



**Speaker:** The first World War was the first modern war. The industrialized world created more efficient ways to kill more people. In World War I, the introduction of the fighting machines such as the tank and the airplane created a very depersonalized way to kill your enemy and civilians, including deploying bombs. Although the machine gun was heavy and crude at 1914, the beginning of World War I, it was still a very effective war tool, as were grenades, which had been highly improved just prior to World War I.

Then the most terrifying weapon to be deployed in World War I was mustard gas. The cruelty of this weapon was so devastating that mustard gas and other forms of gas warfare have been declared illegal, although that has not prevented them from being used.

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