**Teachers’ notes on *The Battle of the Somme* (1916)**

These notes are intended for use by teachers wishing to show sections of the British documentary film, *The Battle of the Somme* (1916) in the classroom. They give the running times at which various events occur in the film.

*The Battle of the Somme* (1916) is freely available online, at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krT1lX_Dvm0>

**[NB. The film contains footage showing dead bodies on the battlefield – these sections are clearly marked below]**

**Heading to the Front Line:**

* Marching and smiling soldiers – 2.31, 2.49, 3.23
* Men posing with a mascot – 4.38

**Preparing for Battle:**

* Troops unloading shells – 7.14
* Troops marching - 8.52
* A church service – 14.13
* Troops drinking tea and eating – 18.24-19.21

**The Battle Begins:**

* Troops going over the top – 30.50
* Waiting in No-man’s land – 32.58
* Rescuing the wounded – 33.52, 35.09

**The Aftermath of the Battle:**

* Returning with captured Germans – 36.40
* Clearing casualties – 43.50
* More German prisoners – 45.50
* Journey across the battlefield – 52.20   
  [*Caution – corpses are visible in the footage after c.55.25*]
* Shots showing wreckage caused by the war – 1.00.00

**The Troops Recover:**

* Troops resting after the battle – 1.05.00 onwards
* The remaining footage shows clean and smiling British troops, apparently tidying up after the battle and getting ready for the next attack.