

The War to End All Wars

THE BACKSTORY

1. Imperialism

“Carving up” of Africa, South America, Polynesia

No war since 1871 (Franco-Prussian War)

Old guard on European mainland is fading

Germany on the rise

2. Nationalism

Belief in cultural superiority

Unites a newly armed Germany

Divides the growing Austro-Hungarian Empire



Osztrák–Magyar narchia népei



Distribution of Races in Austria-Hungary.



3. Comrades in arms

Late 1800s: the rise of alliances

Parity vs. "Big Stick"

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- Triple Entente



**GREAT
BRITAIN**

GERMANY

FRANCE

**AUSTRIA-
HUNGARY**

RUSSIA

ITALY

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Rise of **militarism**

Goal: Balance of power

Result: Escalation of tension



СА ДВОЈА ПЛЕСТА
28 ЈУНА 1941 ГОДИНЕ
ГАБРИЛО ГРАБИЊ
СВОЈИМ РУКАМА
ИЗЛОЖИ КАЗНИ
НЕСТАЈИТИ ОД НАС





UKRAINE

MOLDOVA

HUNGARY

ROMANIA

GEORGIA

SLOVENIA

CROATIA

BOSNIA-
HERZEGOVINA

SERBIA

BULGARIA

MACEDONIA

ALBANIA

GREECE

TURKEY

SYRIA

SA OVOG MJESTA 28. JUNA 1914. GODINE
GAVRILO PRINCIP JE IZVRŠIO ATENTAT NA
AUSTROUGARSKOG PRESTOLONASLJEDNIKA
FRANCA FERDINANDA I NJEGOVU SUPRUGU
SOFIJU

FROM THIS PLACE ON 28 JUNE 1914
GAVRILO PRINCIP ASSASSINATED THE HEIR
TO THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN THRONE
FRANZ FERDINAND AND HIS WIFE SOFIA



There is no need to carry me to prison.

My life is already ebbing away. I suggest that you nail me to a cross and burn me alive. My flaming body will be a torch to light my people on their path to freedom.

Gavrilo Princip

June 28, 1914

Austria-Hungary declares war with Serbia on 28 July 1914

Germany declares war with Russia on 1 August 1914

France invaded by Germany on 2 August 1914

Germany declares war with France on 3 August 1914

Belgium is invaded by Germany on 3 August 1914

Germany declares war with Belgium on 4 August 1914

Liberia declares war with Germany on 4 August 1914

Great Britain declares war with Germany on 4 August 1914

New Zealand enters war together with Britain on 4 August 1914

Australia enters war together with Britain on 4 August 1914

Canada enters war together with Britain on 4 August 1914

Montenegro declares war with Austria-Hungary on 5 August 1914...

Serbia declares war with Germany on 6 August 1914

Austria-Hungary declares war with Russia on 6 August 1914

Montenegro declares war with Germany on 8 August 1914

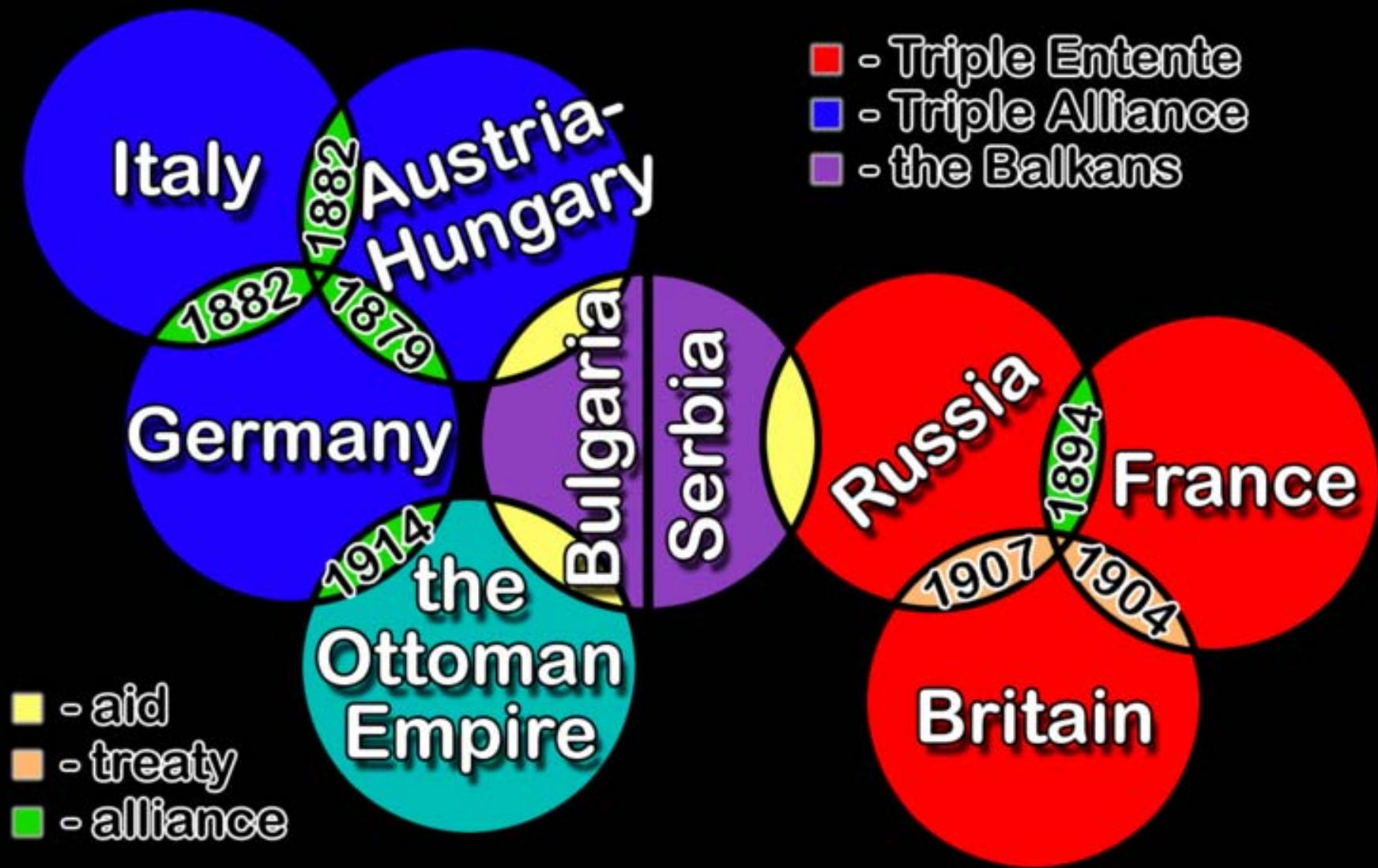
Great Britain declares war with Austria-Hungary on 12 August 1914

France declares war with Austria-Hungary on 12 August 1914

Japan declares war with Germany on 23 August 1914

Japan declares war with Austria-Hungary on 25 August 1914

Austria-Hungary declares war with Belgium on 28 August 1914



Murder in Sarajevo: The Fallout

Cause for caution: Serbia's powerful ally

Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia July 28

The dominoes fall

Triple Alliance: **Central Powers**

Austria-Hungary, Germany

Italy drops out, switches sides

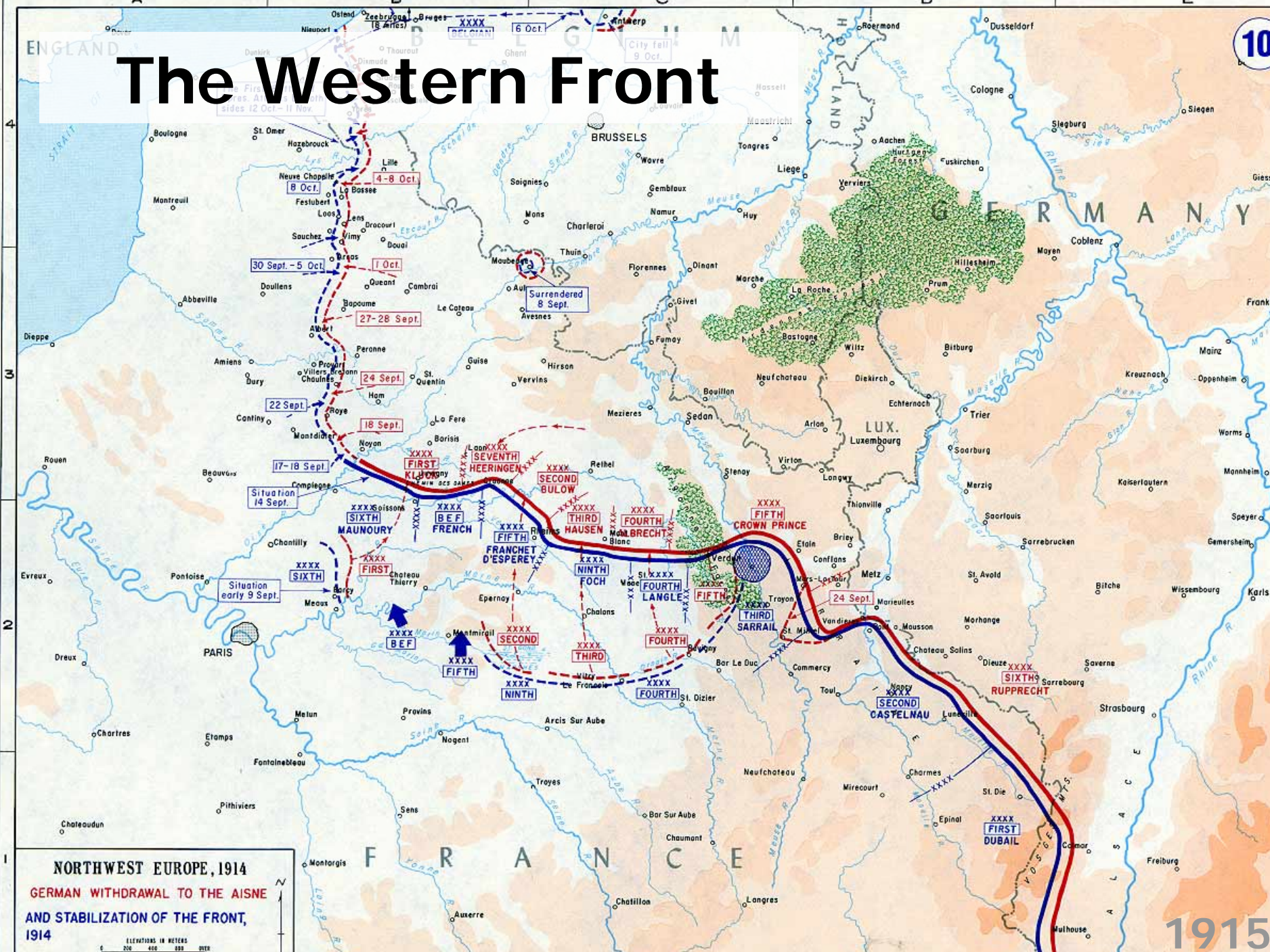
Triple Entente: **Allied Powers**

Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy...

and just about everyone else.



The Western Front



NORTHWEST EUROPE, 1914
GERMAN WITHDRAWAL TO THE AISNE
AND STABILIZATION OF THE FRONT,
1914

0 200 400 600 800 1000
KILOMETERS IN METERS

The Western Front

Military border between France, Germany

Fortified with lines of troops

Establishment of **trench warfare**



“A new kind of war”

Trenches and **no-man's-land**

Machine guns

400-600 rounds of ammo per minute

Artillery cannons

mustard gas, chlorine gas

birth of biological warfare



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“A new kind of war”

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Psychological advantages of poison gas

Unterseeboot

U-Boats (submarines)

mostly for mercantile sabotage

Airplanes first used in combat

“A new kind of war” (cont.)

Not just German militarism...

Early tanks: “water-carriers”
rolled out by France, Britain
very hard to maneuver
equally hard to take down



“Little Willie”

A bloody stalemate

Question: Why would the U.S. even *consider* getting involved in this mess?



BRITONS



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LINCOLN

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Battle of Verdun

Typical of trench warfare

21 February to 18 December, 1916

among longest, bloodiest battles in history



German dead at Verdun.

1916

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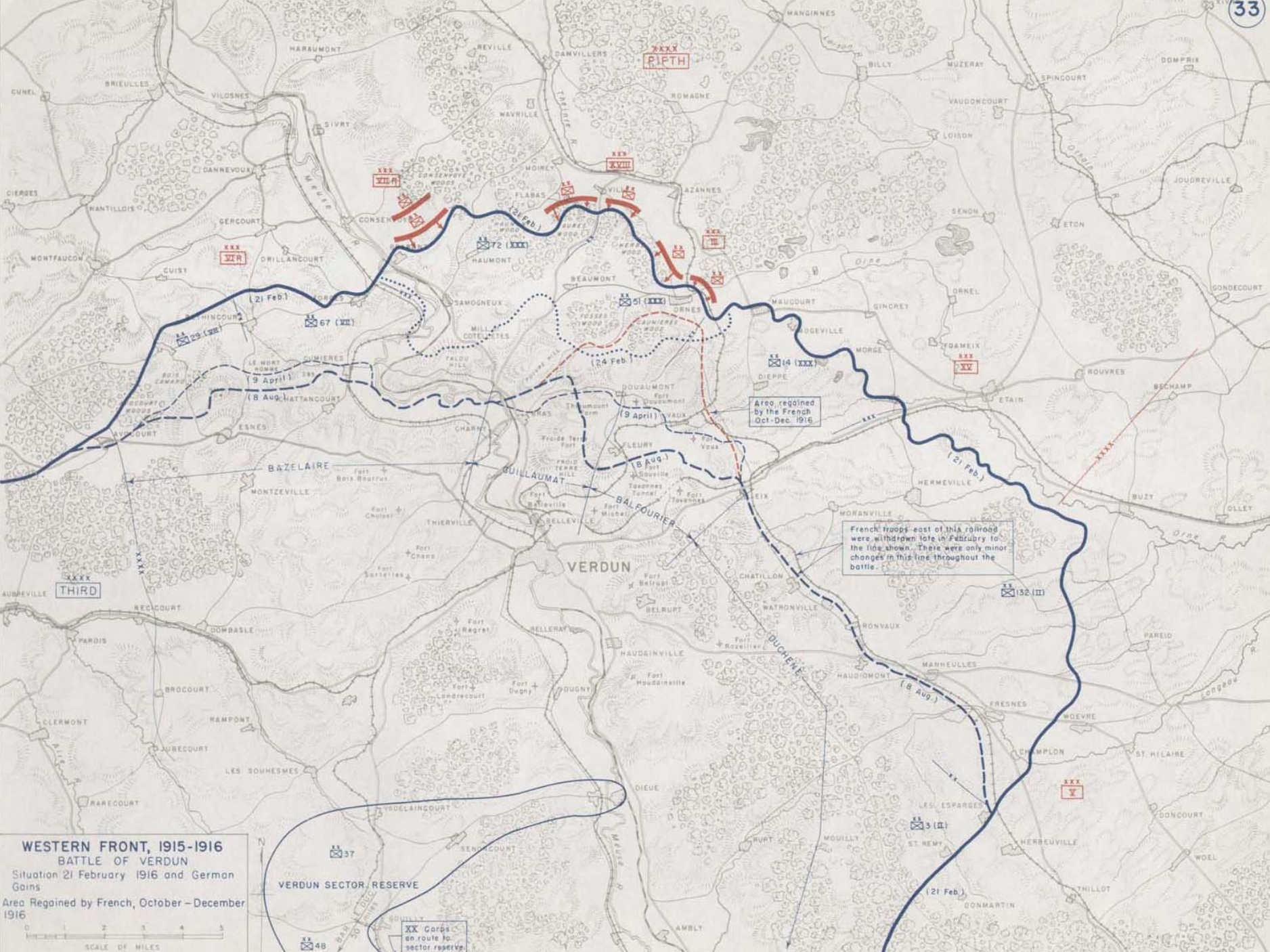
French lost 70% of troops

Germans lost 25%

New technology: *Flammenwerfer*

934,000 total casualties

symbolic of French resilience



WESTERN FRONT, 1915-1916
BATTLE OF VERDUN
 Situation 21 February 1916 and German Gains
 Area Regained by French, October - December 1916

VERDUN SECTOR RESERVE

XX Gains en route to sector reserve

French troops east of this railroad were withdrawn late in February to the line shown. There were only minor changes in this line throughout the battle.

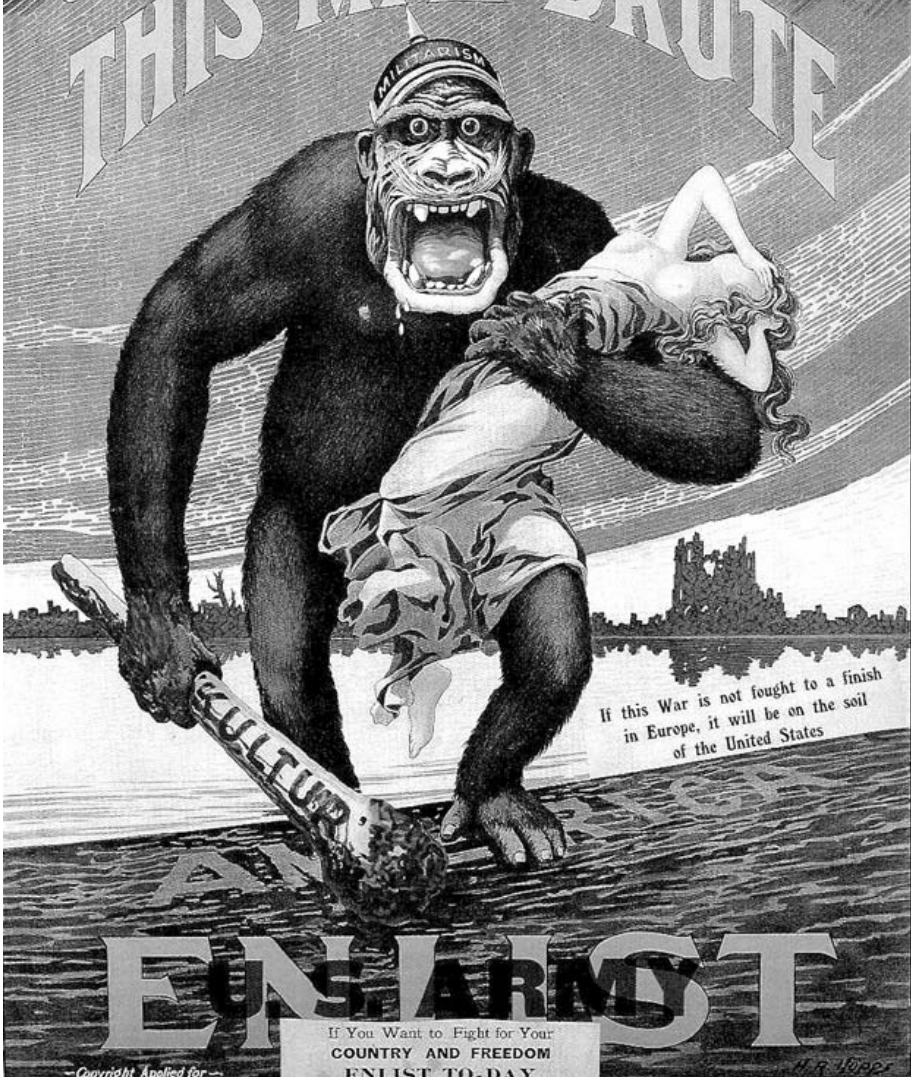
Area regained by the French Oct-Dec 1916

SCALE OF MILES

War and rhetoric

CPI: Committee on Public Information
slow climb out of isolationism
basically a propaganda machine

DESTROY THIS MAD BRUTE



If this War is not fought to a finish
in Europe, it will be on the soil
of the United States

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in the WORLD

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Fomentation of patriotism
speeches, posters, pamphlets
wave of U.S. nationalism

Dark side of war rhetoric

Espionage Act of 1917

“Anti-Americanism” costs you \$10,000, 20 years

Eugene V. Debs

Sedition Act of 1918

Mobilization

Outset: 750,000 enlisted men

not enough, even with volunteers, to help the Allies
what can you do?

May 1917: Selective Service Act

required all men 21-30 to register
nearly three million draftees
labor shortage?

QUEEN MARY'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS.

The GIRL
behind the man
behind the gun.



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Changes in Russia

Bolshevik Revolution,
February/October 1917

brought first communist
society to the world

decapitation of tsarist
regime

end of private property

years-long reorganization
process begins



1917, 1918

Changes in Russia

Treaty of Brest-Litovsk ends war for Soviet Union

March, 1918

A world revolution that never came

