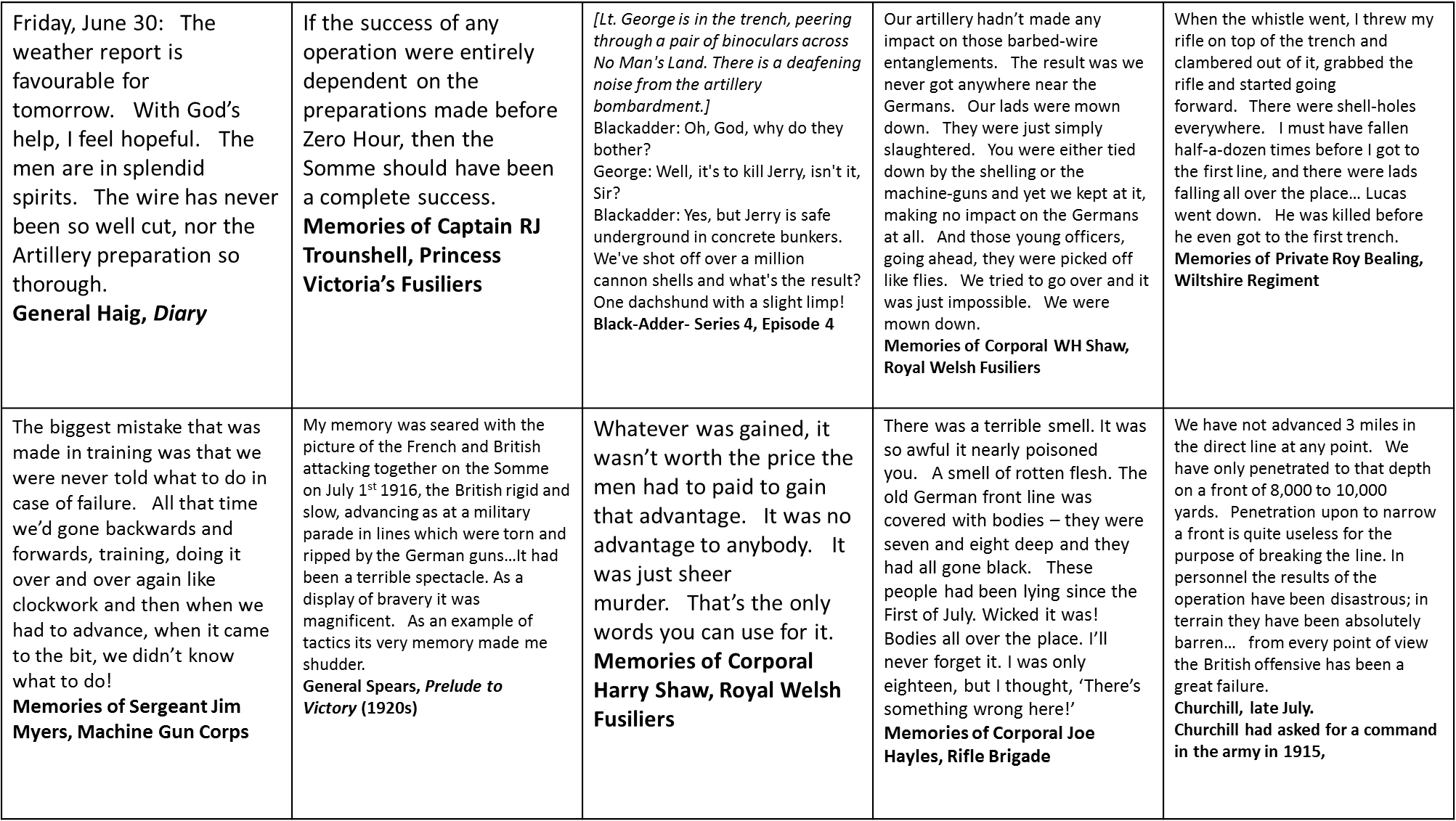
**The Battle of the Somme, July 1916**

Key question: Why was the first day of the Battle of the Somme such a disaster?

* **Poor planning and leadership**
* **Failing technology**
* **German planning**