



Christmas Truce!

After months of fighting, we celebrate together.

ALKMAAR, THE NETHERLANDS –DECEMBER 18, 2014 – To honor the Christmas Truce of WW1, Verdun is getting its own version of the event in- game. It will be enforced with some friendly competitions and a 40% Steam Sale discount! Verdun is currently available on PC, Mac and Linux via [Steam Early Access](#).

Watch the trailer on [YouTube](#).

A season of celebration and giving!

After 4 months of heavy fighting wherein many lives were lost on both sides, something remarkable happened during Christmas 1914. Both sides set aside their weapons in order to celebrate Christmas together. German, French and British soldiers exchanged gifts, had Christmas dinners and sang carols. There was even a mention of a few organized football matches. In the spirit of such a unique event of peaceful humanity, the developers of Verdun will implement an actual in-game Christmas Truce where players put down their weapons to exchange seasonal greetings, throw snowballs at each other and engage in a football match!

During Christmas Truce a few competitions will be held where you can win one of the exciting Christmas packages. The packages with amongst others a Verdun Christmas card, a trench whistle, trench order booklets, and a secret surprise! The competitions that are held are;

- 19 December; a [YouTube](#) Christmas Truce video contest for the best video about this event
- 20 December; a [Steam Hub](#) screenshot competition for the best in-game Christmas Truce screenshot
- 21 December; a [Twitch TV](#) giveaway for the Verdun streamers
- 22 December; a [Twitter](#) competition for the best WW1 Christmas carol text twittered @VerdunGame
- 23 December; a [Facebook](#) Christmas Card contest for the most entertaining Verdun best wishes card

Submissions will last until the 24th 10am Eastern time (GMT-5), winners will be announced on the 25th of December 2014. More information can be found on the [Steam Hub](#).

Also, as it is a season of giving too, there will be a big Steam Sale with a 40% discount on Verdun (including the 4-pack!) during the Christmas Truce event.

Christmas Truce will takes place on the 18th of December and lasts until the 25th of December. Better get in your Holiday spirit!

About Verdun

Verdun is a squad-based multiplayer FPS set in First World War (WW1) . The game is inspired by the infamous battle of Verdun in 1916.

The game includes historically accurate features such as realistic WW1 weaponry, historical maps based on sectors of the Western Front and authentic uniforms and equipment. The game immerses you audio visually into one of the bloodiest conflicts fought in Europe.

The merciless trench warfare offers a unique battlefield for tactical squad play in the gritty Frontlines game mode, and pure gameplay in the rifle Deathmatch.

The Frontlines game mode is unique in its tactical complexity, where you are levelling different types of squads, each with your own tactics and roles. The realistic trenches are an extra challenge in the fight, where teamwork and tactical cunning are essential for success. Drive your enemies from their trenches and dominate the Western Front!

Verdun key features include:

- Unique World War 1 gameplay: Authentic weaponry, characters levelling and realistic historical battlefields set in France and Belgium
- Tactical squad-based FPS: Squad assembling and levelling
- True trench warfare: Real-time dynamic frontline; momentum-based attack and counter-attack gameplay
- Chemical weaponry: Tactical gas deployment and immersive gas mask experience
- WW1 atmosphere: Typical WW1 music, art, units, grim battlefields and an immersive user interface
- Challenging game modes: Dynamic Frontline and rifle Deathmatch

For more information, please visit Verdun on [Steam](#), like us on [Facebook](#), subscribe on [YouTube](#), stream on [Twitch TV](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).

Steam Early Access

M2H and Blackmill Games took the opportunity to work with the community on polishing the game Verdun. By entering Steam Early Access in September 2013 they managed to get the attention needed to vastly improve the gameplay and user experience. With over 85.000 players and a 48h top seller ranking on Steam, Verdun is looking forward to their launch on the 12th of February, 2015!

Related links:

- **Steam Early Access page:** <http://store.steampowered.com/app/242860/>
- **Official website:** <http://www.verdungame.com/>
- **Press kit:** <http://www.verdungame.com/press>

About the Developers

With the development of Verdun, Game Studio M2H and Blackmill Games shared a common vision; a passion to create a realistic World War 1 game and a desire to differ from the First Person Shooter familiarities. The challenging trench-warfare in a WW1 setting combined with a tactical squad mode; with different squad types and role, bring a unique diversity in tactical gameplay to this First Person Shooter.

Verdun is the first Dutch game that made it through the Steam Greenlight (July 2013) and is currently available on [Steam Early Access](#). The release of Verdun is scheduled for February 2015.

M2H

M2H is a veteran when it comes to developing games. In 2009, the brothers Hergaarden founded their studio, focusing on 3D Unity multiplayer games as their specialization. This challenging approach resulted in many successful Android, iOS, Web and Standalone games. Their mobile games account for more than 20 million downloads already and their web portal Wooglie.com, which hosts third-party Unity games as well as their own developed games, has over 2 million unique monthly visitors per month. M2H has won several Global Game Jam awards for their games including recently an audience and jury award.

Check for more information www.M2H.nl.

Blackmill Games

Blackmill Games is a studio specialized in the unity3D game development. It was founded in 2013 by Jos Hoebe, a software engineer with a broad set of game design and development skills. The studio gained experience in the mod-scene and with the development of the music game [MokMok](#). Blackmill Games affinity with authentic historical games can be seen in their first game; [Verdun](#).

Blackmill is a studio that puts the user experience first and makes sure to drive this force behind every design decision-making process. It didn't make the [European Develop 100](#) for nothing!

For more information, please visit www.BlackmillGames.com.

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