

A BLOODY CONFLICT

CHAPTER 7 SECTION 3
US HISTORY (EOC)

COMBAT IN WORLD WAR I

- **SPRING 1917: WORLD WAR I HAS DEVASTATED EUROPE**
 - LAND IS ALMOST COMPLETELY DESTROYED
 - NO FOOD CAN GROW IN RAVAGED REGIONS
 - WHOLE TOWNS HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED
- **WHAT KIND OF STRATEGY & TECHNOLOGY WAS BEING USED?**
 - OLD-FASHIONED STRATEGIES – THINK CIVIL WAR STYLE
 - NEW TECHNOLOGIES – MECHANIZED WARFARE
- **WHAT DOES THIS STYLE OF WARFARE RESULT IN?**
 - TOTAL DESTRUCTION!



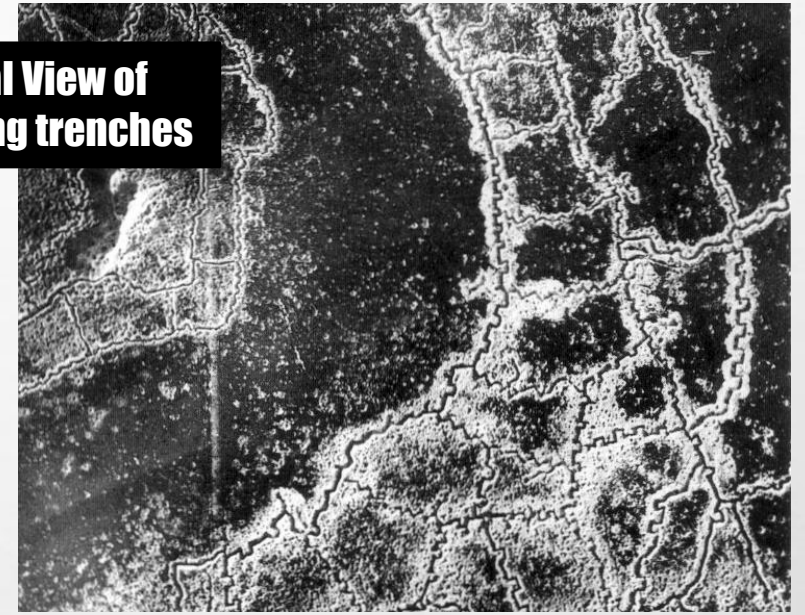
TRENCH WARFARE

- **WHAT WAS REVEALED IN EARLY BATTLES?**
 - WARFARE HAS CHANGED! NO ONE WAS PREPARED 😞
- **WHAT NEW TECHNOLOGIES IMPACTED THE BEGINNINGS OF WWI?**
 - POWERFUL ARTILLERY GUNS – EX. BIG BERTHA (THIS GERMAN HOWITZER GUN COULD FIRE ONE TON SHELLS ALMOST 6 MILES)
 - MACHINE GUNS
 - MORE CASUALTIES FROM ARTILLERY THAN ANYTHING ELSE!
- **HOW DO YOU PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THIS TYPE OF WEAPON?**
 - TRENCHES! THESE STRETCH ACROSS NORTHERN EUROPE
 - FRANCE TO SWITZERLAND – LANDSCAPE CHANGED DUE TO TRENCHES



- **HOW DID TRENCHES PROTECT SOLDIERS?**
 - TRENCHES ALLOWED SOLDIERS TO ESCAPE THE MACHINE GUN FIRE
- **WHAT WAS ALSO CREATED AS A RESULT?**
 - NO MAN'S LAND – THE AREA BETWEEN THE TRENCHES
 - ATTACKS ON OPPOSING TRENCHES WOULD BEGIN WITH AN ARTILLERY BARRAGE
 - DURING RAIDS, SOLDIERS WOULD CROSS THIS AREA TO ATTACK ENEMY TRENCHES
 - FILLED WITH BARBED WIRE, BOMB CRATERS, ETC....
- **SOLDIERS DEALT WITH HORRIBLE CONDITIONS:**
 - RATS, DISEASES, FLOODING, ETC....
 - TRENCH FOOT & TRENCH MOUTH COMMON

**Aerial View of
opposing trenches**



**Flanders Field,
Belgium 1919**



NEW TECHNOLOGY



**Average life expectancy of a
combat pilot: ~2 weeks**

- **POISON GAS:** GERMANY 1ST USED THIS IN 1915
 - GERMANY USED IN POLAND 1ST – DID NOT WORK WELL (FORM OF TEAR GAS)
 - GERMANY USED AT THE 2ND BATTLE OF YPRES (CHLORINE GAS) – THOUSANDS OF FRENCH TROOPS DIED!
 - CHLORINE GAS – VOMITING, BLINDNESS, SUFFOCATION
- **GAS MASKS:** BECAME STANDARD ISSUE TO PROTECT FROM CHEMICAL WARFARE
- **ARMORED TANKS:** INTRODUCED BY BRITAIN IN 1916
 - CRUSHED BARBED WIRE
 - CROSSED TRENCHES (SOMETIMES)
 - SLOW – COULD BE UNRELIABLE
- **AIRCRAFT:** 1ST BALLOONS 2ND AIRPLANES
 - BALLOONS HAD BEEN USED IN THE CIVIL WAR
 - ZEPPELINS –COULD DROP BOMBS/USE MACHINE GUNS
 - AIRPLANES: BATTLED IN DOGFIGHTS – DIFFICULT TO FLY/EASY TO DESTROY



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AMERICA ARRIVES

- **HOW DID AMERICAN SOLDIERS CHANGE THE WAR?**
 - ALMOST 2 MILLION AMERICAN TROOPS WOULD GO TO THE WESTERN FRONT!
 - KNOWN AS “DOUGHBOYS” – INEXPERIENCED IN COMBAT
 - TROOPS WERE MORE FRESH – HAD NOT BEEN FIGHTING FOR 3 YEARS
 - AMERICA TIPPED THE BALANCE OF POWER IN FAVOR OF THE ALLIES – GERMANY KNEW THIS!
- **WINNING THE WAR AT SEA**
 - ADMIRAL SIMS CREATED THE CONVOY SYSTEM
 - PROTECTED MERCHANT SHIPS AND TROOP TRANSPORTS ON JOURNEY
 - WORKED TOGETHER FOR OVERALL PROTECTION
 - DID IT WORK? YES! GREATLY REDUCED SHIPPING LOSSES





THE ROMANOV FAMILY: 304 YEARS OF RULE IN RUSSIA



RUSSIA LEAVES WWI



- **SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS FOR RUSSIA IN WORLD WAR I**
 - 1913: 300 YEARS OF ROMANOV RULE
 - 1914: RUSSIA ENTERS WORLD WAR I
 - 1917: NICHOLAS WOULD BE FORCED TO LEAVE THE THRONE
- **HOW DID THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION BEGIN?**
 - THE PEOPLE TO STOP TRUSTING THE GOVERNMENT!
 - ETHNIC MINORITIES WERE RESISTING CONTROL
 - WORLD WAR I MADE IT WORSE!
- **RUSSIAN ARMIES CONTINUALLY LOST IN BATTLE**
 - POORLY LED AND STARVING = COUNTRY ENTERS A PERIOD OF CIVIL UNREST
 - FEBRUARY 1917: CZAR NICHOLAS II AND FAMILY UNDER HOUSE ARREST
 - MARCH 1917: NICHOLAS II ABDICATES (GIVES UP) THE THRONE

<https://www.history.com/topics/russian-revolution/videos/romanov-family>



TREATY OF BREST-LITOVSK: MARCH 1918



AMERICA ENTERS COMBAT



**Soldiers of the 369th awarded
the Croix de Guerre for
gallantry in action 1919**

- **JULY 4, 1917:** GENERAL PERSHING ARRIVED IN PARIS
 - BRITISH AND FRENCH LEADERS WANTED AMERICANS TO “FILL IN” THE GAPS IN THEIR LINES
 - PERSHING ABSOLUTELY REFUSED!
 - AMERICANS WOULD FIGHT AS AMERICANS
 - ONE UNIT WOULD EVENTUALLY JOIN FRENCH FORCES:
 - AFRICAN AMERICAN DIVISION – 93RD INFANTRY DIVISION
 - MOST FAMOUS REGIMENT: THE HARLEM HELLFIGHTERS!

- **GERMANY'S LAST OFFENSIVE**
 - MARCH 1918: GERMANY LAUNCHED A MASSIVE ATTACK ON THE WESTERN FRONT
 - SOLDIERS FROM THE RUSSIAN FRONT HAD JOINED THE WESTERN FRONT – REINFORCING THE GERMAN ATTACK
 - JUNE 1918: GERMANY WAS 40 MILES FROM PARIS!
- **WHERE DOES AMERICA FIRST ATTACK?**
 - CANTIGNY – QUICKLY DEFEATING THE GERMANS HERE
- **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**
 - JUNE 1: AMERICAN & FRENCH TROOPS STOP THE GERMANS AT CHATEAU-THIERRY
 - JULY 1918: GERMANY TRIES TO ADVANCE – AMERICAN/FRENCH FORCES HOLD!



BATTLE OF THE ARGONNE FOREST

SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ALLIED FORCES:

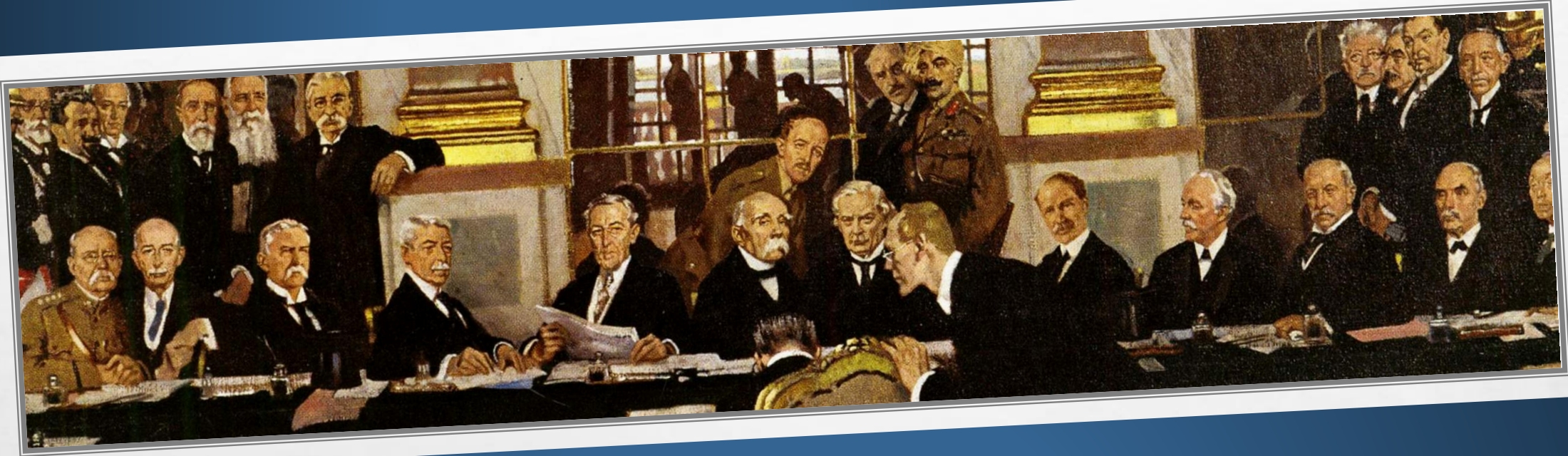
- MARSHALL FERDINAND FOCH ORDERED A MASSIVE COUNTERATTACK
- SEPTEMBER: AMERICAN TROOPS PUSHED THE GERMANS BACK AT SAINT-MIHIEL

BATTLE OF MEUSE-ARGONNE

- FROM SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 11, 1918:
 - THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE WOULD FIGHT A SERIES OF BATTLES WITH GERMANY
 - GERMANY BEGAN TO RETREAT

NOVEMBER 11, 1918: ARMISTICE DAY!





A FLAWED PEACE

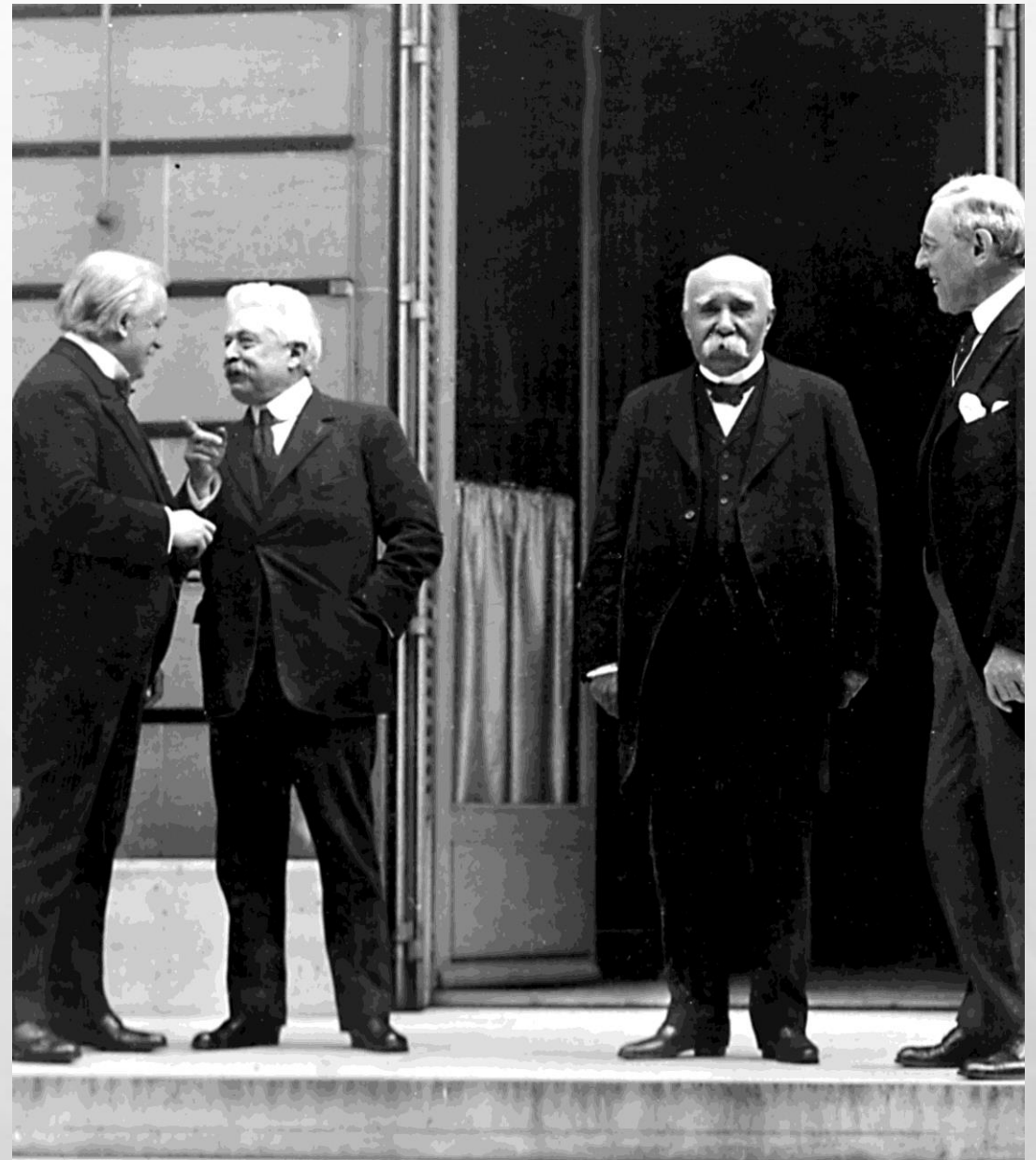


THE FOURTEEN POINTS

- **WHAT WAS WILSON'S PLAN TO END WORLD WAR I?**
 - THE FOURTEEN POINTS OF PEACE
- **WHAT IS IN THIS PLAN?**
 1. WILSON CALLED FOR MEASURES TO PREVENT WAR **(POINTS 1-5)**
 2. THINKING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLES WAS EVIDENT **(POINTS 6-13)**
 3. INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ORGANIZATION **(POINT 14)**
- **IS THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS SUCCESSFUL?**
 - THE IDEA WAS TO ESTABLISH A PLACE WHERE NATIONS COULD DISCUSS AND SETTLE PROBLEMS DIPLOMATICALLY – WITHOUT FUTURE WARS.
 - WILSON WILL LET GO OF MOST OF HIS IDEAS FOR THIS LEAGUE!

- I.** Open covenants of peace, openly arrived at . . .
- II.** Absolute freedom of navigation upon the seas, outside territorial waters, alike in peace and in war . . .
- III.** The removal, so far as possible, of all economic barriers and the establishment of an equality of trade conditions . . .
- IV.** Adequate guarantees given and taken that national armaments will be reduced to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety.
- V.** . . . [An] adjustment of all colonial claims, based upon a strict observance of the principle that in determining all such questions of sovereignty the interests of the populations concerned must have equal weight with the claims of the government whose title is to be determined.
- VI.** The evacuation of all Russian territory and such a settlement of all questions affecting Russia as will secure . . . her an unhampered and unembarrassed opportunity for the independent determination of her own political development and national policy . . .
- VII.** Belgium, the whole world will agree, must be evacuated and restored . . .
- VIII.** All French territory should be freed and the invaded portions restored, and the wrong done to France by Prussia in 1871 in the matter of Alsace-Lorraine, should be righted . . .
- IX.** A readjustment of the frontiers of Italy should be effected along clearly recognizable lines of nationality.
- X.** The peoples of Austria-Hungary . . . should be accorded the freest opportunity to autonomous development.
- XI.** Rumania, Serbia, and Montenegro should be evacuated; occupied territories restored; Serbia accorded free and secure access to the sea; and the relations of the several Balkan states to one another determined by friendly counsel along historically established lines of allegiance and nationality . . .
- XII.** The Turkish portion of the present Ottoman Empire should be assured a secure sovereignty, but the other nationalities which are now under Turkish rule should be assured . . . an absolutely unmolested opportunity of autonomous development, and the Dardanelles should be permanently opened as a free passage . . .
- XIII.** An independent Polish state should be erected which should be assured a free and secure access to the sea . . .
- XIV.** A general association of nations must be formed under specific covenants for the purpose of affording mutual guarantees of political independence and territorial integrity to great and small states alike.

- **JANUARY 1919: DELEGATES FROM 27 COUNTRIES MET AT THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES**
- **THE TREATY WITH GERMANY WOULD BECOME THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES**
- **WAS THIS THE ONLY TREATY NEGOTIATED?**
 - NO!
 - TREATY OF SAINT-GERMAIN – ENDED THE WAR WITH AUSTRIA-HUNGARY
- **WHO WERE THE CRITICAL PLAYERS AT THE TREATY?**
 - PRESIDENT WILSON: UNITED STATES
 - DAVID LLOYD GEORGE: BRITISH PRIME MINISTER
 - GEORGES CLEMENCEAU: FRENCH PREMIER
 - VITTORIO ORLANDO: ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER



TREATY OF VERSAILLES TERMS

- ALSACE-LORRAINE (GIVEN TO FRANCE)
- MALMEDY (GIVEN TO BELGIUM)
- NORTHERN SCHLESWIG (GIVEN TO DENMARK)
- HULTSCHIN (GIVEN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA)
- WEST PRUSSIA, POSEN AND UPPER SILESIA (GIVEN TO POLAND)
- THE SAAR, DANZIG AND MEMEL WERE PUT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.
- THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS ALSO TOOK CONTROL OF GERMANY'S OVERSEAS COLONIES.
- GERMANY HAD TO RETURN TO RUSSIA LAND TAKEN IN THE TREATY OF BREST-LITOVSK.
- NEW STATES: ESTONIA, LITHUANIA AND LATVIA.



MILITARY RESTRICTIONS:

- GERMANY'S ARMY WAS REDUCED TO 100,000 MEN; THE ARMY WAS NOT ALLOWED TANKS
- GERMANY WAS NOT ALLOWED AN AIR FORCE
- GERMANY WAS ALLOWED ONLY 6 CAPITAL NAVAL SHIPS AND NO SUBMARINES
- THE WEST OF THE RHINELAND AND 50 KMS EAST OF THE RIVER RHINE WAS MADE INTO A DEMILITARIZED ZONE (DMZ)
 - NO GERMAN SOLDIER OR WEAPON WAS ALLOWED INTO THIS ZONE.
- THE ALLIES WERE TO KEEP AN ARMY OF OCCUPATION ON THE WEST BANK OF THE RHINE FOR 15 YEARS.

