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There is no doubt that world war I was not the most destructive war, nor the first total war. However, WWI was the first war that changed the global perspective of how war should be conducted and opened the door for science to be used as a method for annihilation. Due to the advance on war machinery WWI an estimated 15 millions people were killed and over 20 millions were wounded. Countries such as France lost 13.3% of their male population. Some of the methods for annihilation used during WWI was the use of poison gas used by the Germans, yet some of the most effective and deadliest technologies used was the invention of machine guns and barbed wire which were created by the United States. By joining WWI the United States started to gain more geopolitical power and influence throughout the globe and increased the economic asset of the country. At the end of the war the United Kingdom took over all the African colonies that were under German control.