

American Military Experience



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The Coming of World War

Triple Alliance

Austria-Hungary

Germany

Italy (switches from neutral to Allies April 1915)

Triple Entente

France

Russia

Britain



Balkan Wars 1912-13: Prelude to WWI



- Serbia hoped to absorb all the Slavs on the Balkan peninsula.
- Russia, a slavic nation, supported Serbia nationalism.
- Austria, which feared rebellion among the slavic population, felt threatened by Serbia's growth.
- And Russia and Austria-Hungary wanted the Balkans as their sphere of influence.

Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo



The spark that set the war off was the assassination of the heir to the Austrian Empire (Archduke Franz Ferdinand) by a Serbian national. Austria declared war on Serbia as a result.



Serbia was an ally of Russia. When Russia declared war on Austria-Hungary, the Triple Alliance and Triple Entente kicked in, bringing the entire continent to war.

Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo



June 28 Archduke Franz Ferdinand assassinated

**July 28 Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia
Russia mobilizes**

The Netherlands declare neutrality

**Aug 1 Germany declares war on Russia
Italy declares neutrality**

Denmark declares neutrality

**Germany and Ottoman Empire sign
secret alliance treaty**

**Aug 3 Germany declares war on France
Switzerland declares neutrality**

Aug 4 Germany invades Belgium

UK declares war on Germany

USA declares neutrality

**Aug 6 Austria-Hungary declares war on Russia
Serbia declares war on Germany**

Aug 11 France declares war on Austria-Hungary

Aug 12 UK declares war on Austria-Hungary

Aug 23 Japan declares war on Germany

Aug 25 Japan declares war on Austria-Hungary

Aug 28 Austria-Hungary declares war on Belgium



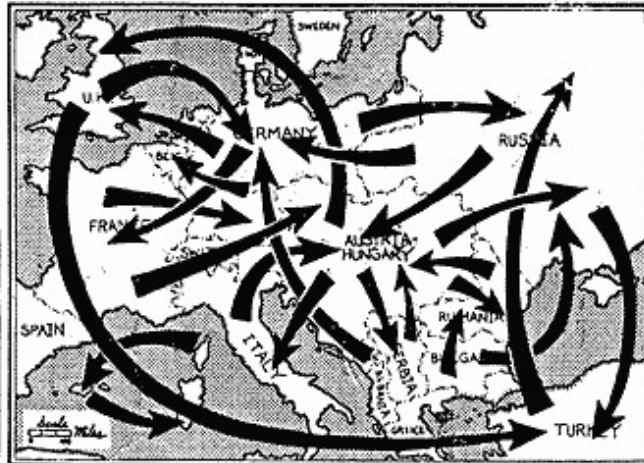


WAR DECLARED BY ALL

AUSTRIA DECLARES WAR ON SERBIA DECLARES WAR ON
GERMANY DECLARES WAR ON FRANCE DECLARES WAR ON
TURKEY DECLARES WAR ON RUSSIA DECLARES WAR ON
BULGARIA DECLARES WAR ON BRITAIN

OTTOMAN EMPIRE ALMOST DECLARES WAR ON ITSELF
NATIONS STRUGGLE TO REMEMBER ALLIES

From the London and Washington Bureaus, Aug. 4.—After weeks of unbearable tension following the assassination of the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, the great European powers have declared war on one another in a bitter struggle for something that is sure to be determined by war's end. Enmeshed in a confusing string of rivalries and alliances, diplomats, politicians, and military leaders



mighty Triple Entente not exist before the Jews all European nations who

ASSASSINATION OF ARCHDUKE SPREADS FEAR AT ARCHDUKE CONVENTION

The Hague, Netherlands, Aug. 4.—European archdukes attending their annual convention expressed alarm at the assassination of fellow aristocrat Archduke Franz Ferdinand, whose end came at the hand of a Serbian nationalist in Sarajevo several weeks ago.

Archdukes attending the convention expressed concern for the issue of noblesman safety, once considered a birthright. Most also claimed they had no knowledge of the Serbian demand for independence from Austria. "Could it be that the oppressed minority peoples in our own provinces are weary of cen-

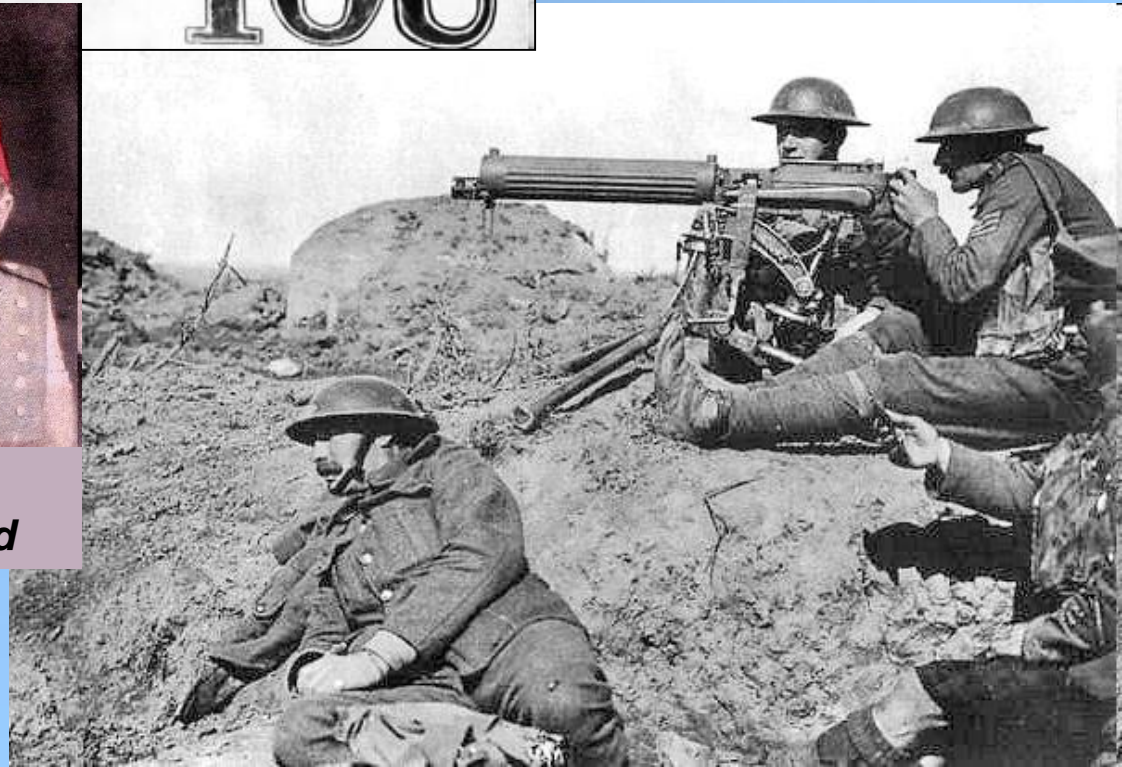
AREA DRUNKARD DECLARES WAR ON IRELAND

ALE-HOUSE PEERS FALL IN AS ALLIES

Davenport, Iowa, Aug. 4.—As bloody conflict rages throughout Europe, Orvald Brunvald, a drunkard of many years' experience, declared war on Ireland Friday evening. A REBOUNDOING DECLARATION "Consum ever" one of 'em



***Strong and true, our brave young
Stand until our enemies are defeated***

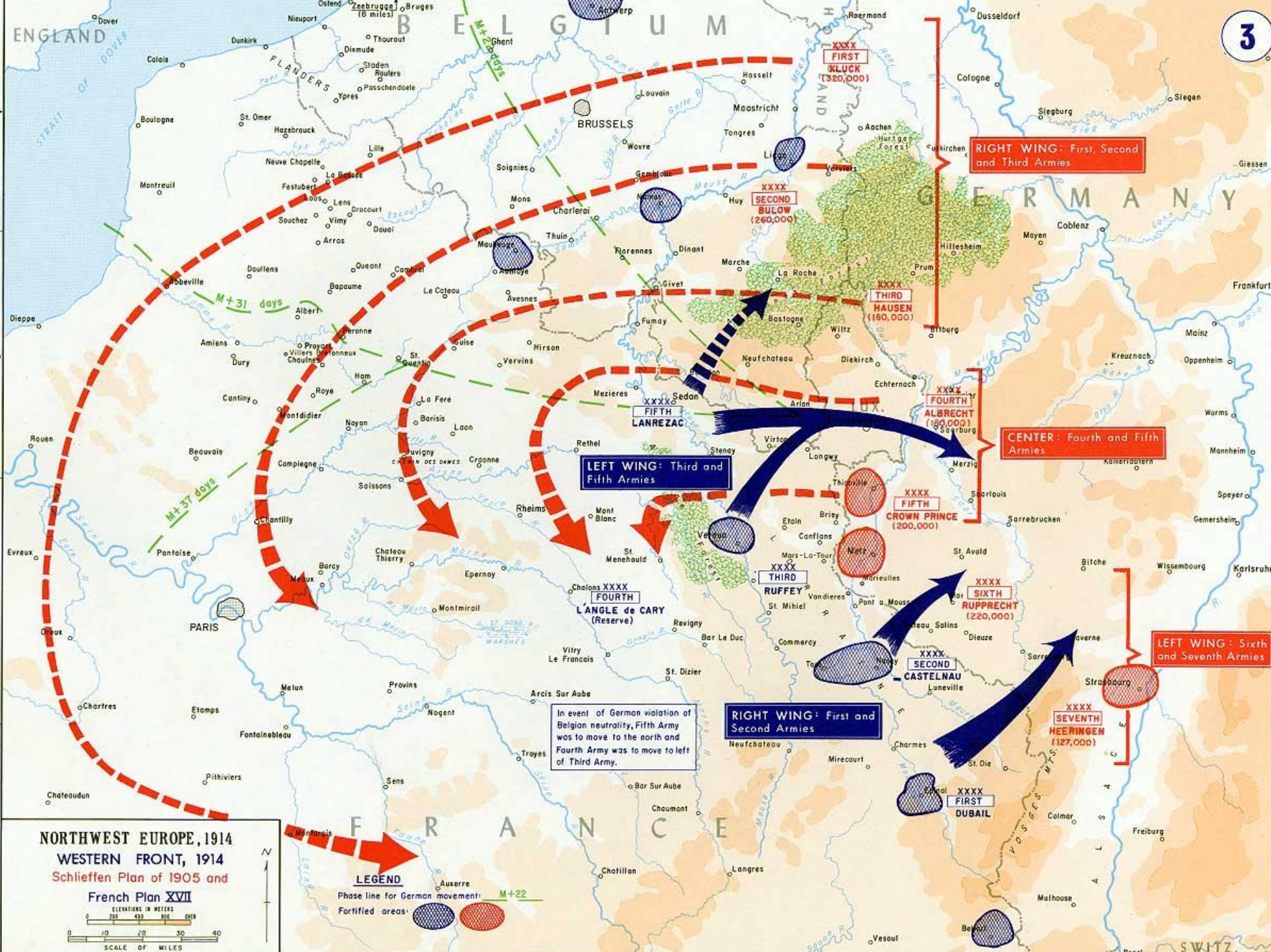


The Generals' Assumptions - 1914

- War Is Inevitable
- We Can Win



- The War Will Be Short
- Victory Will Go to the Attacker
- Losses Will Be Heavy



RIGHT WING: First, Second and Third Armies

CENTER: Fourth and Fifth Armies

LEFT WING: Third and Fifth Armies

RIGHT WING: First and Second Armies

LEFT WING: Sixth and Seventh Armies

In event of German violation of Belgian neutrality, Fifth Army was to move to the north and Fourth Army was to move to left of Third Army.

NORTHWEST EUROPE, 1914
WESTERN FRONT, 1914
 Schlieffen Plan of 1905 and French Plan XVII

LEGEND
 Phase line for German movement: M+22
 Fortified areas: [Blue hatched circle] [Red hatched circle]

Scale of Miles: 0 10 20 30 40
 Scale of Kilometers: 0 20 40 60 80 100

XXXX FIFTH CROWN PRINCE (200,000)

XXXX THIRD HAUSEN (180,000)

XXXX SECOND BULOW (260,000)

XXXX FIRST KLUCK (320,000)

XXXX SIXTH RUPPRECHT (220,000)

XXXX SEVENTH HEERINGEN (127,000)

XXXX FIFTH

XXXX FOURTH ALBRECHT (180,000)

XXXXX FIFTH LANREZAC

XXXX FORTH L'ANGLE de CARY (Reserve)

XXXX THIRD RUFFEY

XXXX SECOND CASTELNAU

XXXX FIRST DUBAIL

NORTHWEST EUROPE, 1914
WESTERN FRONT, 1914
Schlieffen Plan of 1905 and French Plan XVII

Schlieffen Plan Assumptions

- The Belgian rail network will be captured largely intact.
- The Russians will be unable to attack until their mobilization is complete.
- The right wing will be able to sustain a high speed of advance.
- The French will be unable to switch forces from Alsace-Lorraine to counter the right wing.



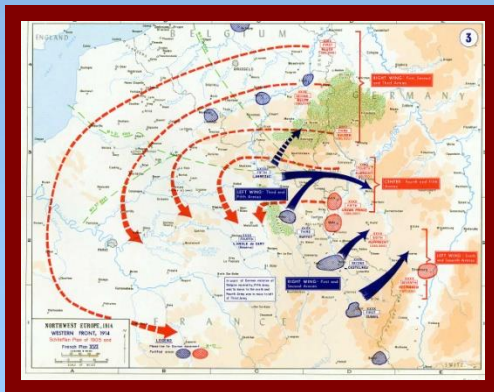
The War of Plans, 1914

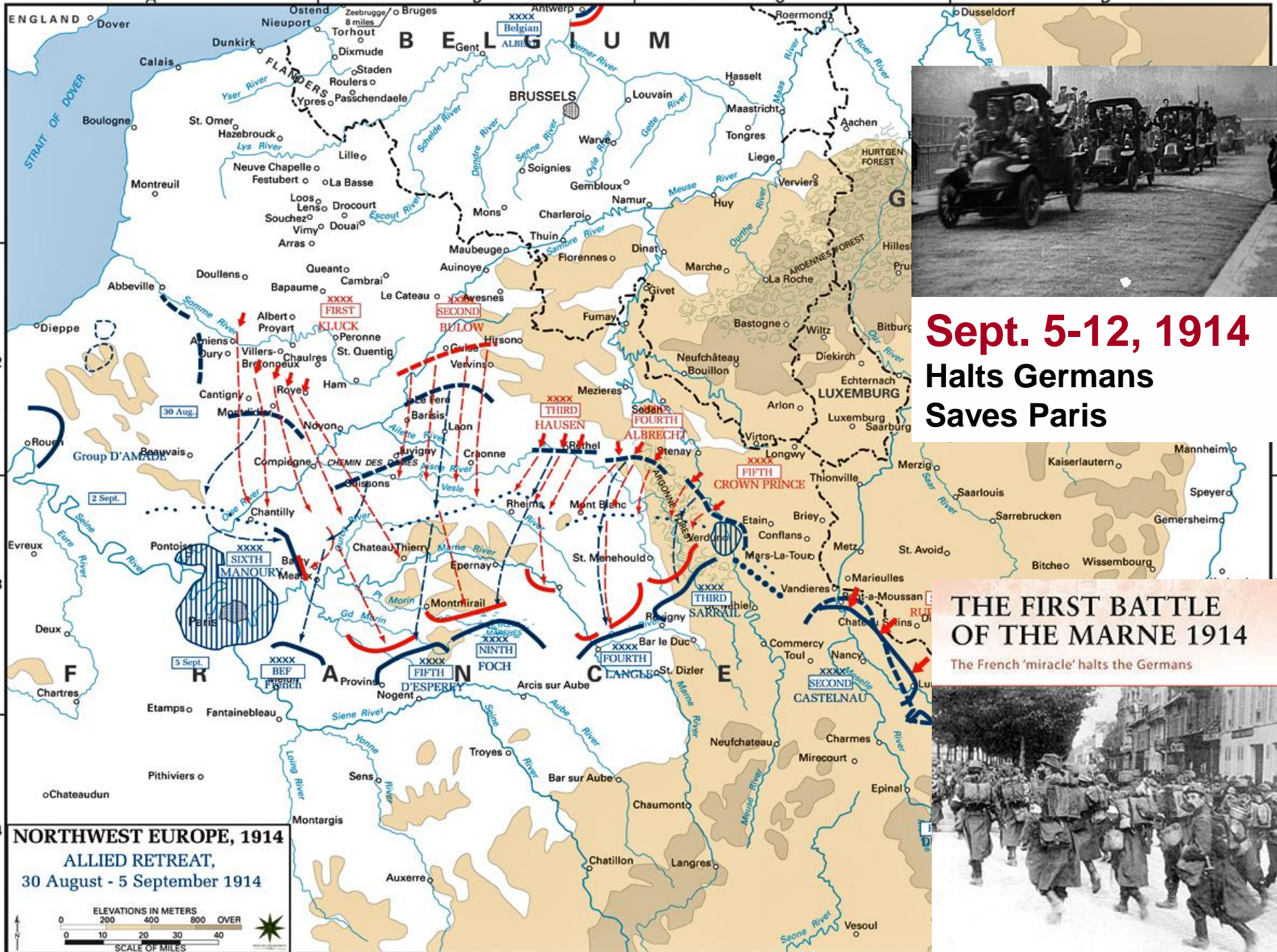
The Schlieffen Plan



Alfred Graf von Schlieffen

- Only German war plan
- Based on “win-hold-win” strategy
- Aimed to destroy French Army in 6 weeks
- Violating Belgian neutrality, ensured British intervention
- Demanded heroic marching performance from the right-wing armies
- Severely strained C3 (Command, Control, Communication), logistics





Sept. 5-12, 1914
Halts Germans
Saves Paris

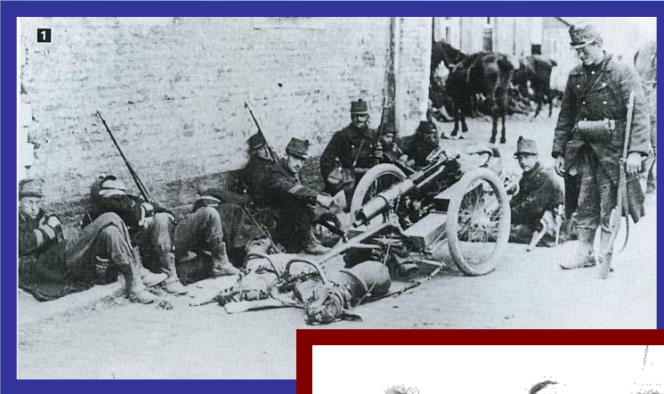
THE FIRST BATTLE OF THE MARNE 1914

The French 'miracle' halts the Germans



Why Stalemate in 1914?

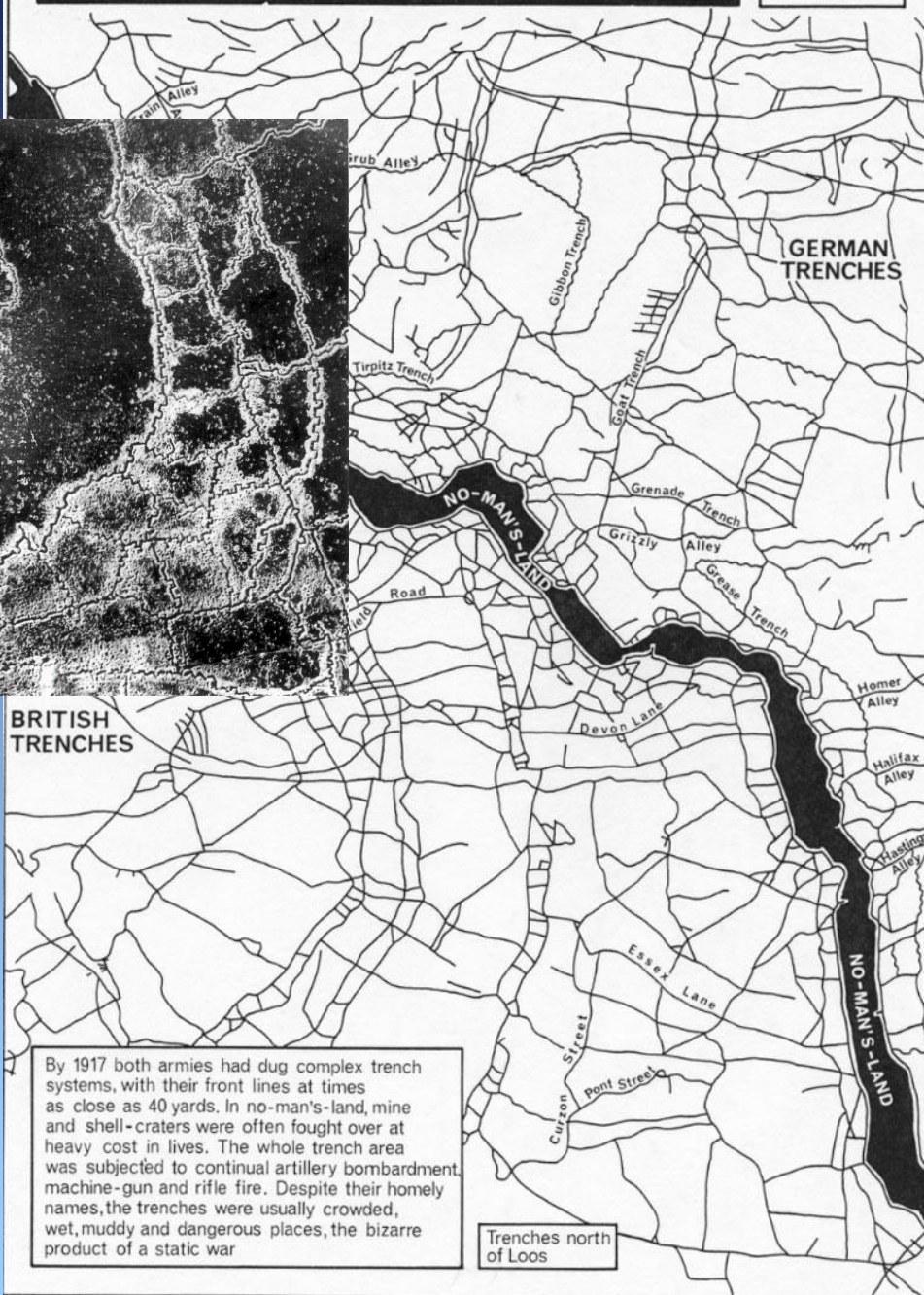
- **Exhaustion of armies**
- **Exhaustion of ammunition**
- **Density of forces**
- **Lethality of Weapons**
- **Limited heavy artillery**
- **No assailable flanks**
- **All war plans failed**





TRENCHES ON THE WESTERN FRONT 1917

0 400
Yards



BRITISH TRENCHES

GERMAN TRENCHES

NO-MAN'S-LAND

NO-MAN'S-LAND

By 1917 both armies had dug complex trench systems, with their front lines at times as close as 40 yards. In no-man's-land, mine and shell-craters were often fought over at heavy cost in lives. The whole trench area was subjected to continual artillery bombardment, machine-gun and rifle fire. Despite their homely names, the trenches were usually crowded, wet, muddy and dangerous places, the bizarre product of a static war

Trenches north of Loos



A Bit of Perspective

French battle deaths (KIA/DOW) from
the **FIRST SIX MONTHS** of WWI: **454,000**

TOTAL American battle deaths in the 20th Century:
427,513

Span American War	385
Phil Insurrection	1,004
WWI	53,404
WWII	291,557
Korea	33,651
Vietnam	47,364
Desert Storm	148

Source: Millet & Maslowski , *For the Common Defense*



THE INDIRECT APPROACH WHY GO THRU THE TRENCHES AT ALL?

OTHER MEANS

DIFFERENT FRONTS

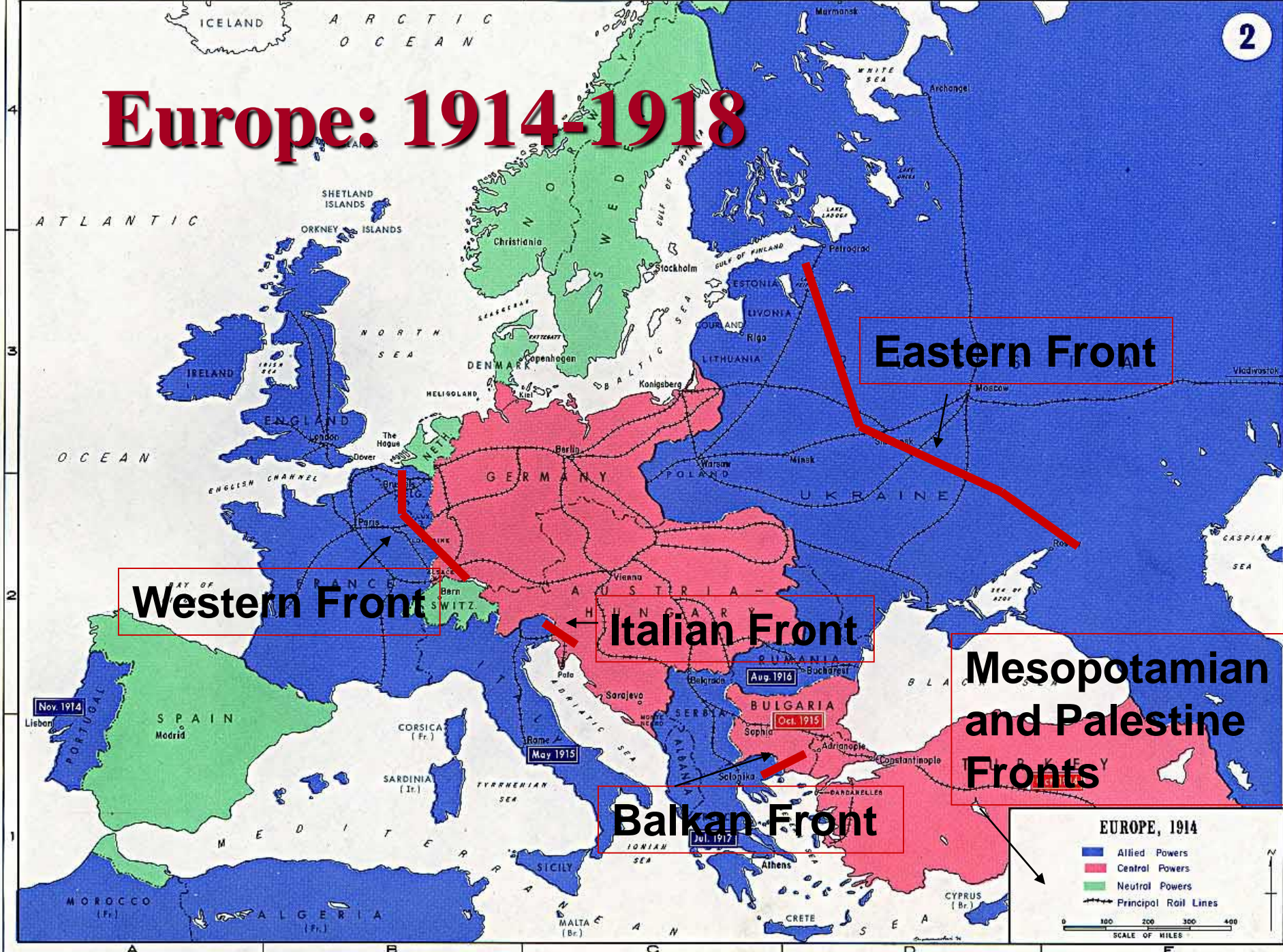


- GALLIPOLI
- SALONIKA, Greece
- ITALY?



- ### ECONOMIC WARFARE
- BLOCKADE
 - U-BOAT OFFENSIVE

Europe: 1914-1918



Eastern Front

Western Front

Italian Front

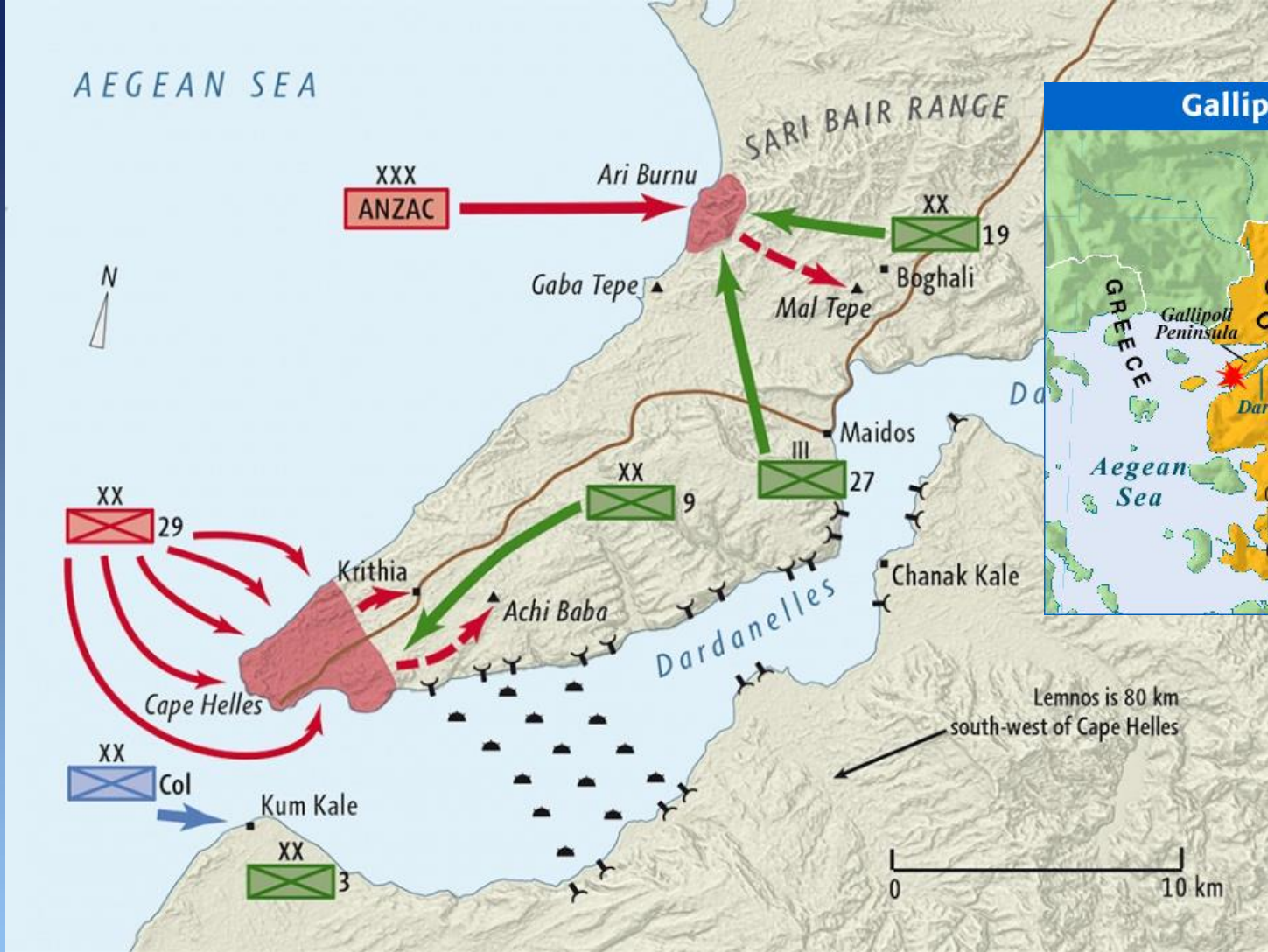
Mesopotamian and Palestine Fronts

Balkan Front

EUROPE, 1914

- Blue square: Allied Powers
- Red square: Central Powers
- Green square: Neutral Powers
- Black dashed line: Principal Rail Lines

0 100 200 300 400
SCALE OF MILES



25 APR 1915

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9 JAN 1916

**Each side
~57,000 KIA**

**~130,000
Wounded/POW-MIA**

**Knock the Ottomans out of the war
Open supply route to Russia
Start a new front that was not stalemated in the trenches**

RESULT: None of the above



Eastern Front

Russia mobilizes faster than expected.

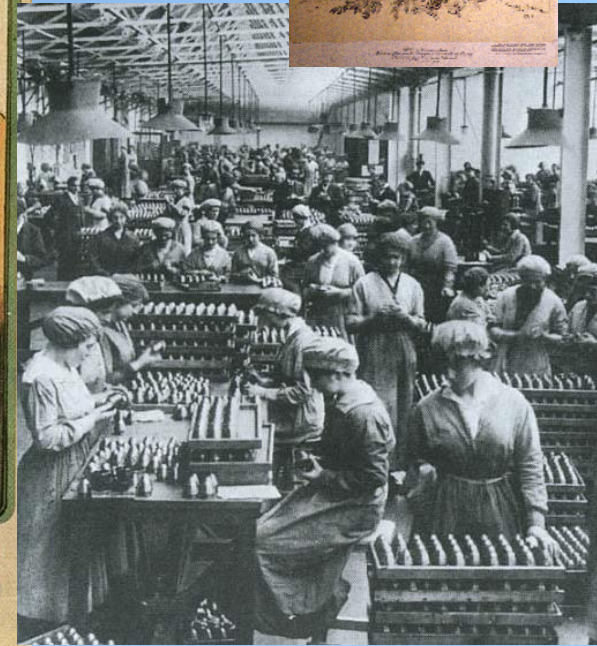
Battle of Tannenberg, Aug. 26-30, 1914

Decisive German victory.
 Russia: 78,000 casualties
 92,000 POW (74% of army)

Germans speak of avenging “Tannenberg” defeat of Teutonic Knights in 1410

Germans focus on this front in 1915 as a war of manuver

TOTAL (INDUSTRIAL) WAR !



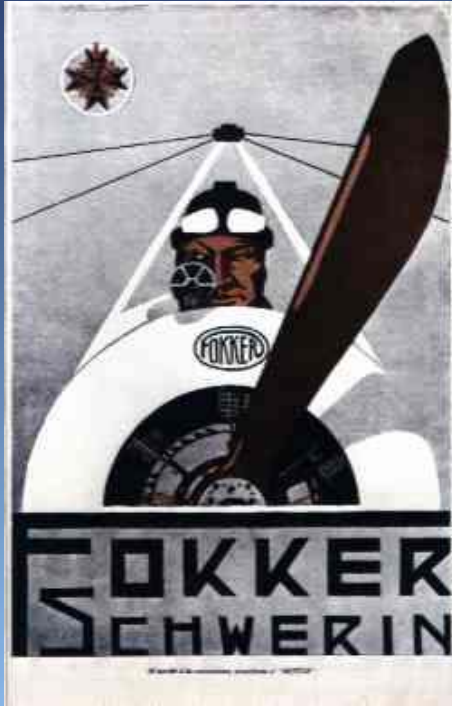
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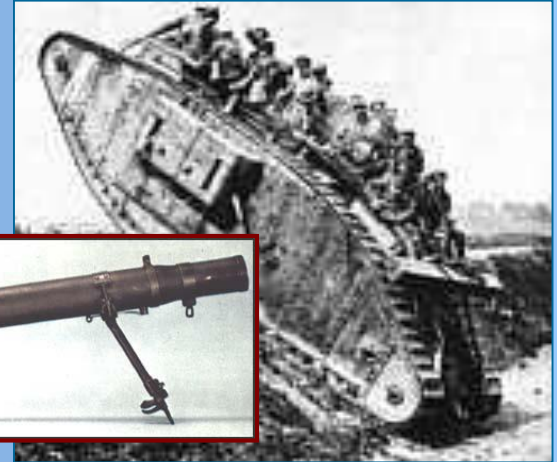
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Technological Innovations 1914-1917

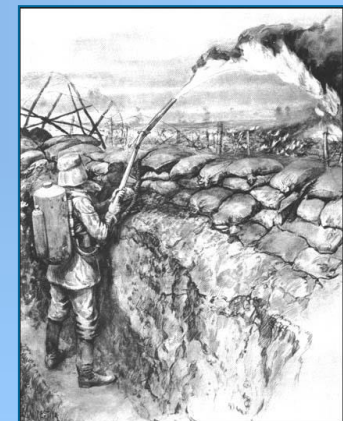


Air Power

Mobile Fire Power



Chemical Weapons



Flamethrowers

Technology

New

Poison gas

Flame thrower

Air warfare

Tanks (Infantry Fighting Vehicle)

Photographic intelligence

Anti-aircraft guns

Improved

Machine Gun

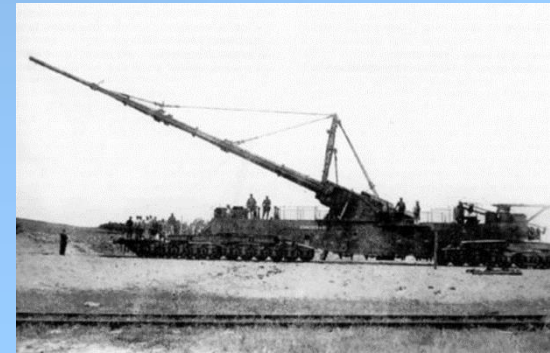
Artillery

Grenades

Trench warfare

Railroad

Motorized trucks



7 May 1915

NOTICE!

TRAVELLERS intending to embark on the Atlantic voyage are reminded that a state of war exists between Germany and her allies and Great Britain and her allies; that the zone of war includes the waters adjacent to the British Isles; that, in accordance with formal notice given by the Imperial German Government, vessels flying the flag of Great Britain, or of any of her allies, are liable to destruction in those waters and that travellers sailing in the war zone on ships of Great Britain or her allies do so at their own risk.

IMPERIAL GERMAN EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 22, 1915.

"All the News That's Fit to Print."

The New York Times. EXTRA 8:30 A. M.

VOL. LXXV., NO. 5491. NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1915—TWENTY-FOUR PAGES. FIVE CENTS.

LUSITANIA SUNK BY A SUBMARINE, PROBABLY 1,260 DEAD; TWICE TORPEDOED OFF IRISH COAST; SINKS IN 15 MINUTES; CAPT. TURNER SAVED, FROHMAN AND VANDERBILT MISSING; WASHINGTON BELIEVES THAT A GRAVE CRISIS IS AT HAND

SHOCKS THE PRESIDENT
Washington Deeply Stirred by the Loss of American Lives.

BULLETINS AT WHITE HOUSE
White House: "The Chief Executive is shocked and distressed by the news of the sinking of the Lusitania."

SENATE OF CONGRESS CALL
Senate of Congress: "The Senate will hold a special session to consider the situation."

CAPITAL TALK OF MURKERS
Washington: "The sinking of the Lusitania is a grave crisis."



THE LOST CURSED STEAMSHIP LUSITANIA
A Where the First Torpedo Struck. B Where the Second Torpedo Struck.

SOME DEAD TAKEN AWAY
Several Hundred Survivors at Queenstown and Antwerp.

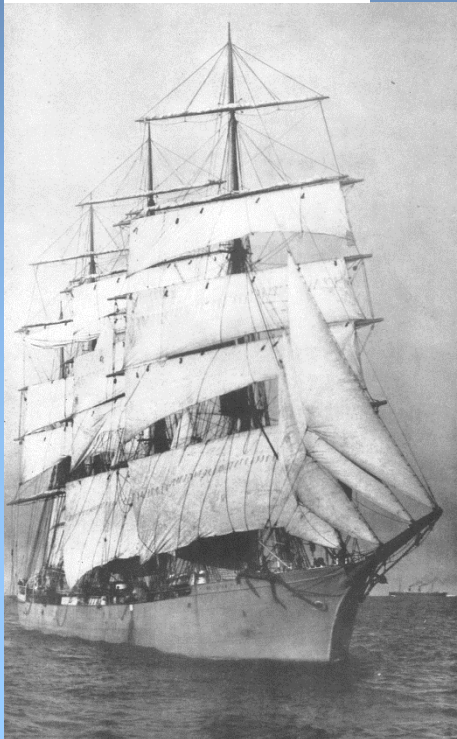
STEWARTS OF DEATH
The Torpedo Strikes into the Gunpowder Store, Setting off the Explosive.

SHIP LISTS GIVEN TO FBI
Many It Suspended to Learn More About the Disaster.

ATTACKED IN BRAD DO
Passenger at Larkspur: "The ship was hit by a torpedo."

Only 654 Were Saved, Few Cable Passengers
REUTERS: "The sinking of the Lusitania is a grave crisis."

28 Jan 1915



SV William P. Frye was stopped by German cruiser off coast of Brazil. 1st US ship to be sunk.

1,191 (of 1,962) passengers and crew lost their lives. 128 were Americans.

NEXT...

More of WWI

