

37 Days: Countdown to World War One

31 July: Germany prepares for war on two fronts

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Edward's trip laid the ground for the Entente Cordial signed between Britain and France the following year to the fury of the Kaiser. Although short of a formal military alliance the Entente ended almost a thousand years of rivalry - combined with a Franco-Russian defense pact signed a decade earlier it meant it was the Germans who now felt isolated