THE GREAT WAR
WORLD WAR I 1914-1918

THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

Western Front detail: NETH., 0–50 mi, 0–75 km, BELGIUM, GERMANY, WESTERN FRONT, LUX., FRANCE

Eastern Front detail: RUSSIAN EMPIRE, GERMANY, EASTERN FRONT, 0–150 mi, 0–200 km, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, ROMANIA

Legend:
- Allies
- Central Powers
- Neutral

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SCHLIEFFEN PLAN

GERMANY

BRITAIN

BELGIUM

FRANCE

SWITZ

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

BATTLE OF CAPORETTO, 24th

ITALY

Field Marshal von Schlieffen

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JUTLAND

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TANNENBERG

SOMME

MARNE

VERDUN

BRUSILOV OFFENSIVE

GALLIPOLI
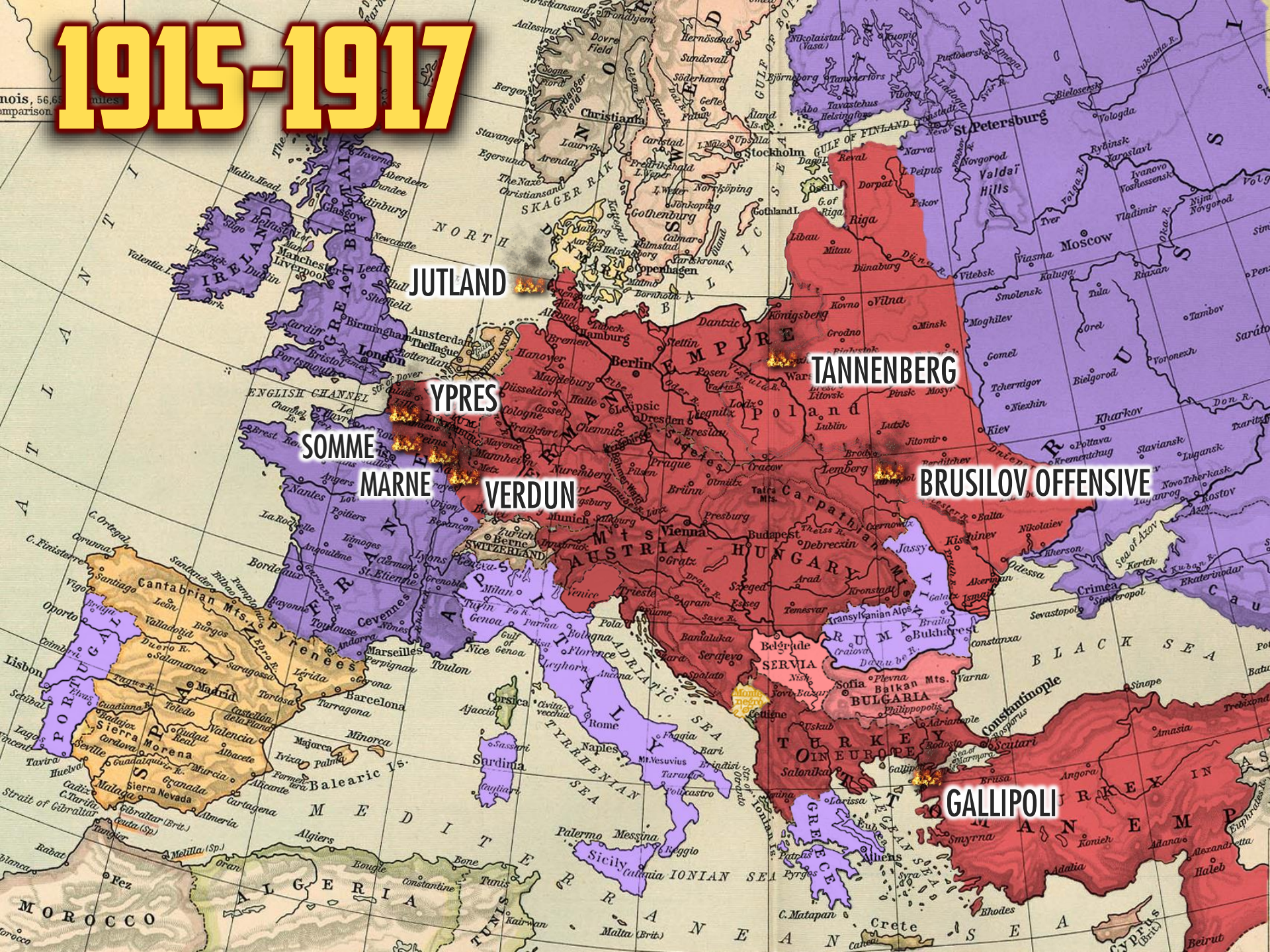
1ST BATTLE OF THE MARNE (SEP 1914)

THIS BATTLE SAVED PARIS & LED TO THE WESTERN FRONT STALEMATE

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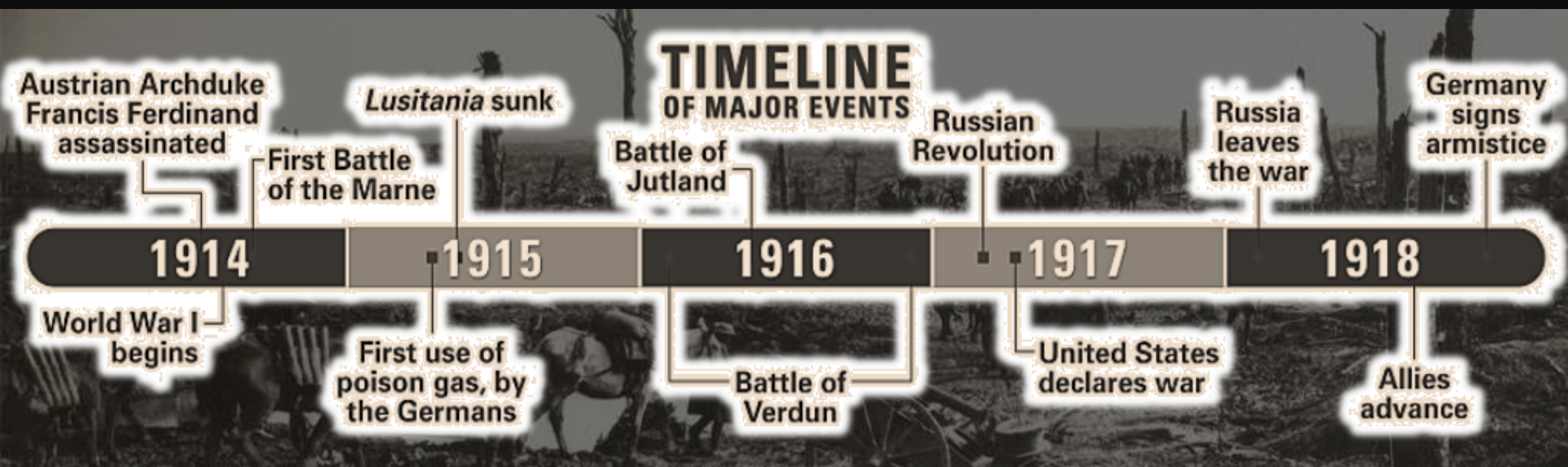
Allies advance

CATASTROPHIC DEATH
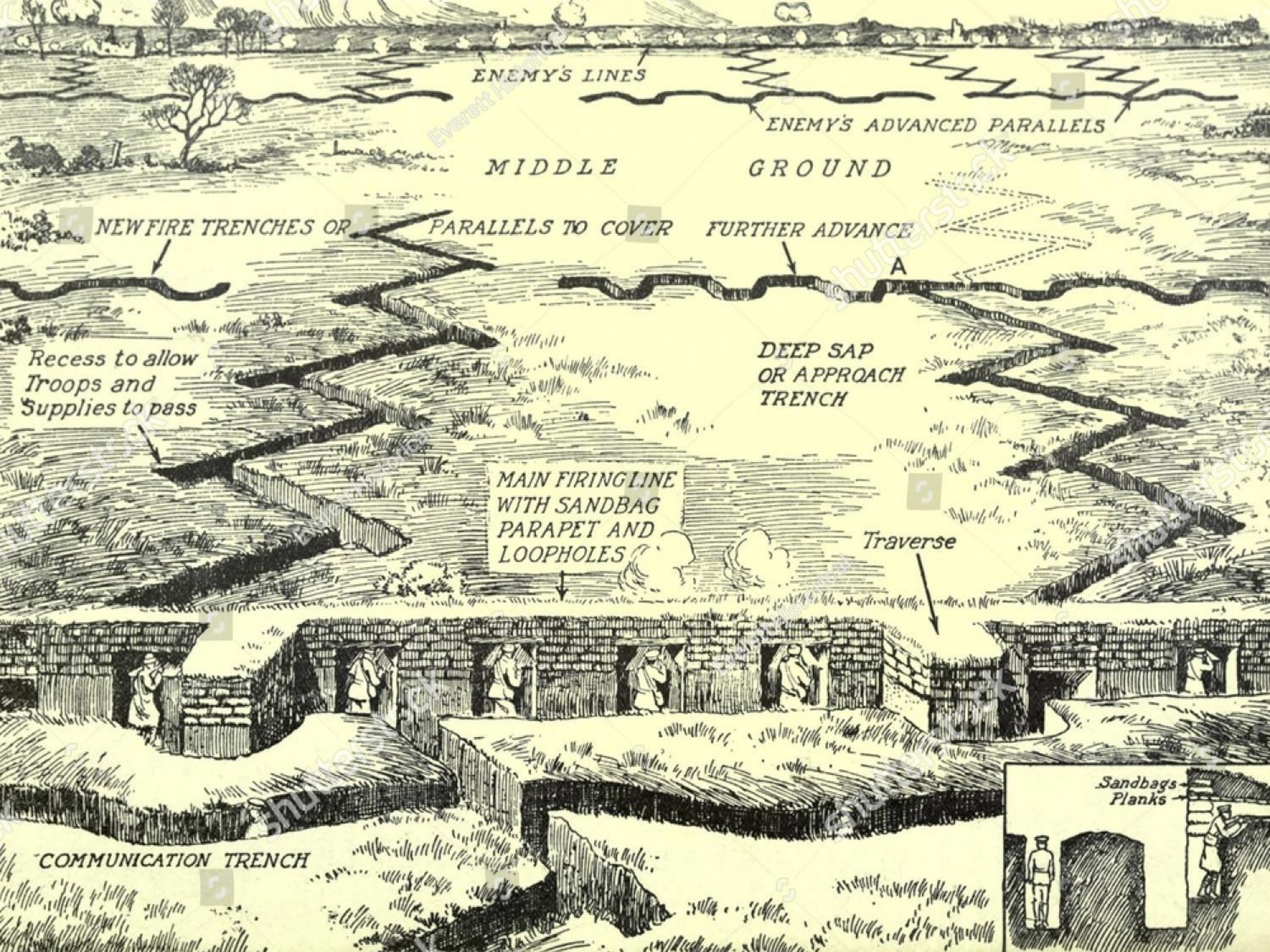1 MONTH: 260,000 French & 135,000 German Casualties
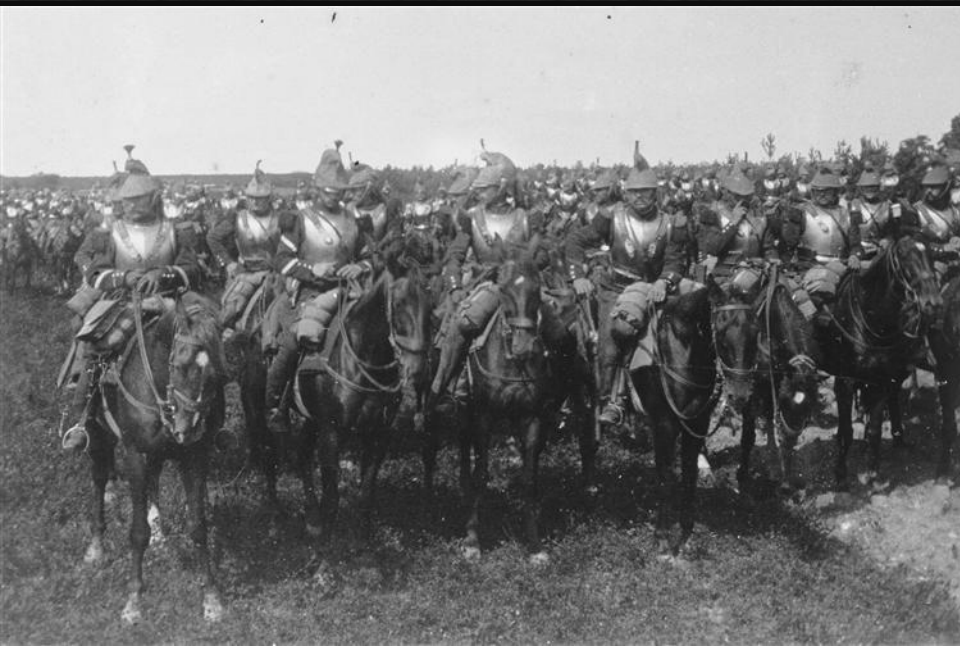
ENEMY'S LINES

ENEMY'S ADVANCED PARALLELS

MIDDLE GROUND

NEW FIRE TRENCHES OR PARALLELS TO COVER FURTHER ADVANCE

A

Recess to allow
Troops and
Supplies to pass

DEEP SAP
OR APPROACH
TRENCH

MAIN FIRING LINE
WITH SANDBAG
PARAPET AND
LOOPHOLES

Traverse

COMMUNICATION TRENCH

Sandbags
Planks

Aircraft can warn of the build-up of enemy troops before an attack

Concrete block house for a machine-gun

Long-range artillery is placed about 10 km behind the front line. These guns fire at advancing enemy troops

Reserve trench

Barbed wire: metres deep and an impassable obstacle for any troops able to reach it

Front-line trench

Support trench

Communication trenches allow reserves to be brought forward without exposing them to enemy fire

No Man's Land (the stretch of land between the trenches of the opposing sides) has already been churned up by shell fire. In wet weather it becomes a mass of mud, making it even harder for troops to cross

Front-line dug-outs provide protection but not against a direct hit from an artillery shell

A deep dug-out. German ones could be 15 m below ground and too well constructed to be damaged by shell fire

PROBLEMS FACING ATTACKING TROOPS

NO-MANS LAND
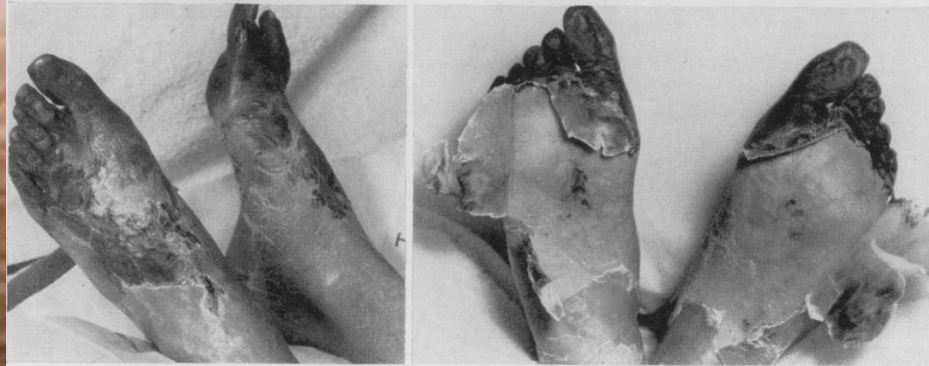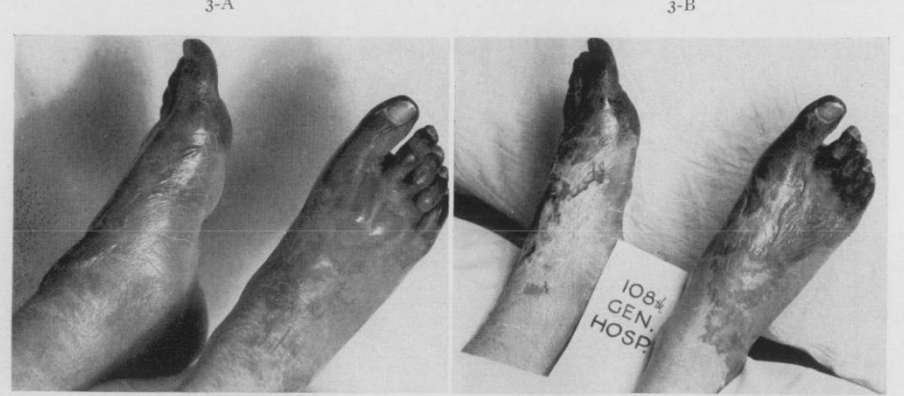ONCE A FOREST "IN FLANDERS FIELDS"

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CHRISTMAS TRUCE (DEC. 25, 1914)

"How marvelously wonderful, yet how strange it was... Christmas, the celebration of Love, managed to bring mortal enemies together as friends for a time."
German Soldier, 1914

BATTLE OF GALLIPOLI (FEB 19 1915 – JAN 9 1916)

INFAMOUS ALLIED FAILURE LED TO DIPLOMATIC & POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS

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Map 1 (Europe):

HOLLAND

GERMAN EMPIRE

Poland

Harbers sector

occupied Belgium

FRENCH REPUBLIC

SWISS

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE

Venetia

X. Caparetto

occupied Romania

occupied Serbia

occupied Montenegro

occupied Albania

K. OF BULGARIA

OTTOMAN EMPIRE

K. OF SPAIN

K. OF ITALY

K. OF GREECE

P. OF PORTUGAL

Gibraltar

SPANISH

BRITISH POSSESSIONS

Dodecanese (ITALIAN)

Cyprus

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA

Map 2 (Dardanelles region):

N

BULGARIA

BLACK SEA

TURKEY IN EUROPE

Edirne (Andrinople)

Railway

Scutari

GREECE

Tekirdag

Constantinople

SEA OF MARMARA

Bulair

Gulf of Saros

Samothrace

Gelibolu

Lapseki

AEGEAN SEA

Eceabat

Imbros

Canakkale

Helles

Dardanelles

Lemnos

Kumkale

Tenedos

Bezikir Bay

TURKEY IN ASIA (Anatolia)

Lesbos (Mytilene)

Skyros

Map 3 (Gallipoli peninsula relief):

KEY MAP SHOWING POSITION

TURKEY IN EUROPE

Sea of Marmara

Gallipoli

Karachali

Lapseki

TURKEY IN ASIA

Chanak

Scale of Miles

Gulf of Xeros (Saros)

Ejelmar B.

KISLAR DAGH

KOCHUK ANAFARTA

YALOVA

LINGERDERE (Cove Hill)

C. Suvla

Suvla or Anafarta Bay

Nibrunesi Pt.

Kasa Dere

Ari Burnu

Anzac Cove

BOKALI

BOKALI KALESSI

BIYUK ANAFARTA

KOJADERE

To Constantinople

150 Miles

Chemen 971

Sari Bair

NAGARA KALESSI

Kosse Kale

Gaba Tepe

ESKI KENI

MAIDOS

Koja Chimen

Pasha Dagh

Cham Kalesi

Dermaburnu

Medjidieh

AEGEAN SEA

KILID BAHR

The Narrows

CHANAK (SULTANIEH)

MAGHRAM

Avistar

Kilid Bahr

CHANAK KALESSI

CHEDELER

Hamidieh

Achi Baba

Sari Siglar Bay

The Null

KRITHIA

KALID

Kilid

HALAR

Kephez Pt.

Tekke Burnu

Eski Hisarlik

KUSUKUEI

Erthogrul

C. Helles

SEDD-UL-BAHR

Ruins of DARDANUS

KALABAKLI

KUM KALE

Erenkeui Bay

Ruins of Dardanus

ERENKEUI

KIZILKECHILI

REFERENCE

Principal Roads thus

Principal Forts thus

Heights in feet

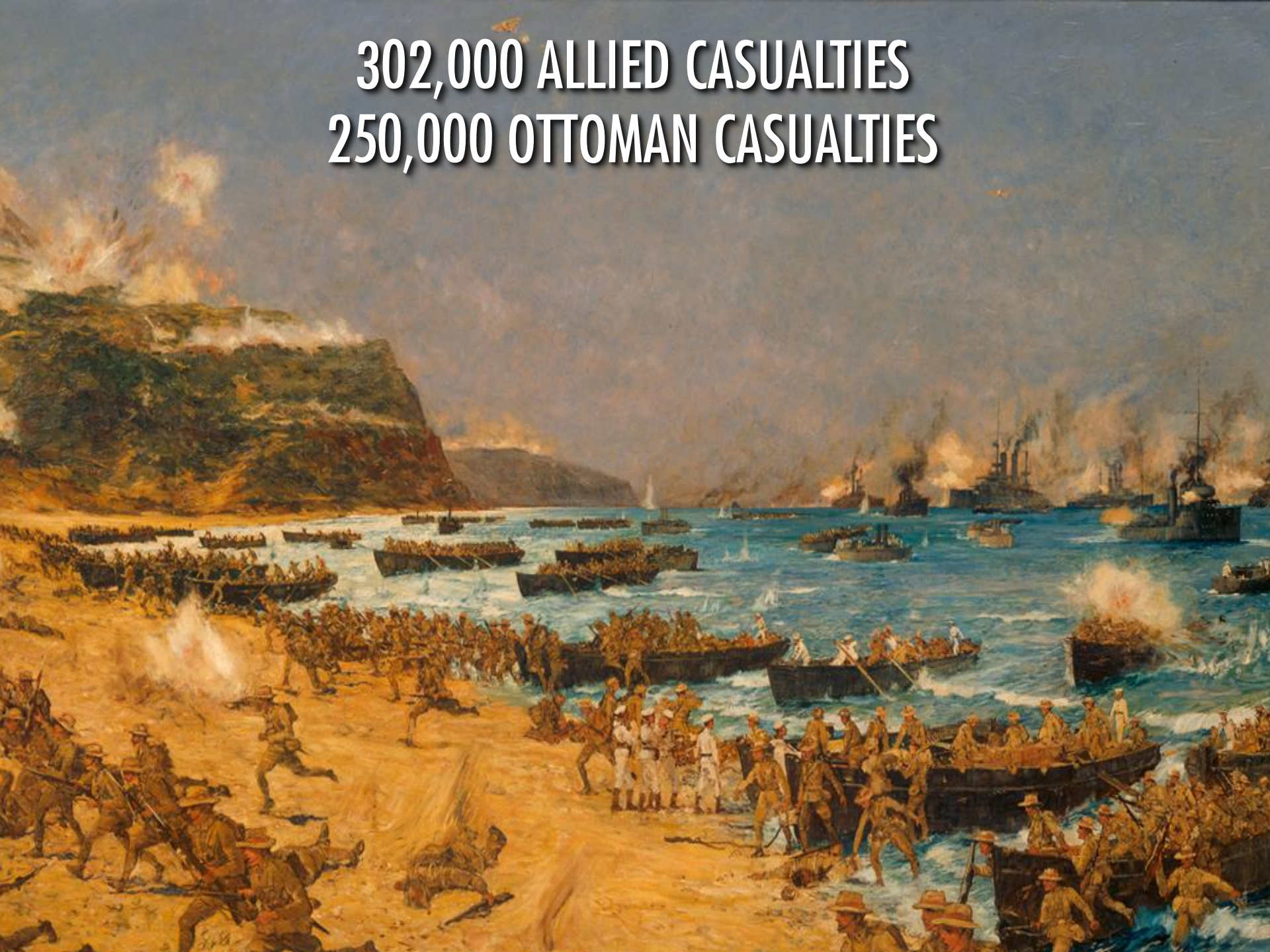The Letters against the Forts are those referred to in the Admiralty despatches

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302,000 ALLIED CASUALTIES
250,000 OTTOMAN CASUALTIES

LOUSITANIA SUNK (MAY 7, 1915)

BRITISH LINER SUNK BY GERMAN U-BOAT. PUSHED USA CLOSER TO WAR

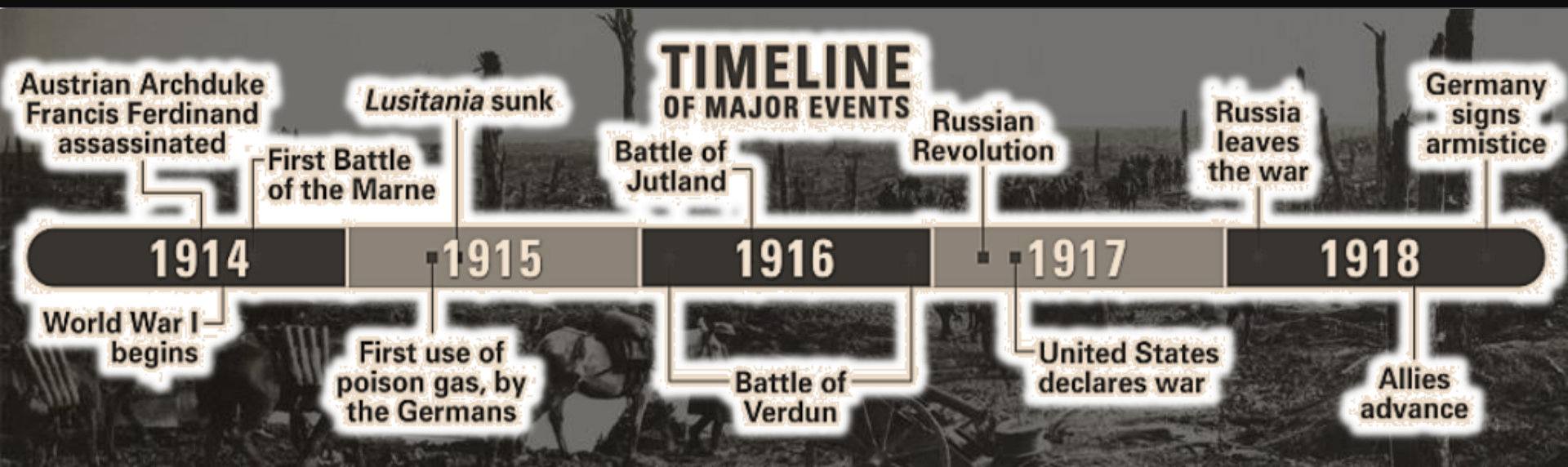## TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS

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Philippe Petain

LARGEST & LONGEST BATTLE OF THE WAR.

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"BLEED FRANCE WHITE"
303 Days of Fighting

"You eat beside the dead, you drink beside the dead, you relieve yourself beside the dead and you sleep beside the dead.... People will read that the front line was Hell. How can people begin to know what that one word — Hell — means."
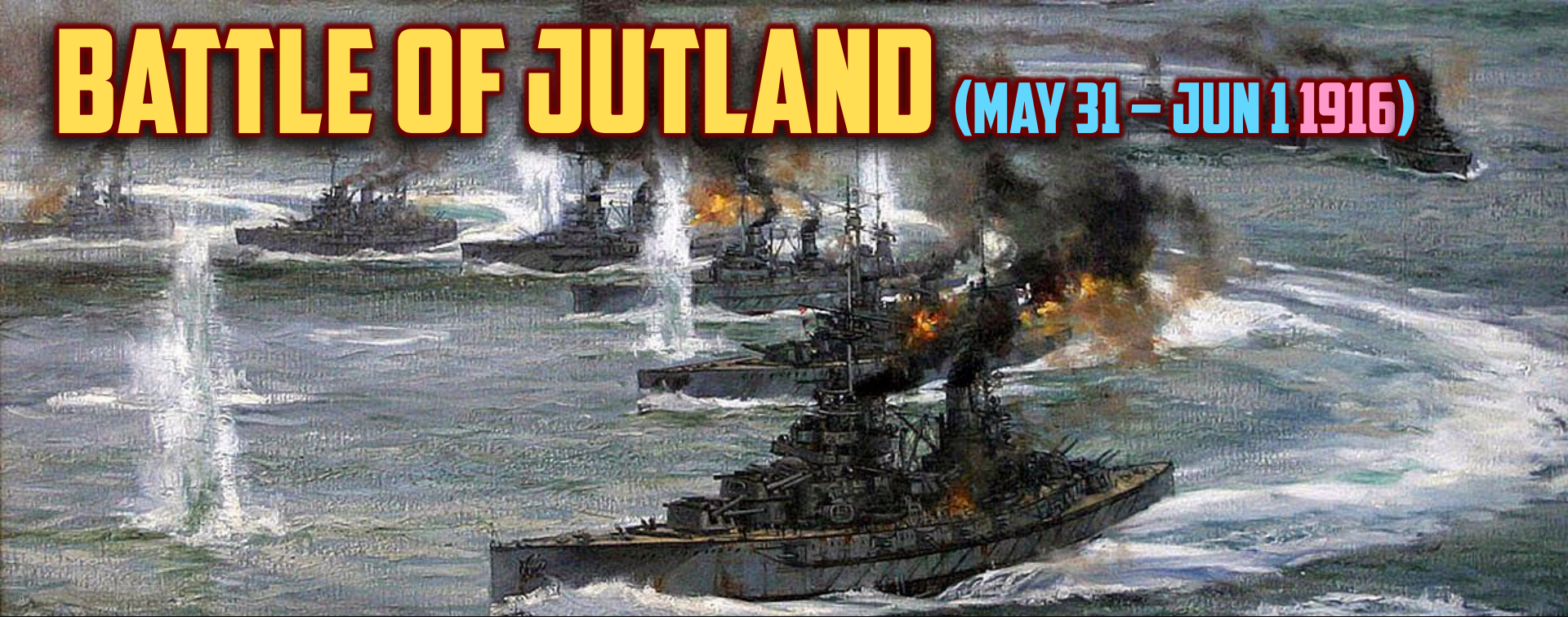
French Soldier, Verdun 1916

French: 337,231 Casualties
German: 337,000 Casualties

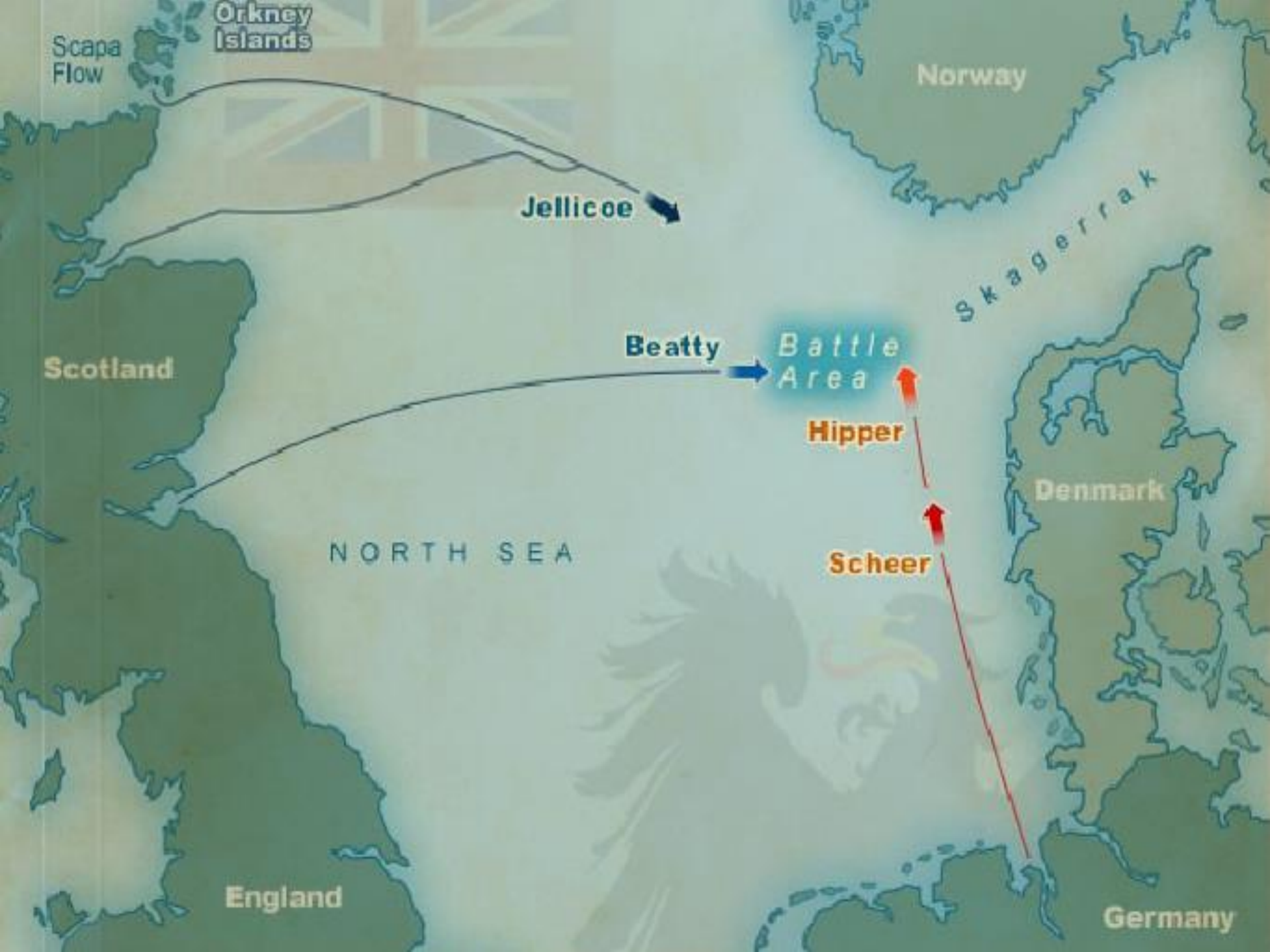# BATTLE OF JUTLAND (MAY 31 – JUN 1 1916)

STRATEGIC NAVAL VICTORY FOR BRITAIN. ENSURED THEIR BLOCKED AGAINST GERMANY.

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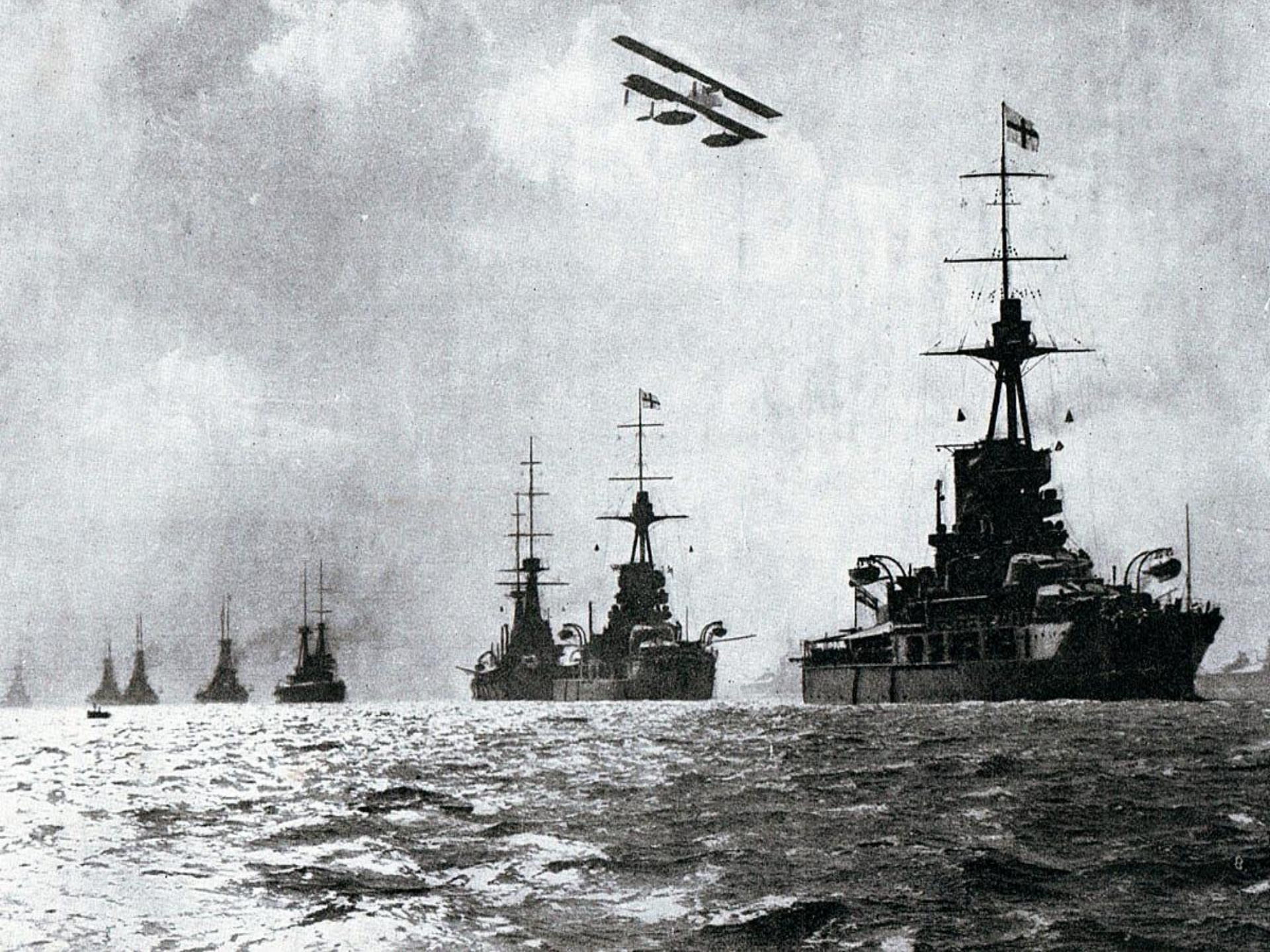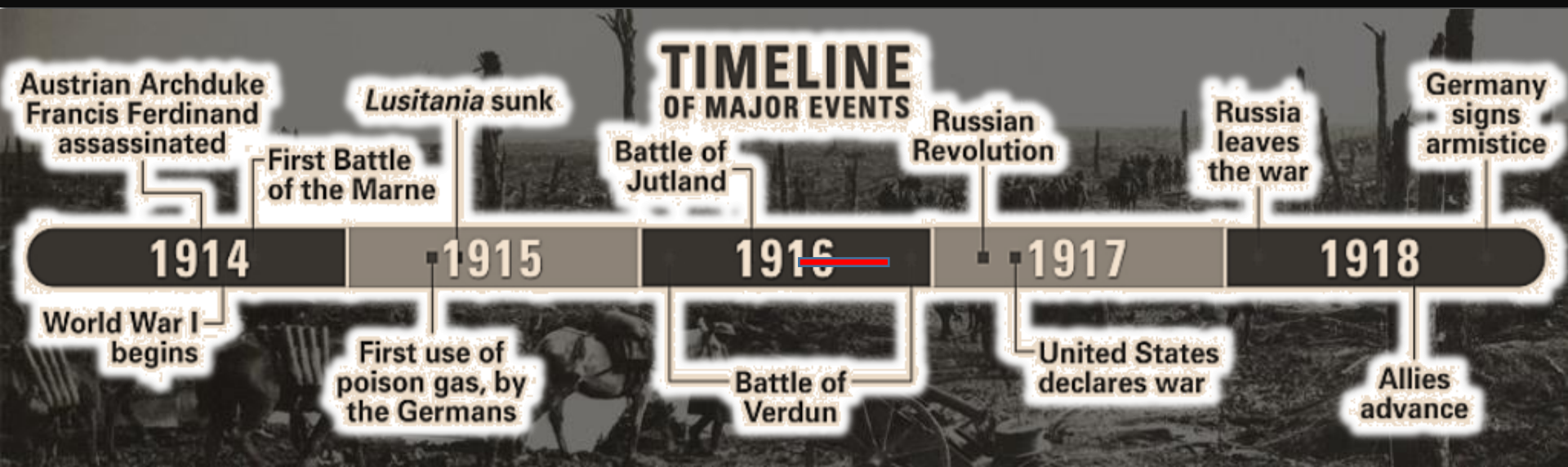First use of poison gas, by the Germans

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BATTLE OF THE SOMME (JUL 1 – NOV 18 1916)

BLOODIEST BATTLE OF THE WAR. 1st BATTLE TO INTRODUCE TANKS.

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July 1, 1916: 57,470 British causalities for 3 miles

British: 420,000 casualties
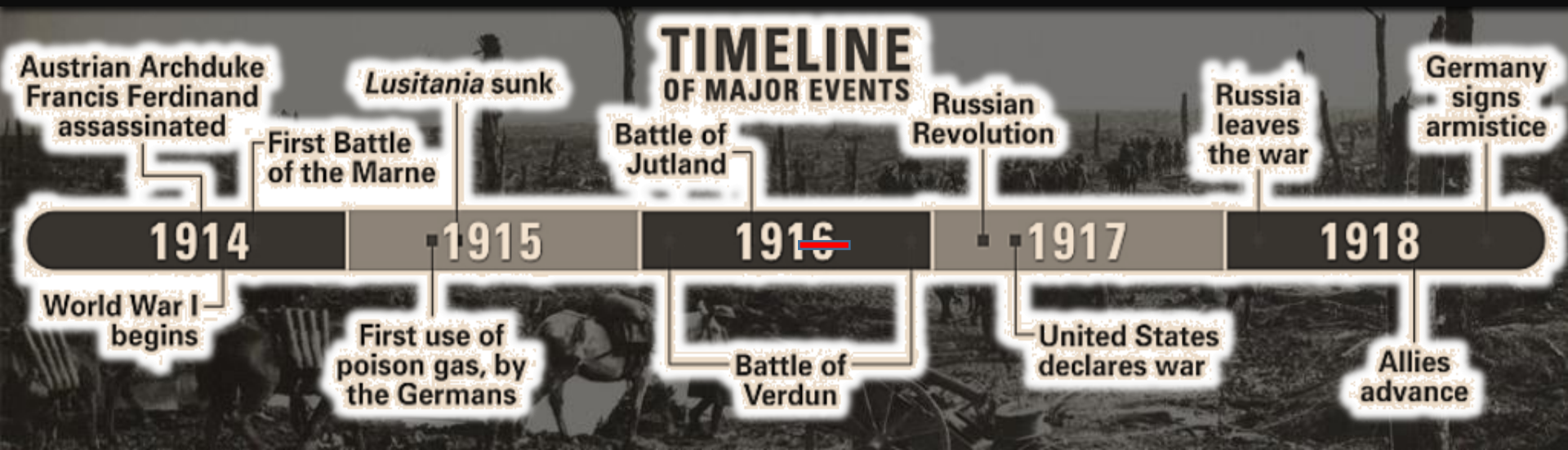French: 200,000 Casualties
German: 500,000 Casualties

BRUSILOV OFFENSIVE (JUN 4 – SEP 20 1916)

Aleksei Brusilov

LARGEST OFFENSIVE. WEAKENED AUSTRIA-HUNGARY PERMENANTLY TO RELY ON GERMANY.

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RUSSIA: 1,500,000 CASUALTIES
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: 1,000,000 CASUALTIES
GERMANY: 350,000 CASUALTIES

RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

1917

MARCH – DUMA CREATED & TSAR NICHOLAS ABDICATED

OCT – BOLSHEVIKS OVERTHROW DUMA & ESTABLISHED COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT

VLADIMIR LENIN

ARCTIC OCEAN

N

Greenland (Denmark)

Area of inset

SOVIET RUSSIA

Alaska

CANADA

Newfoundland

FAR EASTERN SSR

Korea

MONGOLIA

UNITED STATES

GEORGIA
AZERBAIJAN
ARMENIA

Autonomous Turkic peoples

JAPAN

CHINESE REPUBLIC

PACIFIC OCEAN

MEXICO HONDURAS
British Honduras
GUATEMALA
EL SALVADOR
NICARAGUA
COSTA RICA
PANAMA

Bahamas (Britain)
CUBA
HAITI
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Jamaica
Canal Zone (United States)
Puerto Rico (United States)

VENEZUELA
British Guiana
Dutch Guiana
French Guiana
COLOMBIA

French Morocco
Algeria
Rio de Oro

Iraq
Transjordan
Palestine
HEJAZ
Egypt
NEJD
Kuwait
Qatar
Trucial Oman
Oman

PERSIA AFGHANISTAN TIBET

Libya

NEPAL
BHUTAN
INDIA
Burma

Macao (Portugal)
Hong Hong (Britain)

SIAM
French Indo-China

Philippine Islands

Mariana Islands (Japan)

Guam (United States)
Palau Islands
Caroline Islands

Marshall Islands

Galapagos Islands (Ecuador)

ECUADOR

PERU

BRAZIL

Gambia
Portuguese Guinea
Sierra Leone
LIBERIA
Gold Coast

French West Africa

Nigeria

French Equatorial Africa

Rio Muni
Cameroon
French Equatorial Africa

Sudan
Eritrea
Yemen Aden
ETHIOPIA
French Somaliland
British Somaliland

Goa

Uganda
Belgian Congo
British East Africa
Rwanda-Urundi
Tanganyika
Italian Somaliland
Nyasaland

Malay states
Singapore (Britain)
Dutch East Indies

North East New Guinea (Australia)
Territory of Papua (Australia)
Portuguese Timor

Gilbert Islands (Britain)
Solomon Islands (Britain)
Ellice Islands (Britain)

INDIAN OCEAN

New Hebrides (Britain/France)

PACIFIC OCEAN

BOLIVIA
PARAGUAY
CHILE

Angola
Northern Rhodesia
Southern Rhodesia
Mozambique
Madagascar

New Caledonia (France)

Fiji Islands (Britain)

South West Africa (South Africa)
Bechuanaland
SOUTH AFRICA
Swaziland
Basutoland

AUSTRALIA

ATLANTIC OCEAN

URUGUAY
ARGENTINA

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Iceland (Denmark)

NORWAY SWEDEN FINLAND

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ITALY
BULGARIA
ALBANIA
GREECE
TURKEY

PORTUGAL SPAIN
Spanish Morocco
Tunisia
Syria

Legend

- Belgian territory
- British empire and dominions
- Dutch territory
- French territory
- German territory
- Italian territory
- Japanese territory
- Portuguese territory
- Spanish territory
- United States territory
- League of Nations mandate
- ITALY Founding member of League of Nations, 1919

0 1,000 2,000 Miles
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