

# A timeline of World War 1

**1914** 28th June

Archduke Franz Ferdinand,  
prince of Austria-Hungary  
is assassinated by a Serbian  
called Gavrilo Princip.



# 1914 23rd July

Austria-Hungary demands payback from Serbia.

Serbia refuses.



# 1914 28th July

Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia.

Russia gets ready to help Serbia.



# 1914 1st August

Germany declares war on Russia.



# 1914 3rd August

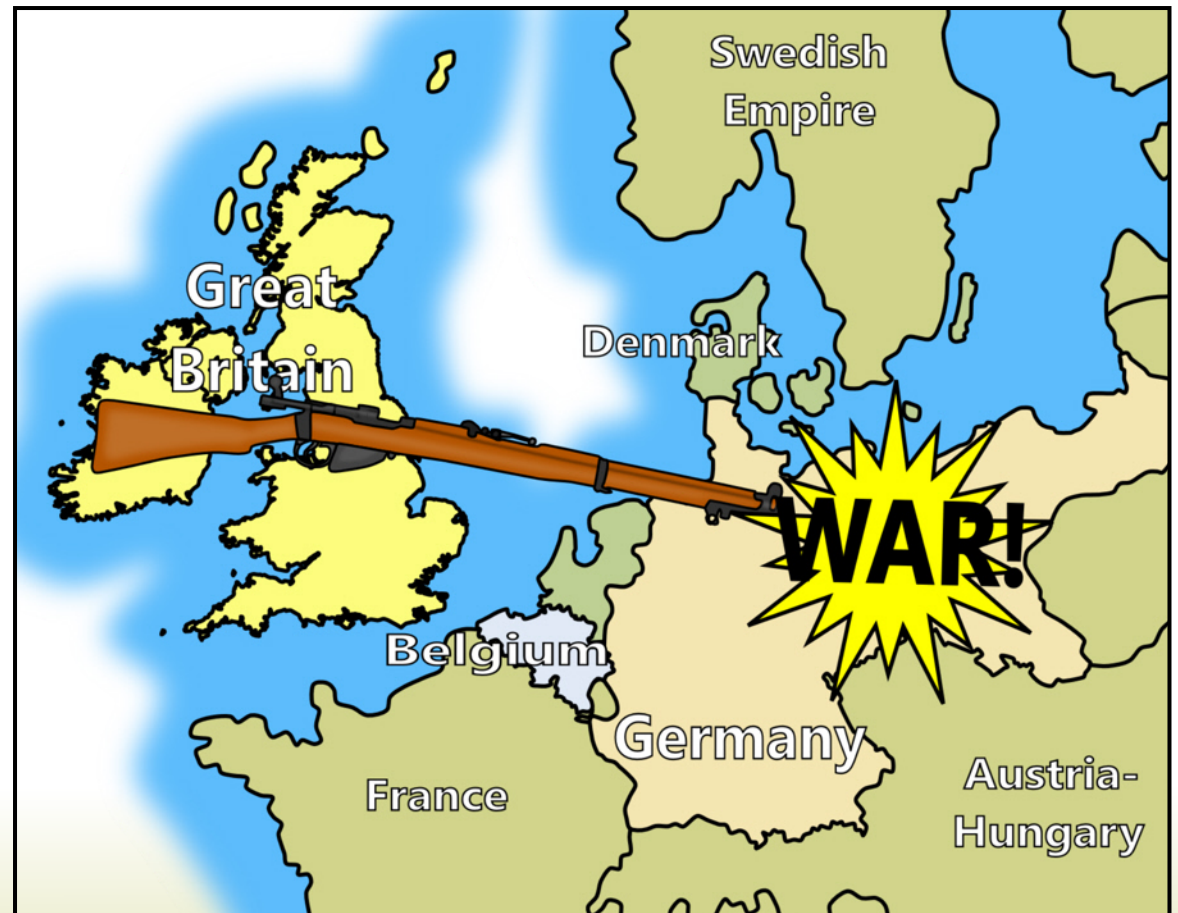
Germany declares war on France as part of the Schlieffen Plan.



# 1914 4th August

Germany invades  
Belgium.

Britain declares  
war on Germany.



# 1914 23rd to 30th August

The Battle of Tannenberg is fought between Germany and Russia. The Germans defeat the Russians.

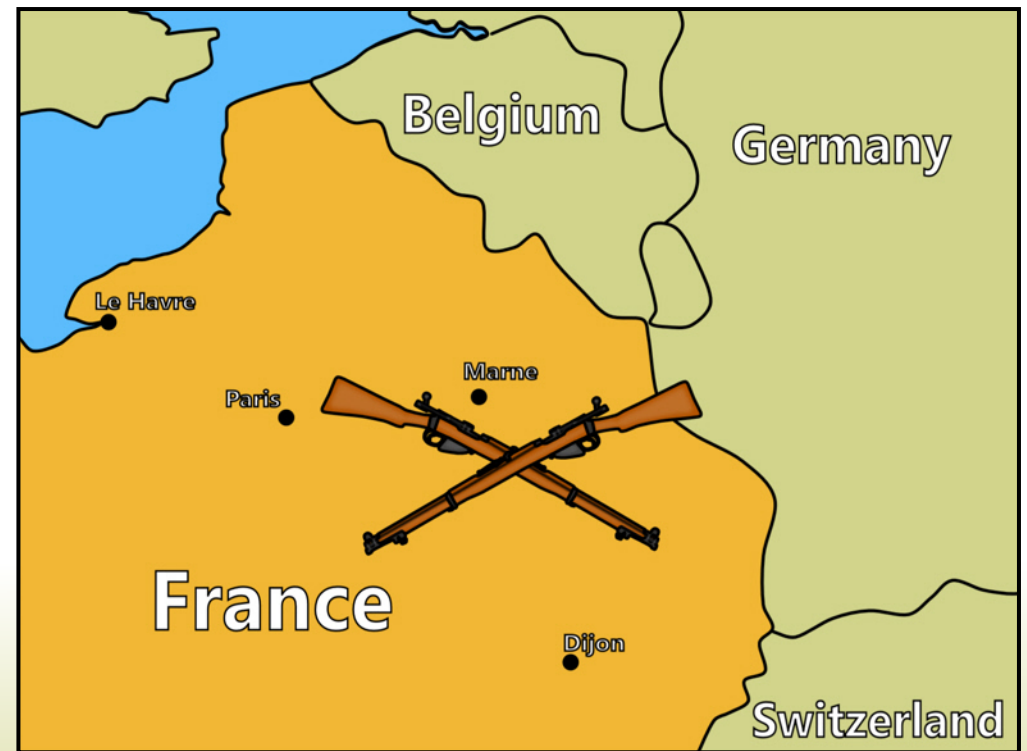




# 1914 5th to 12th September

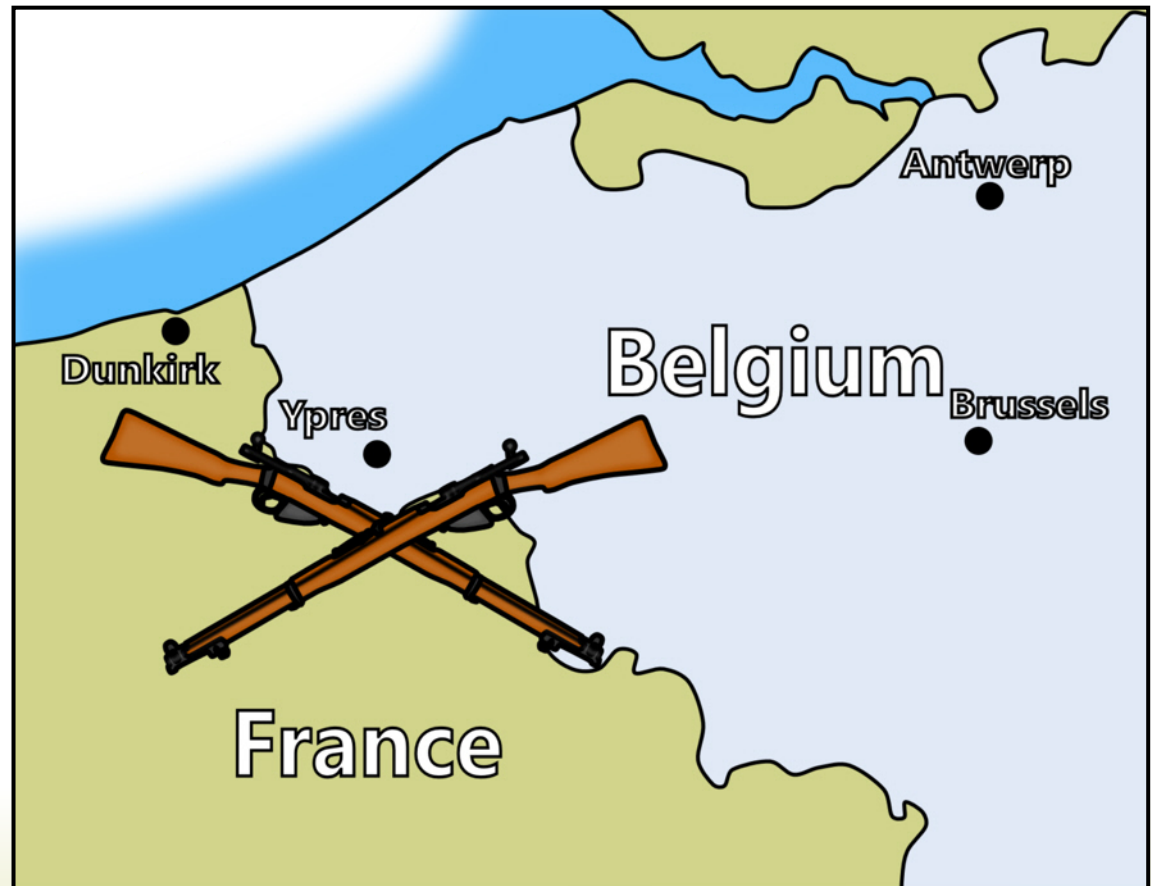
The First Battle of the Marne. Germany's troops are stopped by the British and French.

Trench warfare begins.



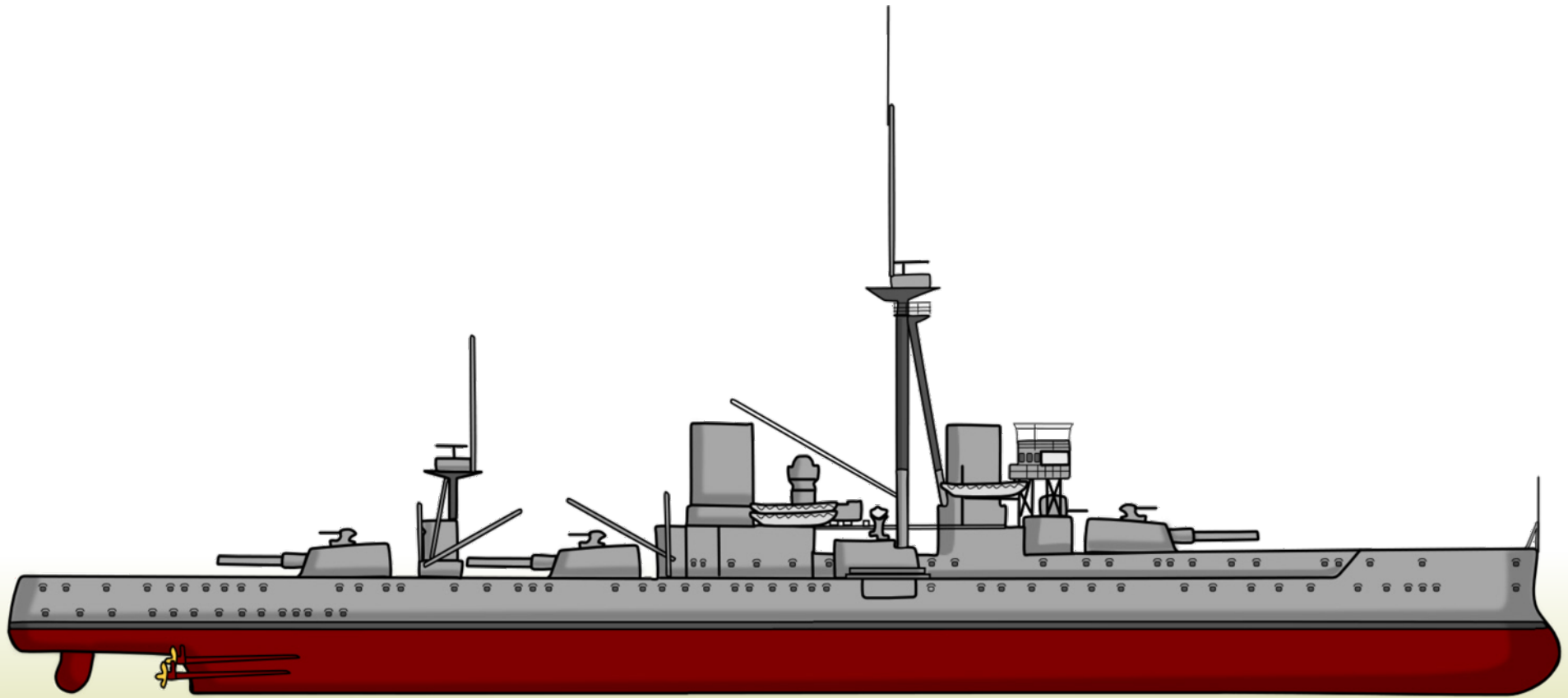
# 1914 19th October to 22nd November

The Allies defeat the Germans at the First Battle of Ypres.



# 1914 2nd November

The British begin a naval blockade of Germany.



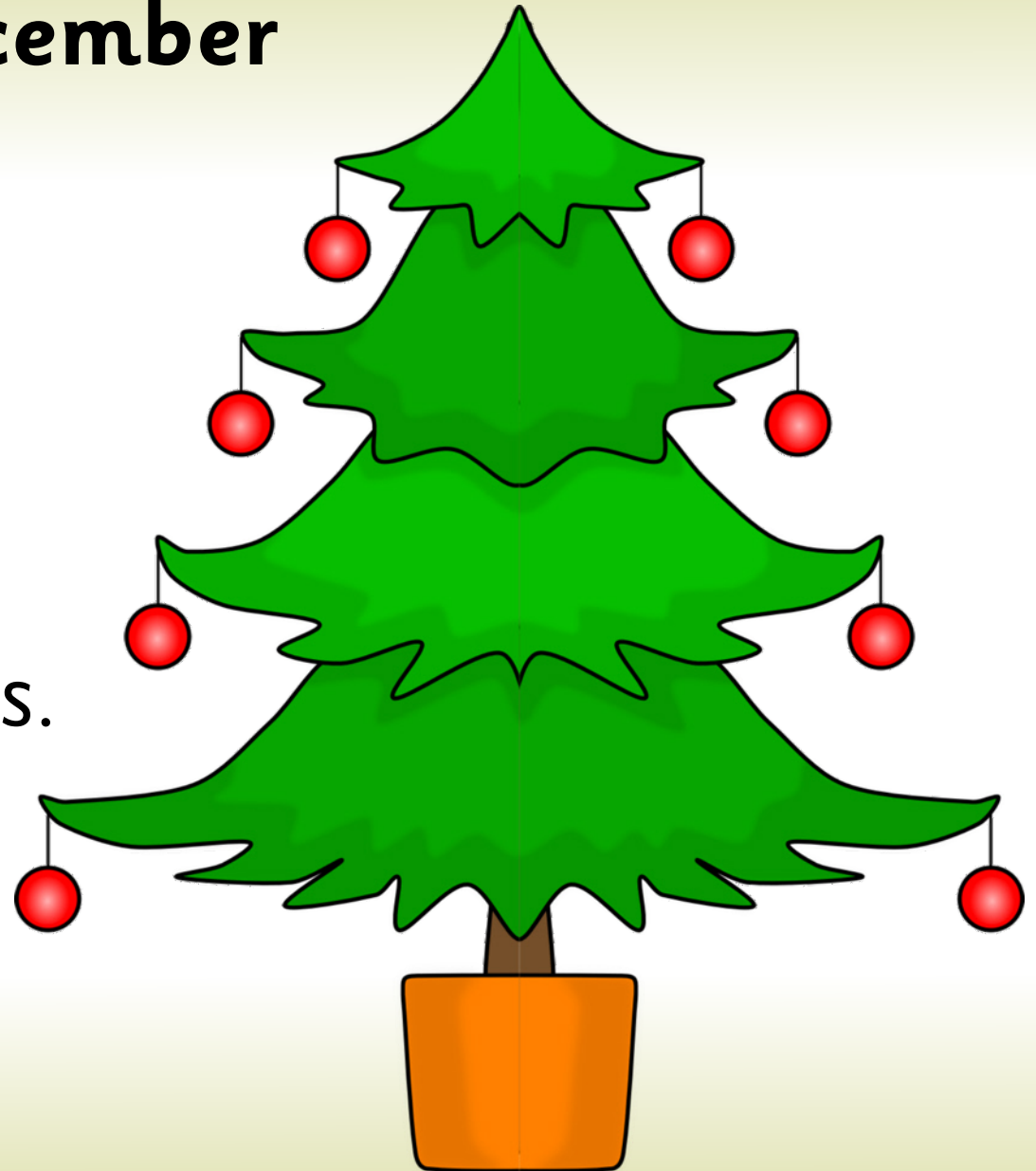
# 1914 11th November

The Ottoman Empire declares war on the Allies.

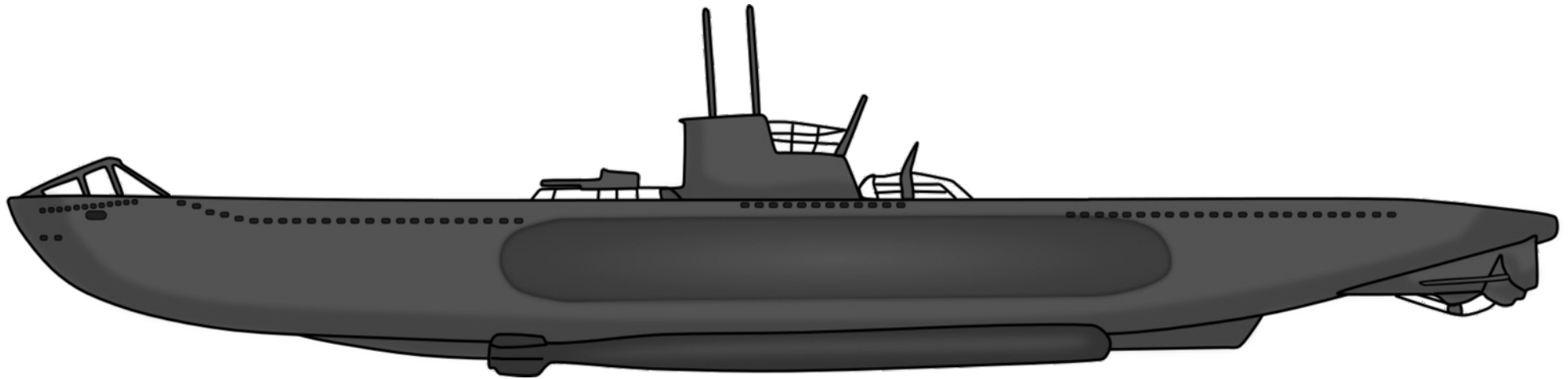


1914 24th December

An unofficial truce  
is called for Christmas.



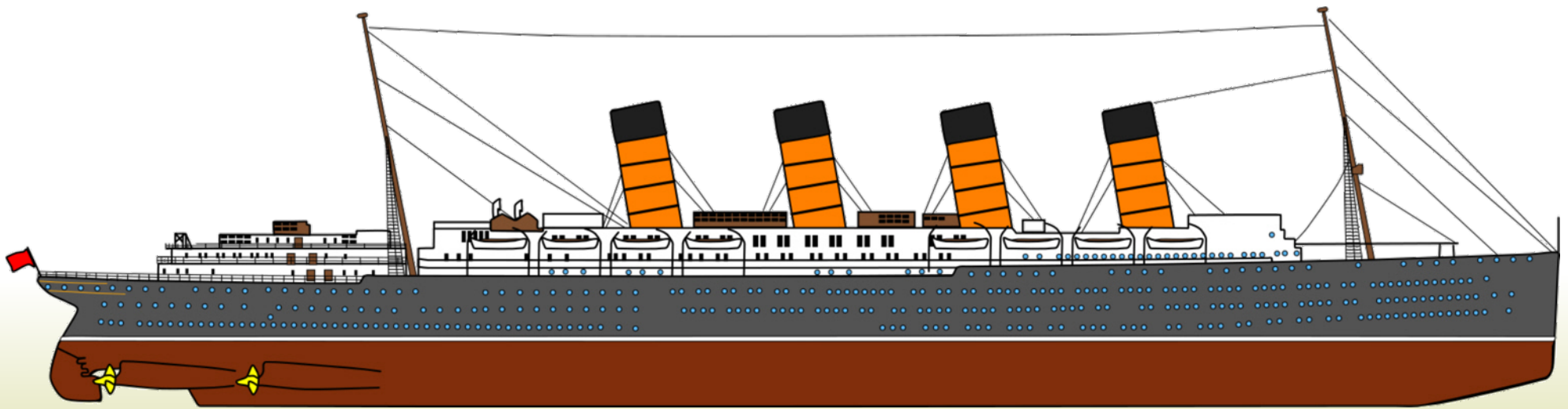
1915 4th February



The Germans start using submarines against Allied ships around the island of Britain.

# 1915 7th May

The Lusitania, a luxury British passenger ship, is sunk by a German submarine. 1,195 innocent people were killed. Countries around the world, including the USA, are outraged.



# 1915 14th October

Bulgaria declares war on Serbia and enters the war.





# 1916 21st February

The Battle of Verdun begins between France and Germany. The battle lasts until December and ends with a French victory.



# 1916 31st May

The Battle of Jutland, the biggest naval battle of the war, is fought between Britain and Germany in the North Sea.



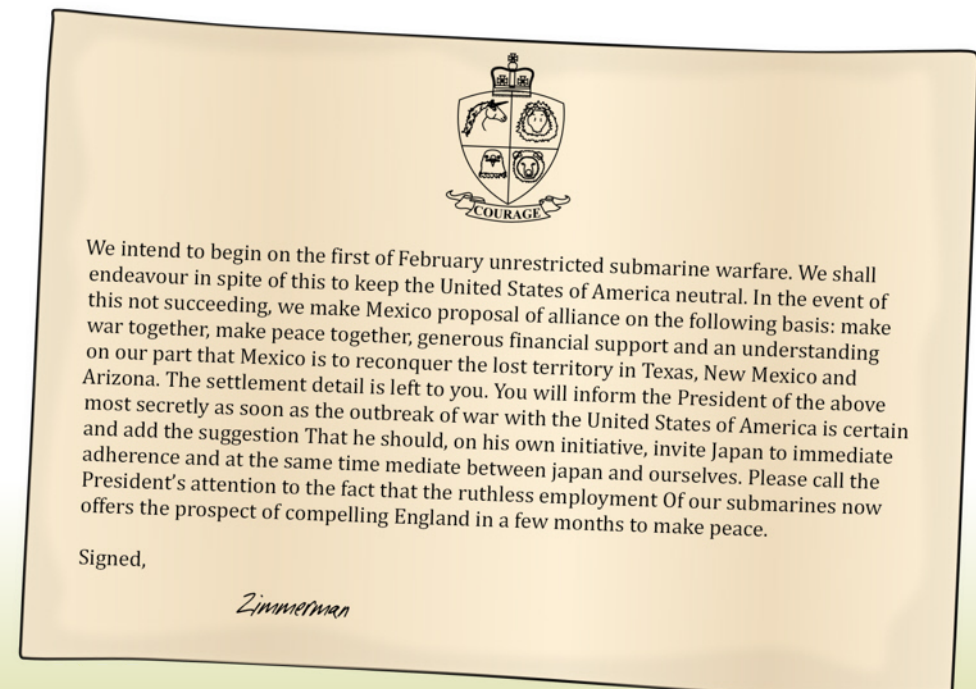
# 1916 1st July

The Battle of the Somme begins. Over 1 million soldiers will be wounded or killed.



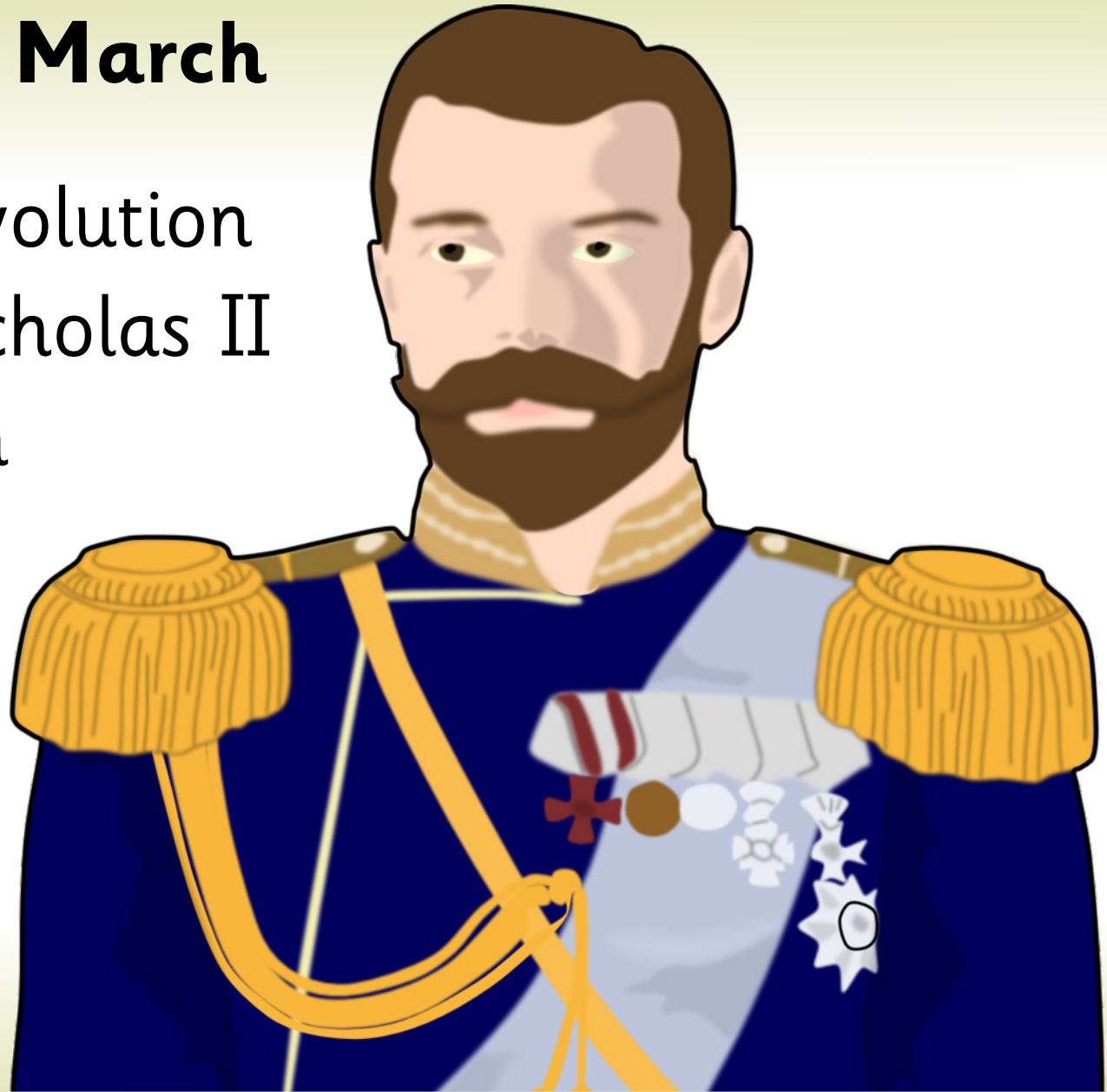
# 1917 19th January

The British intercept the Zimmerman Telegram where Germany tries to convince Mexico to join the war. This results in the USA declaring war on Germany.



# 1917 8th March

The Russian Revolution begins. Tsar Nicholas II is removed from power on 15th March.



# 1917 6th April

The United States declares war on Germany.



# 1917 17th December

The Russians agree to peace with Germany and the other Central Powers. They leave the war.



**1918** 8th January

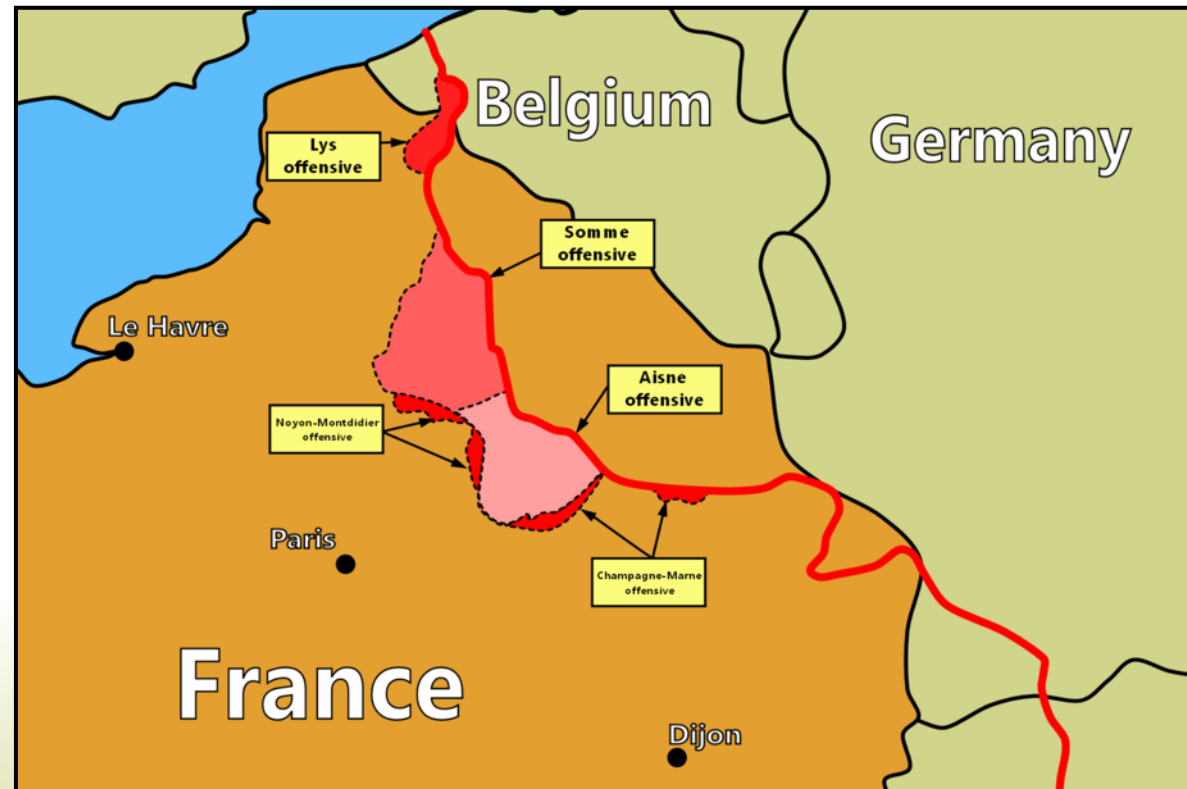
President Woodrow  
Wilson issues his  
“Fourteen Points” for peace  
and an end to the war.





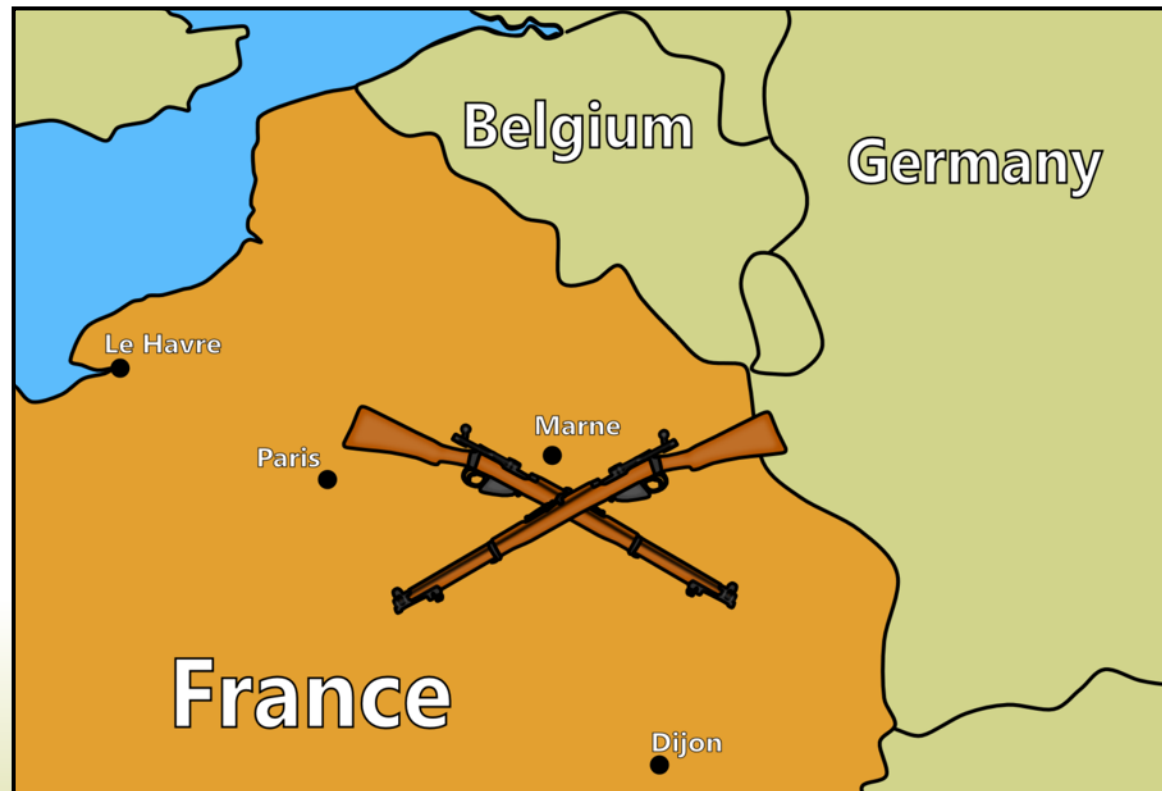
# 1918 21st March

Germany launches the Spring Offensive in order to defeat the Allies before the USA get involved.



# 1918 15th July to 6th August

The Second Battle of the Marne. The battle ends with a clear victory for the Allies.



# 1918 11th November

Germany agrees to an armistice and fighting comes to an end at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month.



# 1919 28th June

The Treaty of Versailles is signed by Germany and World War 1 finally comes to an end.

