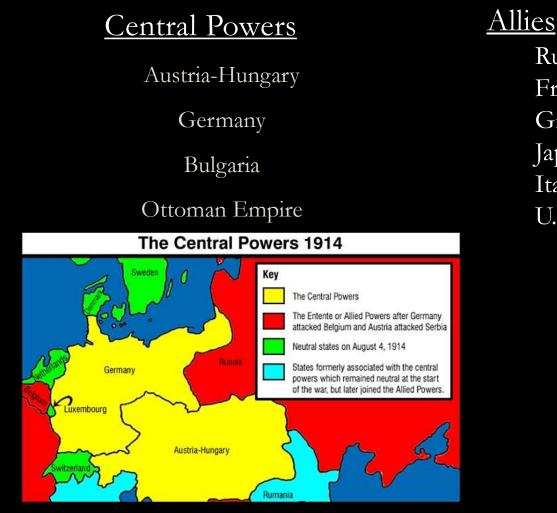
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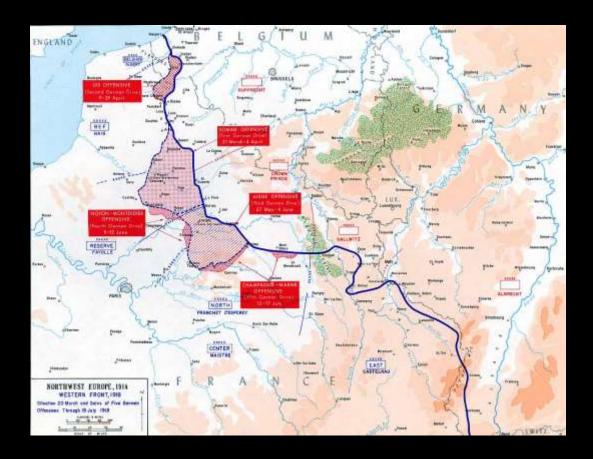
By the end of the war, the two sides were:



Russia France Great Britain Japan Italy U.S.

# THE WESTERN FRONT

### 1914 - Stalemate along the border of France This was the Western Front



## **\*THE SCHLIEFFEN PLAN\***

Germany's plan to win the war

It was: Germany planned a long war. Attack & defeat France <u>FIRST</u> Then rush East to fight Russia



THE FIRST BATTLE OF THE MARNE

### Germany was on track to defeat France Made it almost all the way to Paris The First Battle of the Marne September 5<sup>th</sup>

French armies regrouped in the Valley of the Marne



# EFFECTS OF THE FIRST BATTLE OF THE MARNE

#### Destroyed the Schlieffen Plan

Russia had already invaded Germany

Germany was going to have to fight a war on two fronts after all



## Stalemate on the Western Front Troops dig trenches to protect themselves from fire

#### Trench Warfare

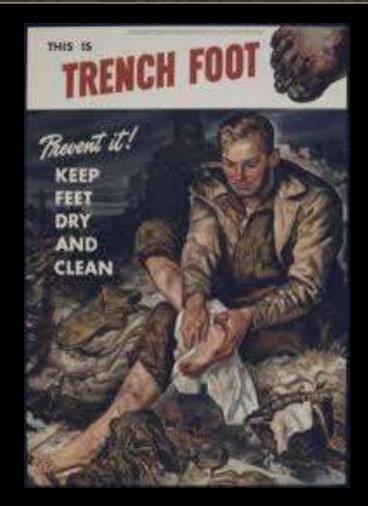


#### EXPERIENCES OF TRENCH WARFARE

Some soldiers lived in the trenches for weeks or months

Lived with rats, dead bodies, disease, starvation

Led to huge loss of human life for little land gain





## MACHINE GUNS, POISON GAS, TANKS & SUBMARINES

Poison Gas Machine Guns Barbed Wire Tanks Submarines Fighter Planes



WAR ON THE EASTERN FRONT

#### Meanwhile, troops were also battling between the German and Russian border



By 1916, Russia's army was on life support Short on food, guns, ammunition, supplies The one thing Russia did have: a huge population

#### TIMELINE

1914 – WWI begins June 28, 1914 – Franz Ferdinand shot 1915 Stalemate on the Western front Gallipoli Campaign 1916 Feb – Dec – Battle of Verdun July – Battle of the Somme Russia struggles

#### 1917

U.S. enters WWI

Russia withdraws from the war 1918 – WWI ends 1919 – Treaty of Versailles signed Treaty of Versailles: This war is completely Germany's fault.

Austria and Serbia:





