# School resource

Espionage in the

First World War

# Chronology

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| 28 June 1914 | Archuduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and his wife, are assassinated in Sarajevo. |
| 28 July 1914 | Austri-Hungary declares war on Serbia. |
| 3 August 1914 | Great Britain gives order for troops to mobilise. |
| 4 August 1914 | Carl Hans Lody obtains an American passport from the United States Embassy in Berlin in the name of Charles A. Inglish. Lody spoke excellent English with an American accent. |
| 27 August 1914 | Lody arrives in Newcastle, UK before travelling to Edinburgh where he is tasked with spying against the British on behalf of Germany. |
| 29 August 1914 | 1,600 men take their Oath of Allegiance at the Tower to join the army and form the ‘Stockbrokers’ Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. |
| 29 September 1914 | Lody travels to Dublin where he writes a letter in German which is intercepted by postal censors. MI5 orders Lody’s arrest. |
| 2 October 1914 | Lody is arrested at his hotel in London. |
| 30 October – 2 November | Lody is put on trial as a German spy in London. |
| 2 November 1914 | Lody is found guilty of all charges against him and sentenced to ‘suffer death by being shot’. |
| 5 November 1914 | Lody writes two letters – one to his guards, thanking them for their kind treatment during his confinement, and one to his family. |
| 6 November 1914 | Carl Hans Lody becomes the first spy to be executed at the Tower.  He is executed by a firing squad of Grenadier Guards. |
| 23 June 1915 | Carl Muller is executed at the Tower of London. |
| 30 July 1915 | Willem Roos and Haicke Janssen are executed at the Tower of London. |
| September 1915 | Ernst Melin, Augusto Roggin and Fernando Buschman are executed at the Tower of London. |
| October 1915 | George Breeckow and Irving Ries are executed at the Tower of London. |
| December 1915 | Albert Meyer is executed at the Tower of London. |
| April 1916 | Ludovico Zender is executed at the Tower of London. |
| 11 November 1918 | Germany agrees an armistice, ending the war in victory for the Allies. |
| 6 November 1934 | Memorial plaque unveiled on Lubeck town gate in memory of Carl Hans Lody. |