

1. What strange and wonderful event happened on Christmas Eve at various places on the European war-front?

Ans: The English and the ^{German} Soldiers celebrated Christmas together, and that too, without any approval from higher-ups. This was the strange and wonderful event that happened on Christmas Eve at various places on the European war-front.

2. How did the German soldiers begin the Christmas celebrations? How did the British respond?

Ans: The Germans began the Christmas celebrations by planting Christmas trees on their front-line trenches and singing 'Stille Nacht'. The British responded from the other side of the no man's land by singing 'The First "Adeste Fideles"', 'NOEL' and 'O come, all ye faithful'. The Germans then joined in by singing the Latin version of the song,

1 Why do you think the war reached an impasse by winter?

Ans: The war reached an impasse by winter because neither had the two sides reached an agreement nor had one side secured a clear victory over the other.

2 Explain 'one human episode among all the atrocities that have stained the memory of the war.'

Ans: It was the first time in the history of war that enemy sides joined hands and celebrated together during a truce.