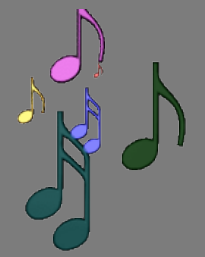




The Great War - A War to End all Wars





“Hear them calling you and me, every son of liberty.
Hurry right away, don’t delay, go today!”
Song is Over There by George Cohen







"Tell your sweethearts not to pine. To be proud her boy's in line." From Song Over There





“Over there, over there. Send the word, send the word over there. That the Yanks are coming.”

Man’s Best Friend

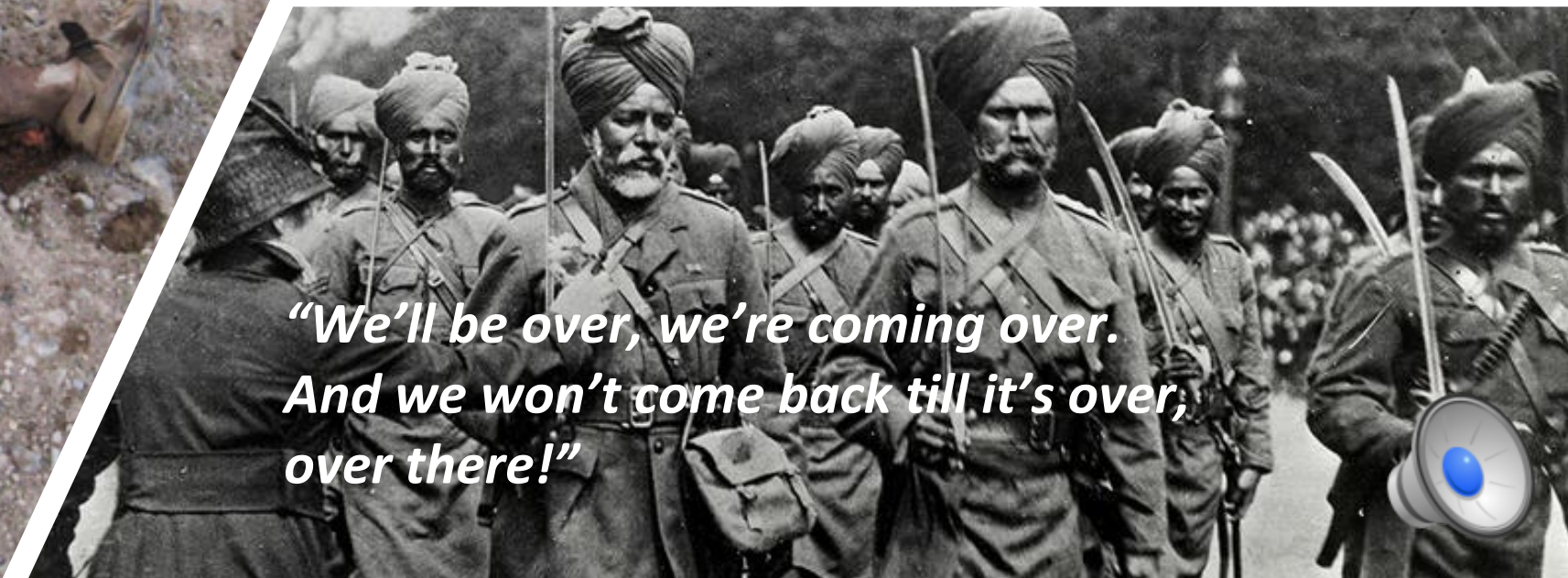






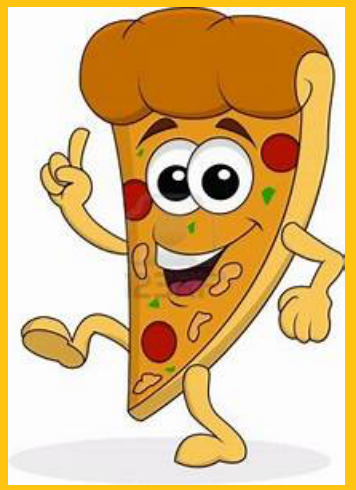






“We’ll be over, we’re coming over.
And we won’t come back till it’s over,
over there!”





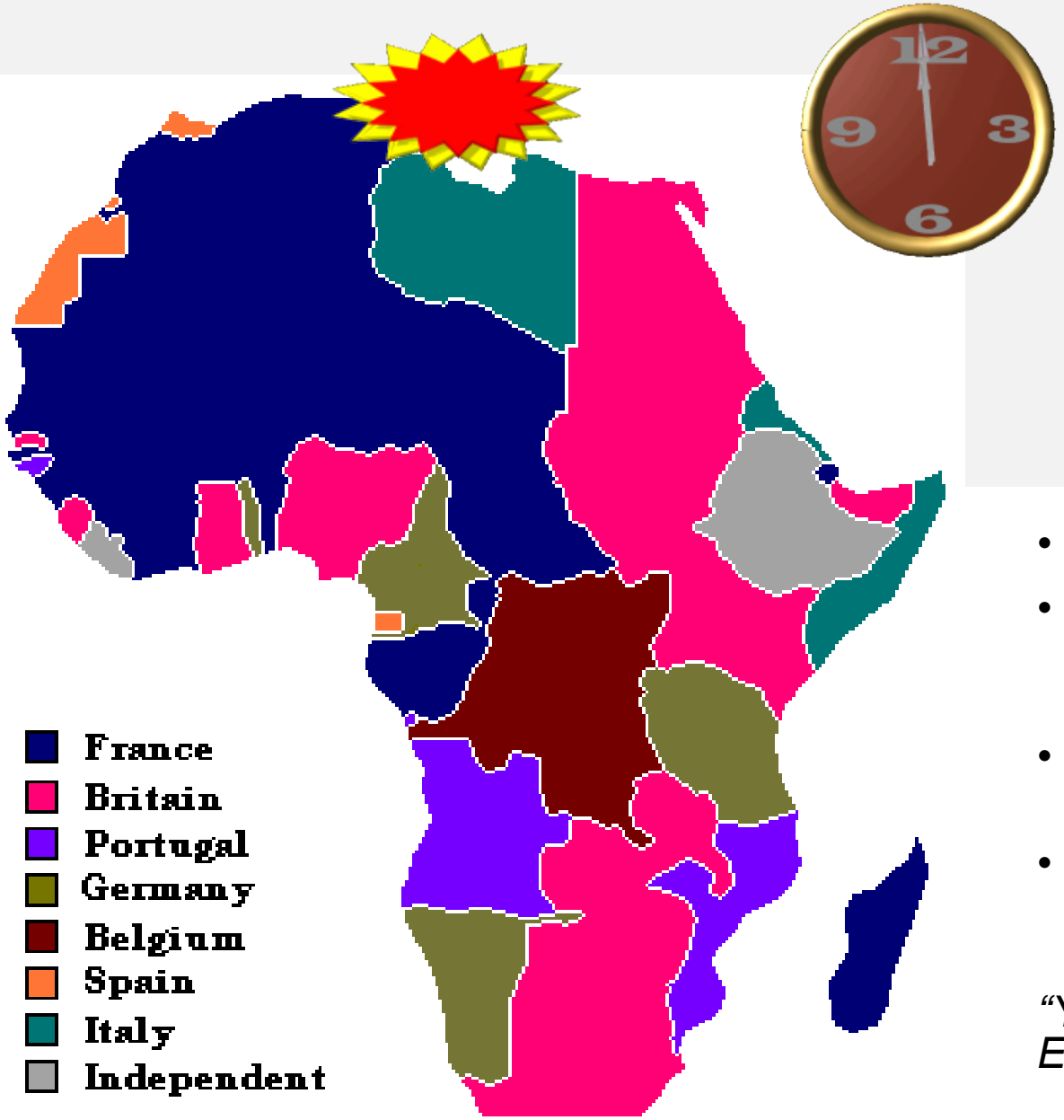


"It's a family dinner. Suffer with the rest of us." Mike Heck, The Middle Comedy TV



Nationalism

- Many societies form nations - common culture, history and government
- Germany and Greece rise to Nationalism was violent



A Count-down to Causes of the Great War

- **Nationalism:** **st**rong nationalist movements
- Another result of the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71 -France was mad over the loss of Alsace-Lorraine to Germany
- Imperialism – taking over parts of a weaker country which has limited resources and old weapons
- The friction of an armed and divided Europe escalated into several crises in Morocco and the Balkans - nearly ended in war

"You can't escape you past. It always catches you." Equinox Finnish Series

This even detonates the war, it is the last straw: Assassination of the Archduke

- Archduke Franz Ferdinand, nephew of Emperor Franz Josef (heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire)
- His wife Sophie
- Were shot by a Serbian nationalist in Sarajevo, Bosnia
- June 28, 1914
- **Linch-pin for the war**



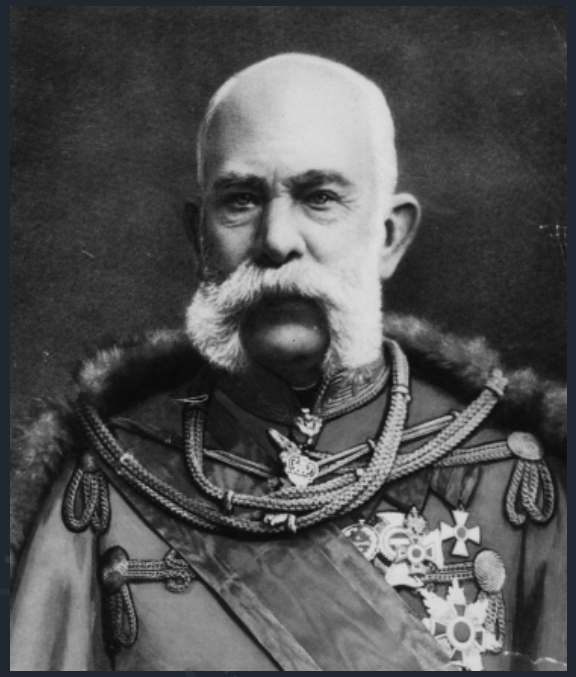
Worldwide Alliances

- **Central Powers**
- **Austria-Hungary**
- **Germany**
- Bulgaria
- Ottoman Empire





“First rule of Fight Club. Do not talk about Fight Club.” Fight Club Movie



Central Powers Leaders *(some fine-looking mustaches or not)*

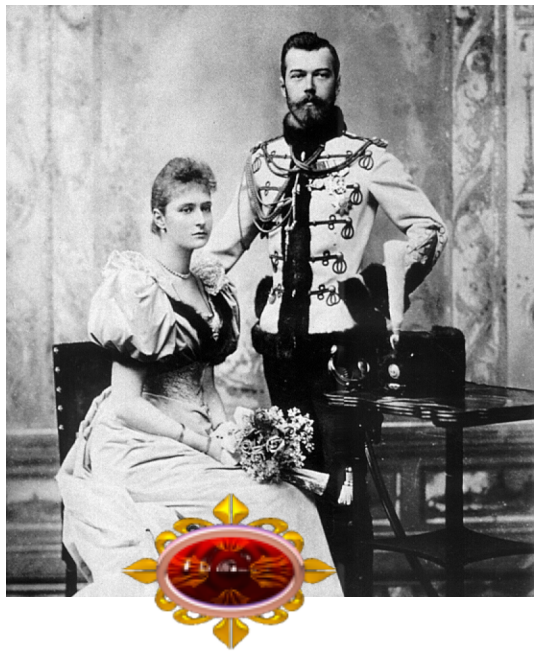
- Germany: Kaiser Wilhelm II (last Kaiser) - the King of England (George V was his first cousin) and the Tsar of Russia (Nicholas II was his second cousin)
- Austria-Hungary: Emperor Franz Josef
- Ottoman Empire: Mehmed V
- Bulgaria: Ferdinand I

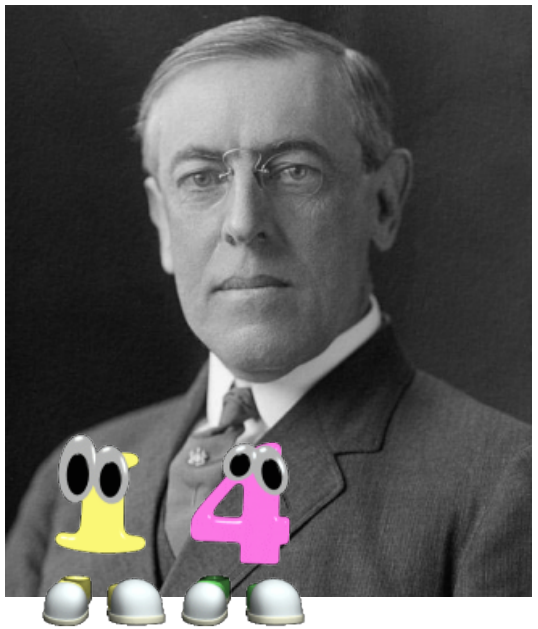


Allied Powers

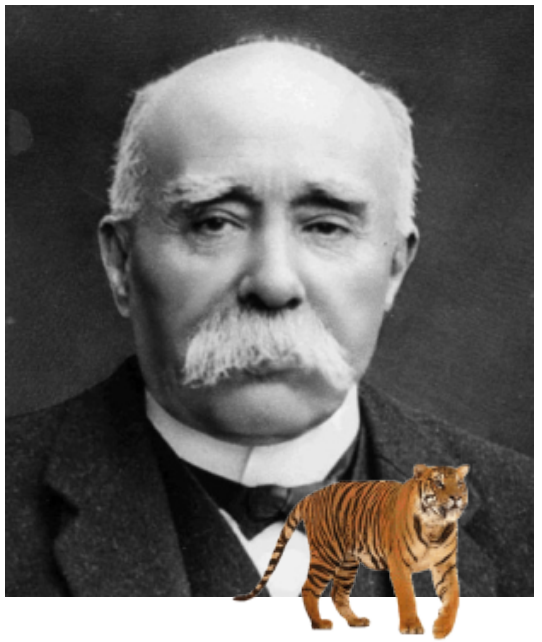


- Serbia
- Russia
- France
- Britain, her colonies abroad offered military and financial assistance- Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa
- United States –President Wilson neutral until 1917
- Japan, honored military agreement with Britain
- Italy though allied to Central Powers stays out and then fights with Allied Powers later









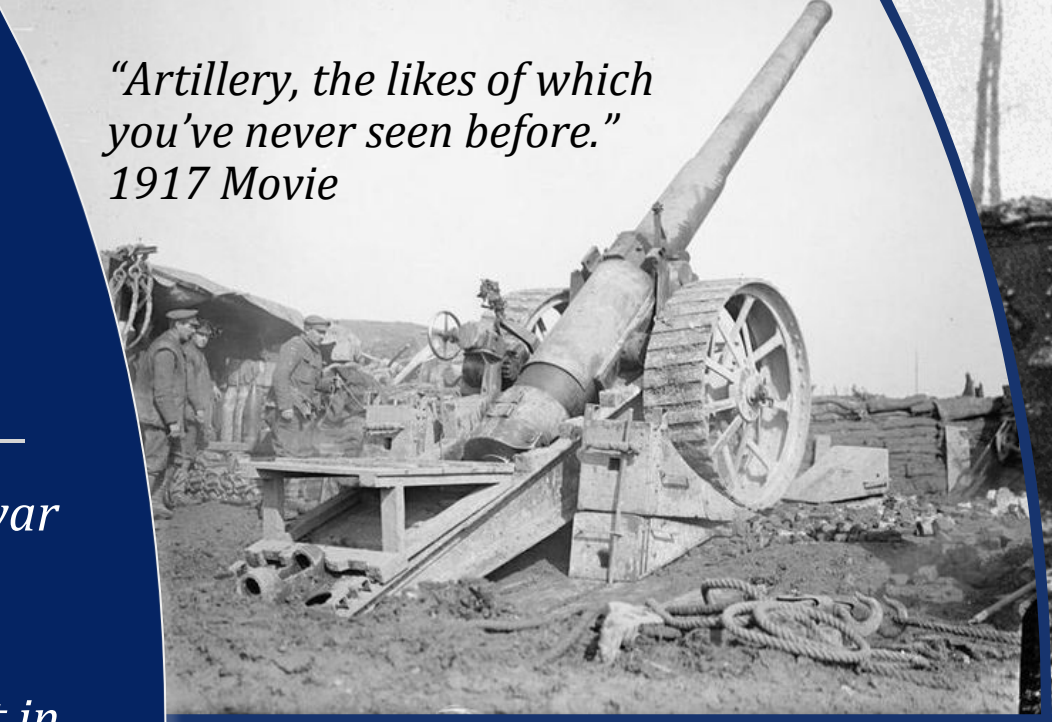
Major Leaders of the Allied Nations

- France: Georges Clemenceau - nickname was "The Tiger"
- Britain: David Lloyd George and King George V
- Russia: Nicolas II
- United States: Woodrow Wilson

Modern Warfare

- *The new weapons of war were deadly*
- *And destructive*
- *This war was different in the way it was fought from previous wars*

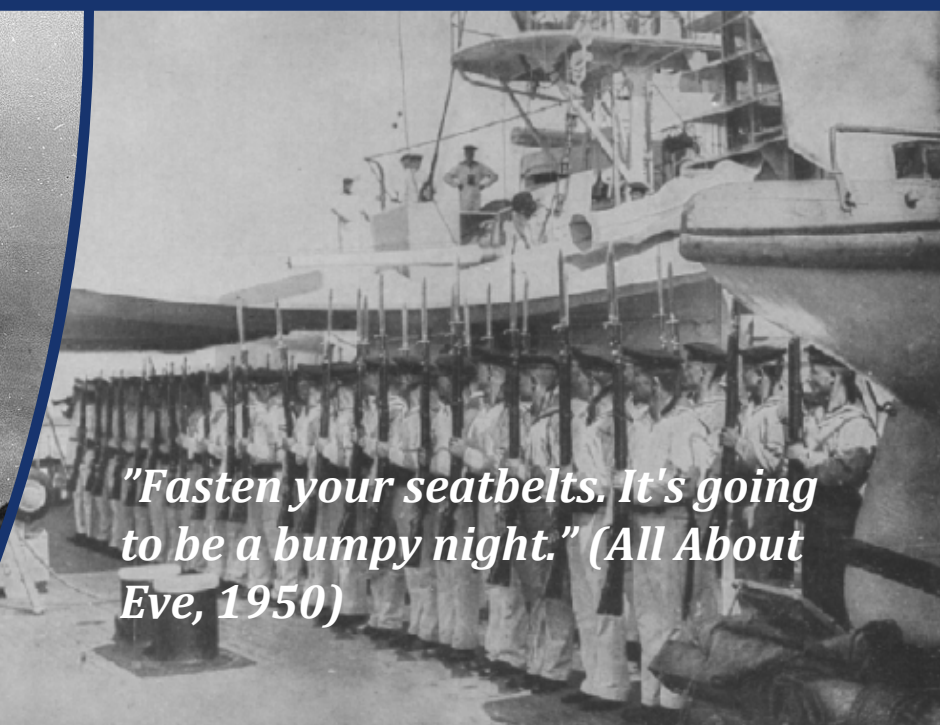




“Artillery, the likes of which you’ve never seen before.” 1917 Movie







”Fasten your seatbelts. It's going to be a bumpy night.” (All About Eve, 1950)





Mustard Gas can easily kill you

"It's a dead zone." Black Spot French Series

- **Burns where touched**
- **Vomiting**
- **Blisters**
- **Long term respiratory disease**
- **Can cause cancer**



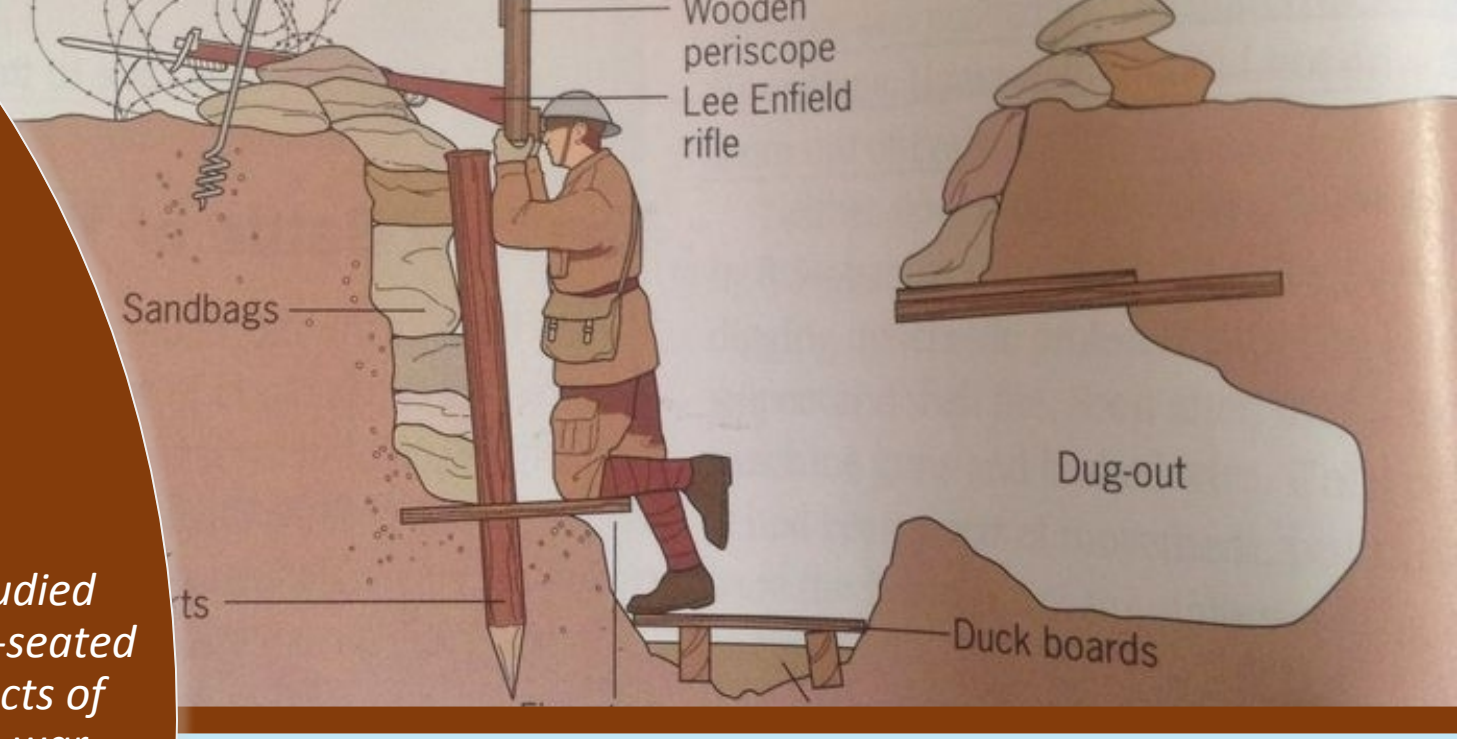


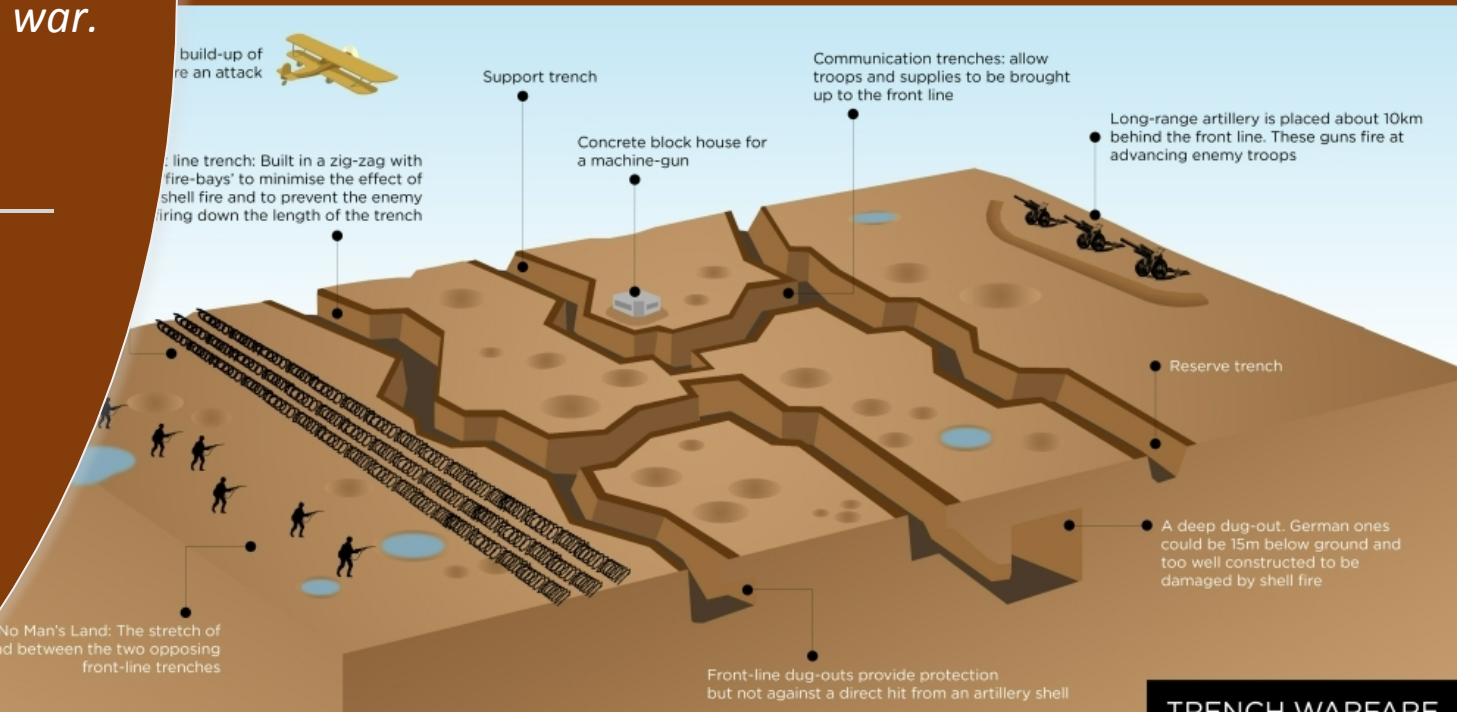
Estimated that if all the trenches built along the Western Front were laid end-to-end they would total over 25,000 miles

"In Flanders's Fields the poppies grow, between the crosses, row on row." Poem about the Great War, by surgeon John McCrae

- *“Madden lit a cigarette before replying. Sinclair studied his face. He noted familiar signs of strain and deep-seated fatigue in the dark shadowed eyes. They were aspects of Madden he had come to recognize, souvenirs of the war. As permanent and unalterable as the scar on his forehead.” River of Darkness by Rennie Airth*

Trench Warfare







No Man’s Land



“Keep down! Keep your head down.” (The sound of a bullet hitting) When we were at War New Zealand Series











Horrors of Trench Warfare

- Getting shot
- Lice
- Frogs
- Roaches

The Rat Race Will Follow You Anywhere



- *“During the day we were working in reliefs, and we would snatch an hour’s sleep, when we could, on a wet and muddy fire-step, wet through to the skin ourselves.”*
- Rats - eating the dead and the live - especially at night
- Mud and snow



Lending a Helping Paw

- Sentry dogs, scout dogs, casualty dogs, explosive dogs, ratters and mascot dogs
- Casualty dogs - trained to find the wounded and dying on battlefields and equipped with medical aid







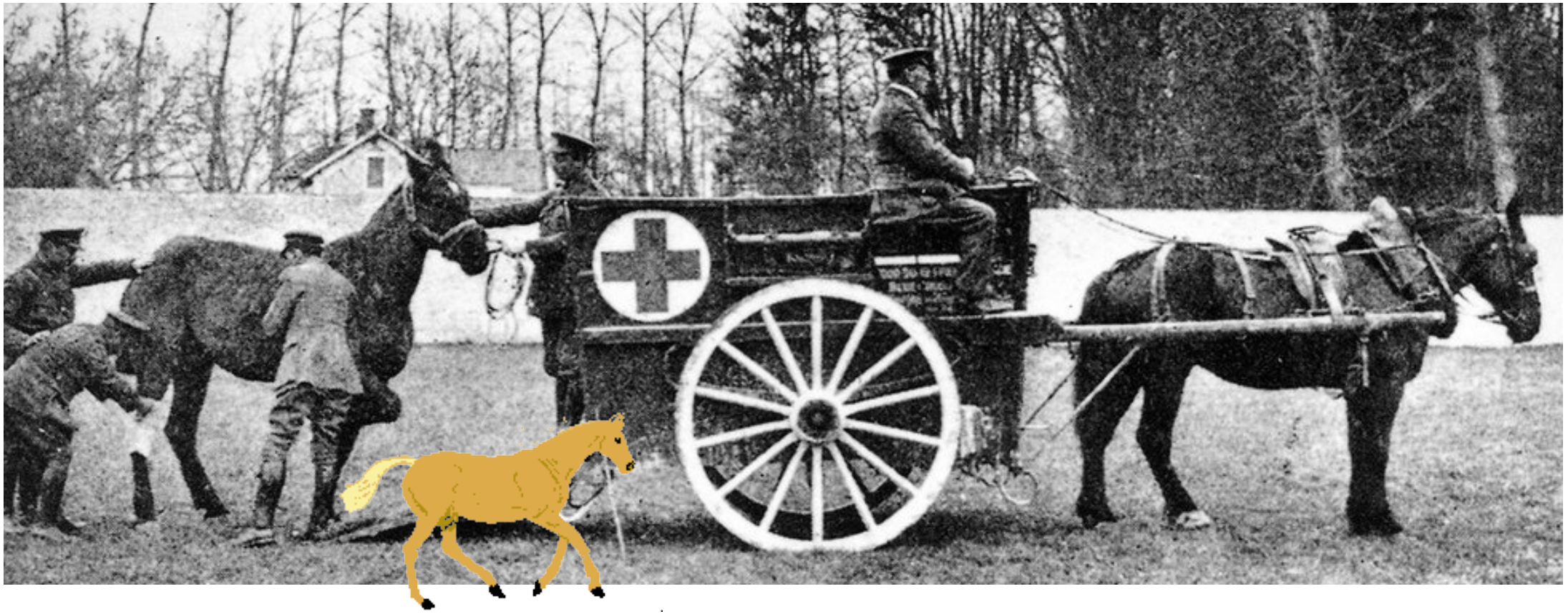




The Story of a Heroic Dog

- Sgt. Stubby dog wandered into training camp
- Private Convoy adopts him
- They take him overseas where Stubby alerted medics to wounded soldiers or stayed with dying boys
- Stubby later survives Mustard gas attack
- Afterwards, he alerted soldiers to Mustard gas attacks coming, which allowed the soldiers to escape being gassed





HORSES

- Over 8 million died on all sides fighting in the war
- Used to transport men and goods

Unsanitary Conditions

- *"Trench was full of corpses and all sorts of equipment. We stood and sat on bodies as if they were stones or logs of wood. Nobody worried if one had its head stuck through or torn off, or a third had gory bones sticking out through its torn coat. And outside the trench one could see them lying in every kind of position."*
- **Constant shelling and bombardment**
- **The smells death, latrines, rotting sand bags and feet**
- **Dysentery**



Trench Foot

- Infection of the feet
- Caused by cold, wet and insanitary conditions
- The feet gradually go numb and skin would turn red or blue
- If untreated, trench foot could turn gangrenous which could result in amputation







U. S. Enters the War…

Why?

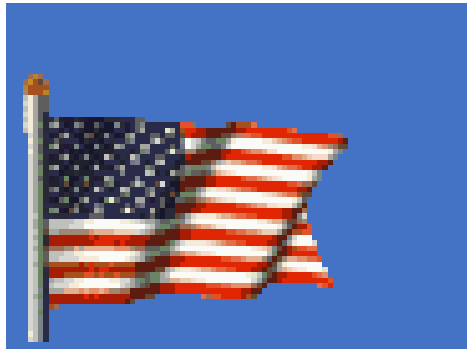
Lusitania - passenger ocean liner with 159 Americans on board – sunk by Germans

Wilson and many of Congress pro-British

Linch-pin- Zimmerman Telegram - proposed that Mexico ally with Germany against the United States

Declares war in 1917

President Wilson issued Fourteen Points



Wilson's 14-Point Program for World Peace



BASIS FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AT END WAR

WILSON BELIEVED THESE RULES WOULD BE BASIS FOR A JUST, LASTING PEACE

GREAT WAR BEING FOUGHT FOR A MORAL CAUSE AND FOR POSTWAR PEACE IN EUROPE

CALLS FOR NO MORE: SECRET TREATIES AND REDUCTION IN ARMAMENTS

ADJUSTMENT IN COLONIAL CLAIMS IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH NATIVE PEOPLES AND COLONISTS

SOME ALLIED COLLEAGUES THOUGHT IT IDEALISTIC

Victory Gardens







- In 1917: weeks before the United States entered the war, Charles Lathrop Pack organized the National War **Garden Commission**
- Created to encourage Americans to contribute to the war effort
- They could do this by planting, fertilizing, harvesting and storing their own fruits and vegetables so that more food could be exported to American troops
- Planting vegetable gardens in their backyards, churchyards, city parks, vacant lots and playgrounds

And Overseas…. *"Over there, over there…"*

- Several private organizations, including the YMCA, Knights of Columbus, the Salvation Army, Jewish Welfare Board, American Red Cross and American Library Association sent supplies and volunteers to France
- Rather than drinking or catching unmentionable diseases, these groups focused on providing wholesome activities
- Sometimes entertainers were service men, one such actor-airman found a hut no one was using, and they brought it back and used it as a stage for plays and singing
- Twenty-three years later, these agencies were drawn together once again: will be the creation of the **USO** in 1941









U.S. Troops

"Who you gonna call?'
Ghostbusters Movie



- General John J. Pershing in command
- American troops – around 2.8 million serving overseas
- Our men fight under American commanders
- Helps U.S. become a superpower after the war
- Our soldiers were called, *"Doughboys"*





American Troops Kit & Carry

Even the
darkest night
will end
and the sun
will rise

Victor Hugo



Trying to Win the War

- The Germans viewed defeat as a debasement
- French wanted more territory of Germanys' beyond the return of the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine
- British didn't want to divert troops from France or go into Russia
- Troops were to advance in the face of blazing guns proving moral superiority and courage of their nation's convictions
- Both sides had basically the same weapons

Asian Americans in the Great War

- Chandra Lachlan Singh , came from Guyana and moved to Chicago
- Will serve bravely in the 8th Infantry
- After the war, he returned to Chicago
- Purchased and managed residential properties in Lincoln and Hyde Parks
- His wife Neriss, was a physician and they were active in the Indian Independence
- Worked in India at times with Gandhi
- Manganiall Pandit who served in both WWI and WWII
- Pandit served with Company E of the 314 Engineers
- WWII he served with the 23rd Transportation Squadron in the Army Air force





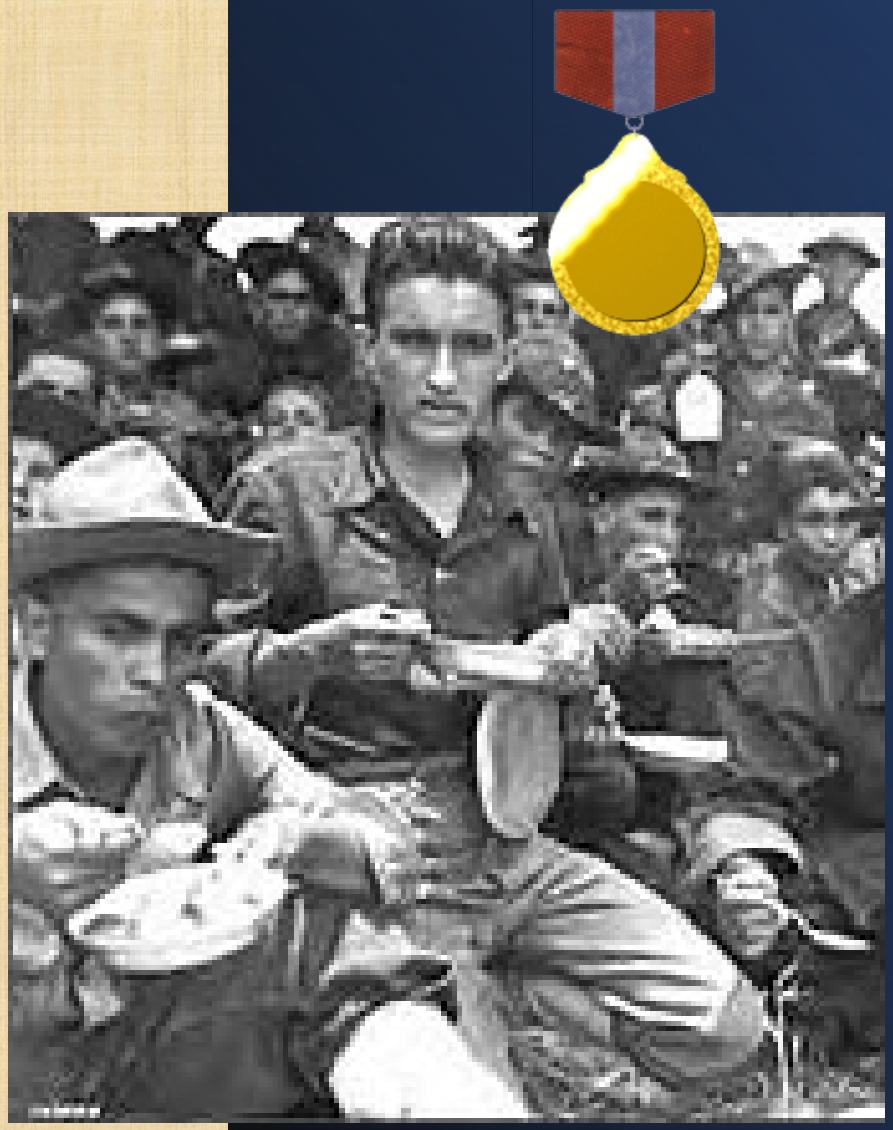
Distinguished Medal Winners

Nicolas Lucero, Hispanic descent: received French Croix de Guerre-destroying two German machine gun nests by himself and maintaining constant fire for three hours

Corporal Thomas Saunders, Northern Cheyenne: at Battle of St. Etienne-a-Arnes, he led a patrol under heavy fire which turned the tide of the battle

Jake Alex, White: received Medal of Honor, as he took command of his platoon as all officers had been killed and he captured by himself a machine gun nest

Freddie Stowers, African American: received the Medal of Honor, due as he led assault on German trenches even though wounded twice (died from wounds)



Winners of Medals for Courage Under Fire

- John H. Balch, White: received Medal of Honor for exposing himself to intense fire to treat the wounded & establish a dressing station
- Marcelino Serna, of Hispanic descent: received the Distinguished Service Cross for singlehanded capture of 24 enemy soldiers
- Sergeant First Class William Penn Adair, Cherokee: received the Distinguished Service Cross was gassed, yet stayed at his post & ran his telephone lines through artillery barrages



The Conscientious Objector was one heck of a shot

Sergeant Alvin York, English and Scots- Irish: deeply devout from mountain town of Pall Mall, Tennessee: York initially resisted serving on the grounds that violence was against his religion

His request was denied, so May 1918, he arrived in France along with the 82nd Division of the U.S. Army

Meuse-Argonne offensive, he and 17 other Americans had captured troops from a German regiment: got under heavy fire from enemy machine guns

Nine of Americans were quickly wounded or killed, but York—a crack shot from his days as a turkey hunter—escaped unscathed and began picking off the German gunners with his rifle





- When six of the enemy tried to charge York with bayonets, he drew .45 pistol and shot them all
- He had soon forced the remaining Germans to surrender, and later claimed even more prisoners on his way back to the American lines
- York and his men captured 132 enemy soldiers, and he may have singlehandedly killed around 20 German troop
- Awarded the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross

Sergeant York

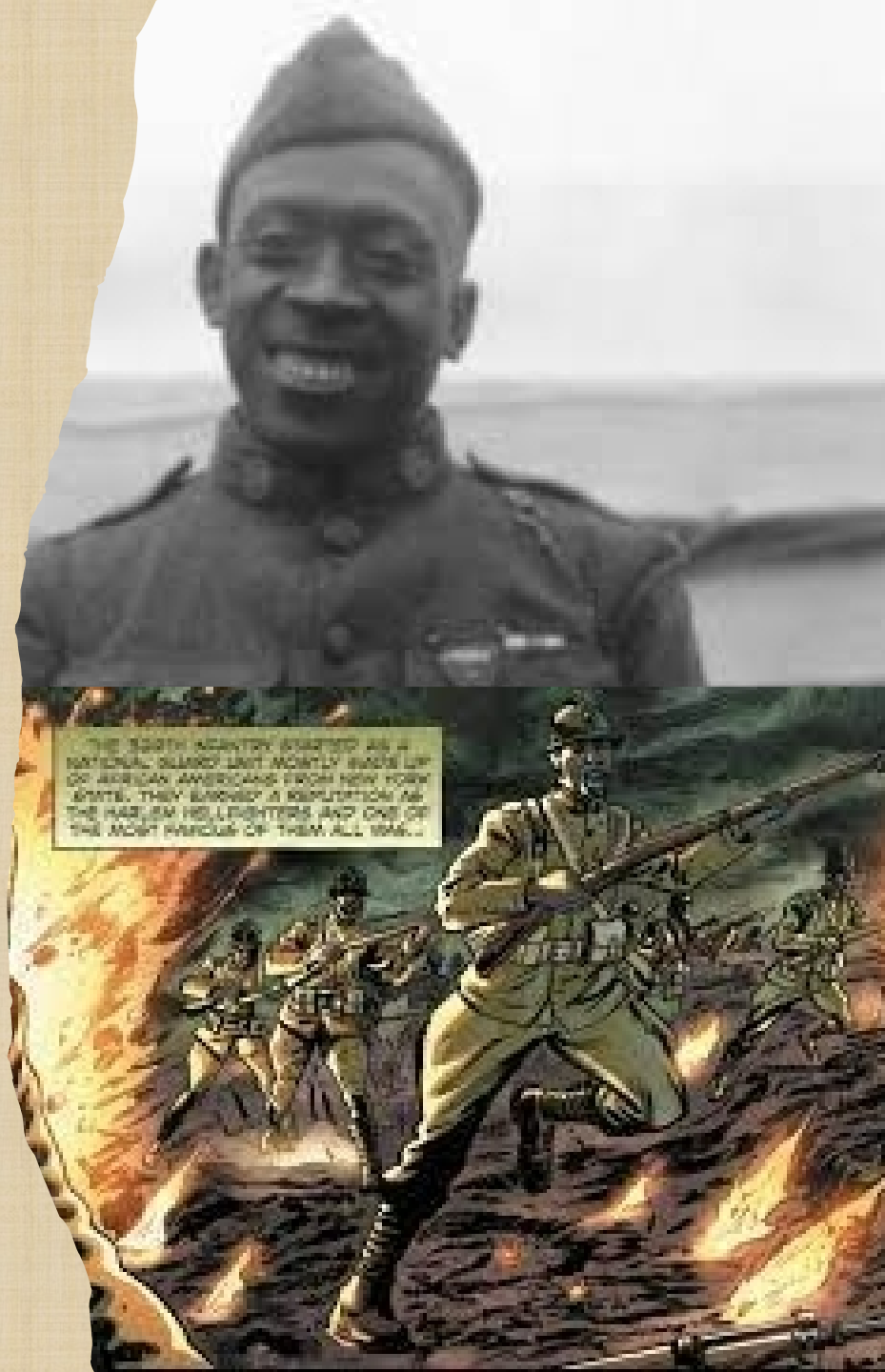
Discrimination in the Military

- Army more progressive in race relations: Black men served in Calvary, infantry, signal, medical, engineering & artillery units
- Served as chaplains, surveyors, truck drivers, chemist &intelligence officers
- Did not serve in combat units, but labor units, with White officers as commanders
- This changes and Black troops go into combat with Black Officers leading them
- Some camps were segregated, others were not, depending on people in charge at camp



Harlem Hellfighters were a U.S. Black National Guard Unit

- Henry Johnson was the most famous member of the unit
- The Unit was sent to reinforce the depleted ranks of the French army
- May 1918, Johnson and Needham Roberts serving sentry duty in Argonne Forest
- Duo attacked by a detachment of some 20 German troops and both men wounded
- Roberts so severely that he was unable to stand or shoot, but Johnson held fast and fought back with hand grenades and his rifle



The Heroic Henry Johnson

Despite being shot several times, he returned fire until his weapon jammed, and then used it as a club and fought hand to hand until it broke into pieces

Johnson saw that the Germans were trying to take Roberts prisoner, he drew his last weapon, bolo knife: slashed and stabbed until the raiding party finally fell back

Johnson had inflicted at least a dozen casualties on the Germans and suffered 21 wounds from gunfire and bayonets

Both he and Roberts were later given the Croix de Guerre—one of France's highest military honors



The Beginning of the End



Battle of the Somme (1,219,201 total casualties)



Spring Offensive also known as Kaiser's battle (1,539,715 total casualties)



U.S. troops are fresh



Allies - Hundred Days Offensive (1,855,369 total casualties)



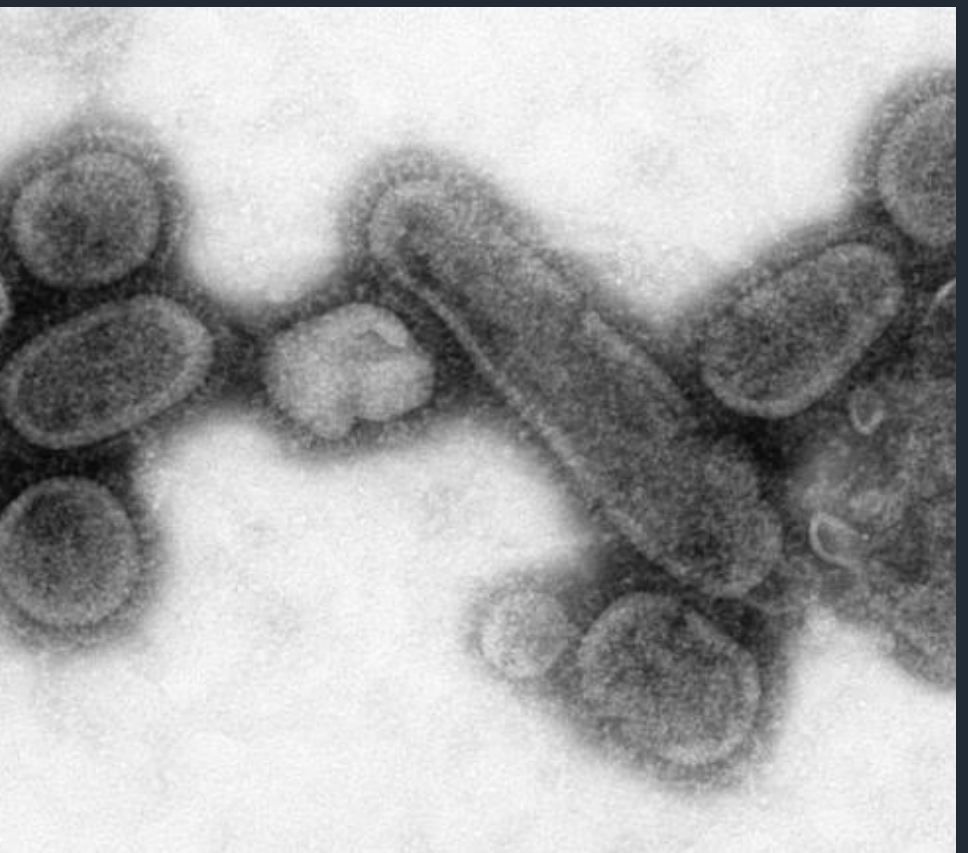
Germans were pushed out of France - forced to retreat back into Germany



By end of the Hundred Days Offensive, the German forces exhausted - running out of food and supplies

Spanish Influenza

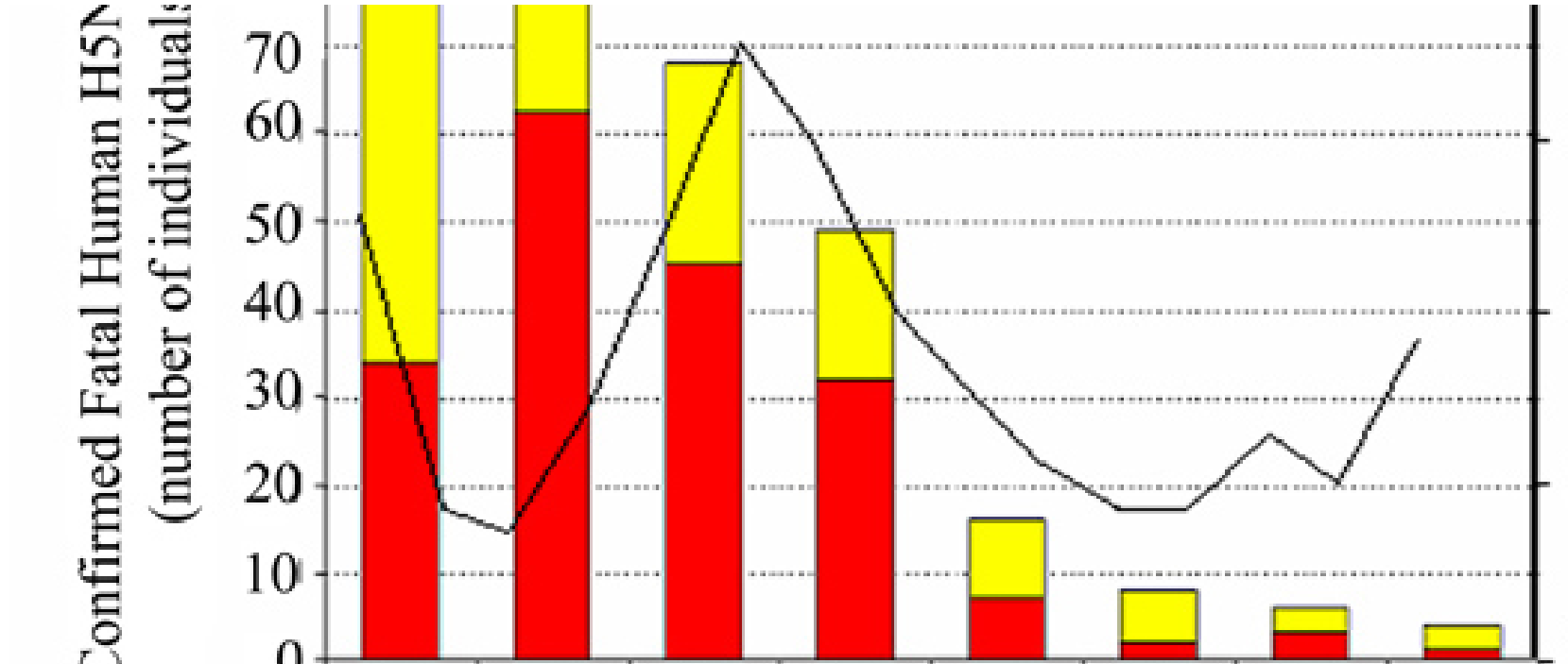




- Pandemic began in 1918 -1919
- Where did it start?
- Who were the ones dying?
- **How many died?**
- **More people died of influenza in a single year than in four-years of the Black Death - Bubonic Plague**

n Excess Mortality Rate 1918-1919
ı Influenza Pandemic by Age Cohort
[maximum age 74 years]
(%)

Confirmed Fatal Human H5N
(number of individual



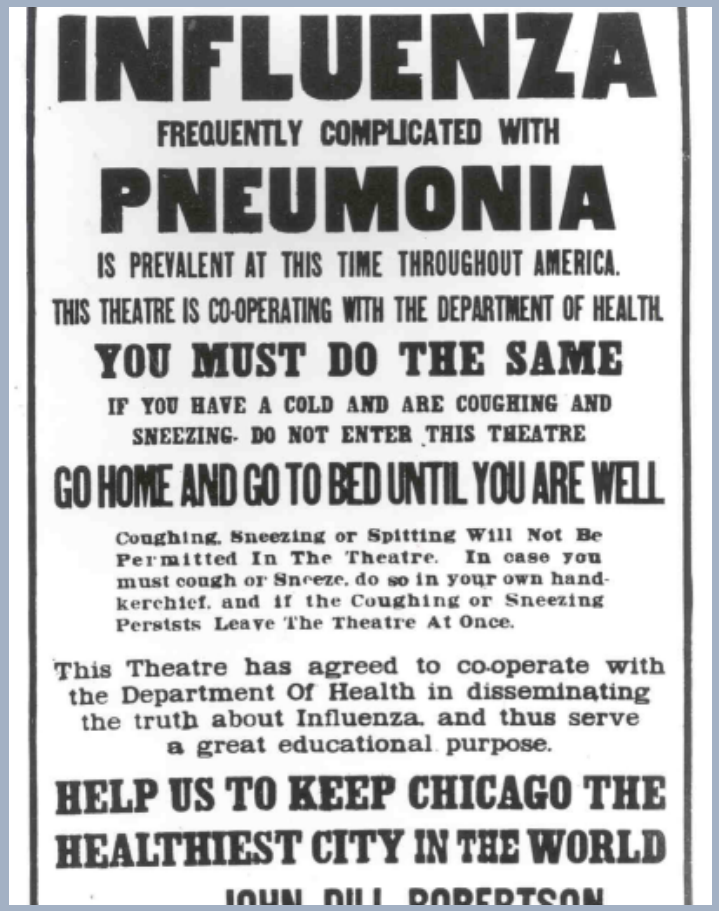
	0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70 & up
Alive (N=137)	52	23	23	17	9	6	3	3
Dead (N=199)	34	62	45	32	7	2	3	1

Age group



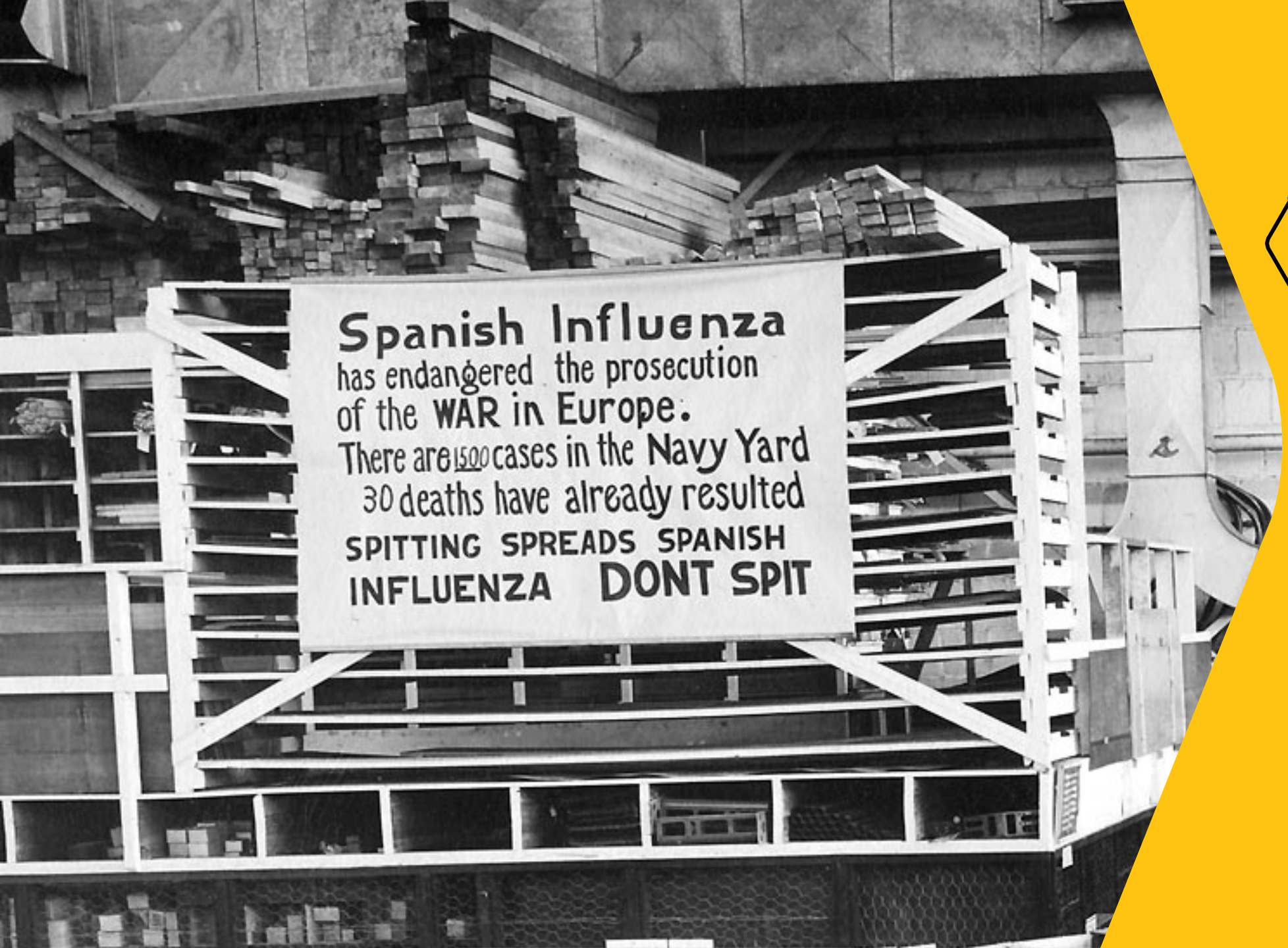
1918 Spanish Flu

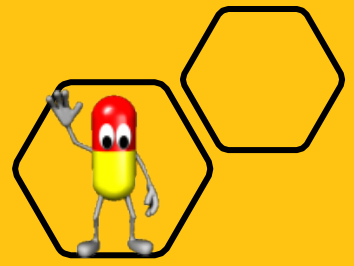




675,000 Deaths in U.S. & 50 Million Deaths Worldwide




Spanish Influenza
has endangered the prosecution
of the WAR in Europe.
There are 1500 cases in the Navy Yard
30 deaths have already resulted
SPITTING SPREADS SPANISH
INFLUENZA DONT SPIT



Animal Heroes of WWI

- Sgt. Bill: Canadian soldiers brought goat as a mascot
- Bill stayed with unit, suffering shrapnel wounds, shell shock & trench foot
- Once he was arrested for eating military equipment
- Once & saved 3 men's lives by head- butting them into trench when shell exploded
- Polish Unit adopted bear cub: who loved wrestling, drinking beer & taking showers
- Had to make him official soldier to be deployed: Corporal Wojtek of Artillery Supply Unit
- Loaded artillery shells into trucks all day)







Battle of Somme (chose one battle to show how devastating the Great War was on everyone associated with it)

- 7 days of German bombardment before battle started
- 141 days (4 months) lasted from July to Nov. 1916
- 57,470 casualties on first day for British, whose commanders sent them over the top to take entrenched Germans (lost 6000 men that first day)
- It was a massacre for the Brits: 19,240 men died from their wounds (many members of the Pals Battalion, which were made of neighbors, friends or families
- 60% of British officers were killed on the first day
- *Brigadier General Crozier after the battles "My heart bleeds for the horses and mules."*





"I really don't think the night is going to treat us well sir." Tolkien Movie



Battle of Somme: so many dead

- 419,000 British soldiers were dead or missing
- 194,451 French deaths
- Eventually 500,000 deaths
- 1,300,000 causalities on both sides
- British advanced 6 miles in the 141 days









Allied Losses

Country	Mobilized Forces	Killed	Wounded
Russia	12,000,000	1,700,000	4,950,000
British	8,904,467	908,371	2,090,212
France	8,410,000	1,357,800	4,266,000
Italy	5,615,000	650,000	947,000
America	4,355,000	116,516	204,002
Serbia	707,343	45,000	133,148
Belgaum	267,000	13,716	44,686

Central Powers Losses

Germany: 0ver 7 million dead and over a million missing or prisoners

Austria-Hungry: Over 7 million dead and over 2 million missing or prisoners

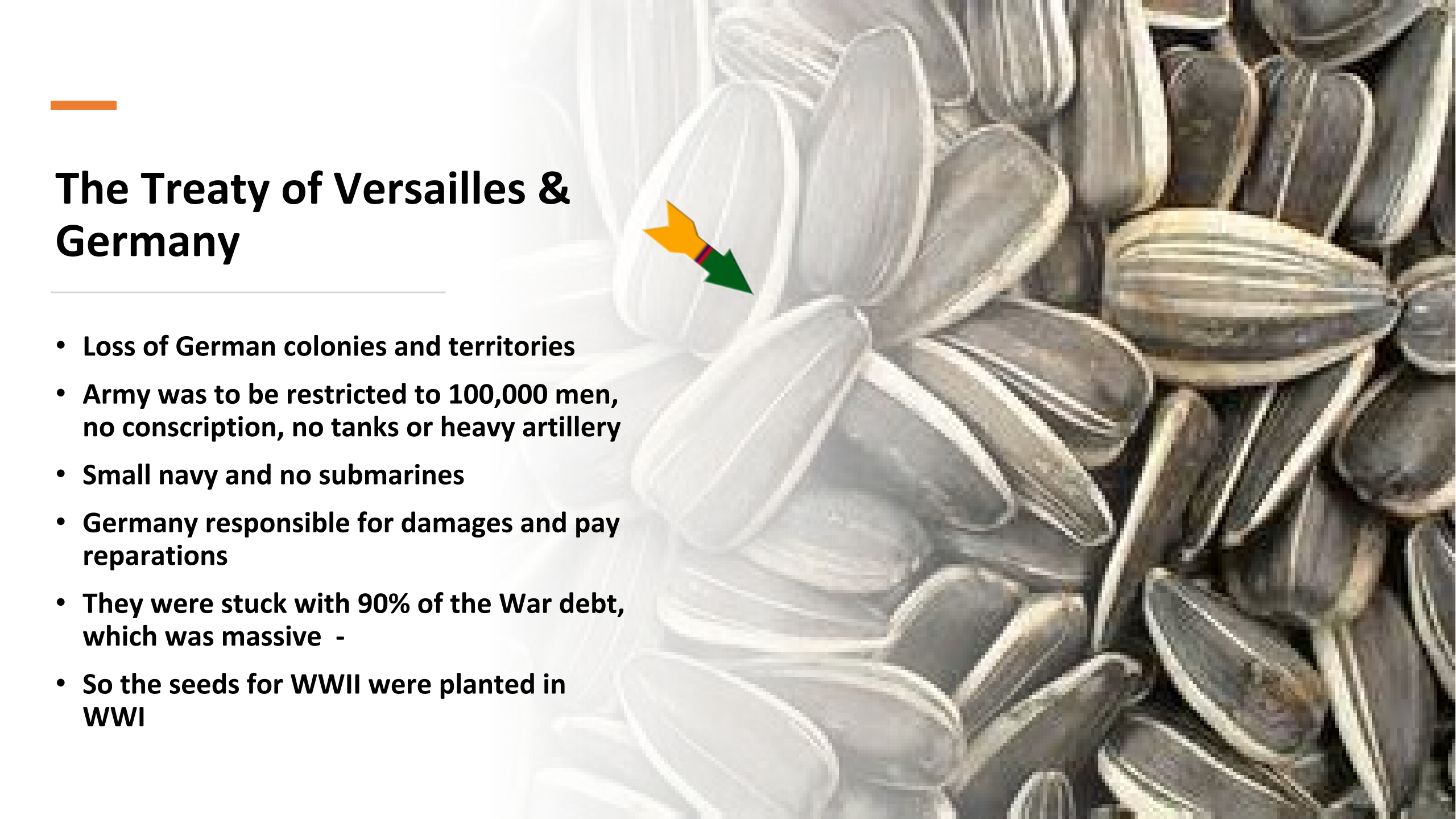
Turkey: Almost a million dead and around 250,000 missing or prisoners

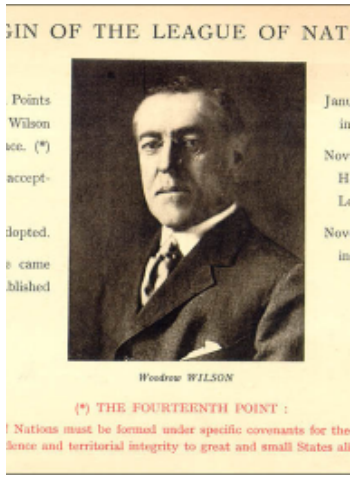
Bulgaria: Over 250,000 dead and around 27,000 missing or prisoners



The Treaty of Versailles & Germany

- Loss of German colonies and territories
- Army was to be restricted to 100,000 men, no conscription, no tanks or heavy artillery
- Small navy and no submarines
- Germany responsible for damages and pay reparations
- They were stuck with 90% of the War debt, which was massive -
- So the seeds for WWII were planted in WWI





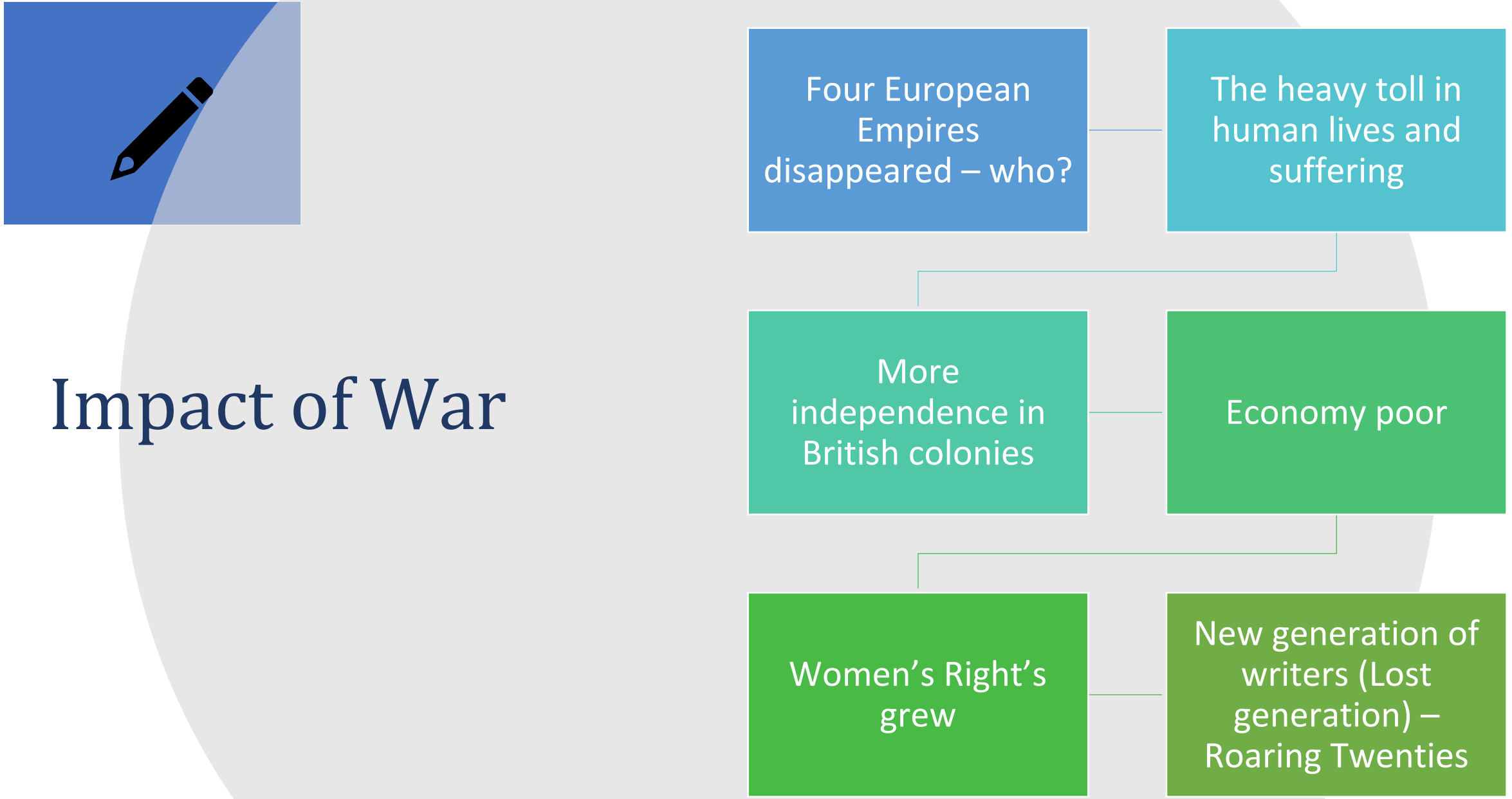




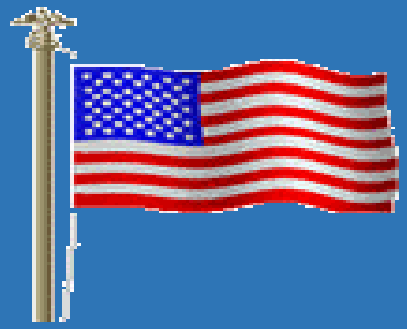
The League of Nations was Wilson's Baby

- Formed to establish world peace
- Prevent wars by helping to settle disputes between countries
- Aimed to establish fair labor conditions
- Improve global health
- Control the global arms trade
- U.S. did not join/Congress did not want U.S. mixed up with Europe and their problems

Impact of War



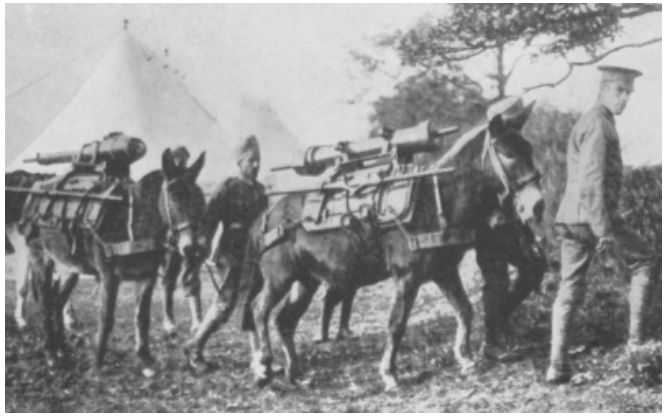
“The world breaks everyone and afterward some grow strong at the broken places.”





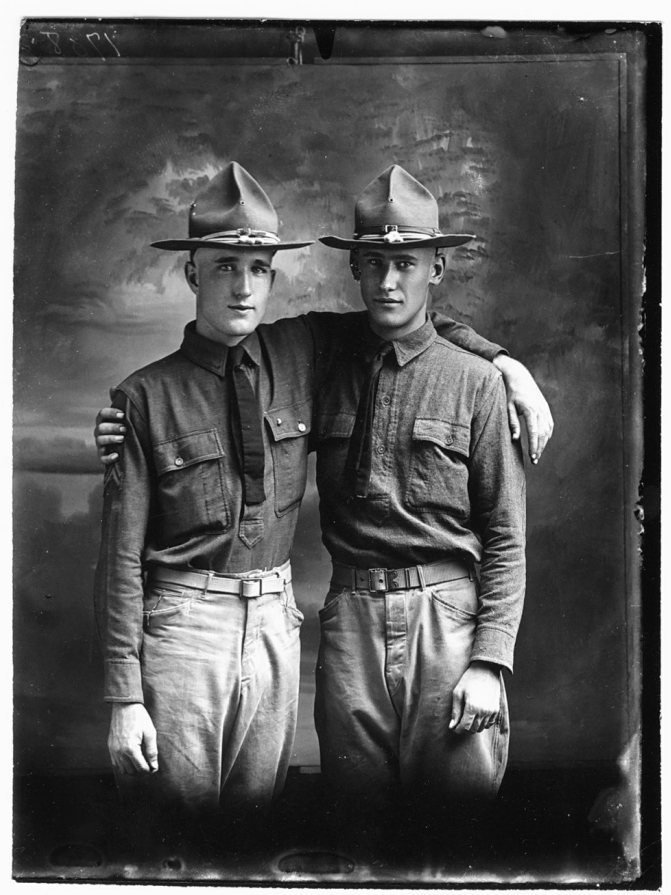
- Ernest Hemmingway
- *“A Farewell to Arms”*
- A novel on THE GREAT WAR
- “*Unfortunately, our time must end.” FACE OFF Series*

”I’ll be home for Christmas. You can plan on me.” Song I’ll be Home for Christmas













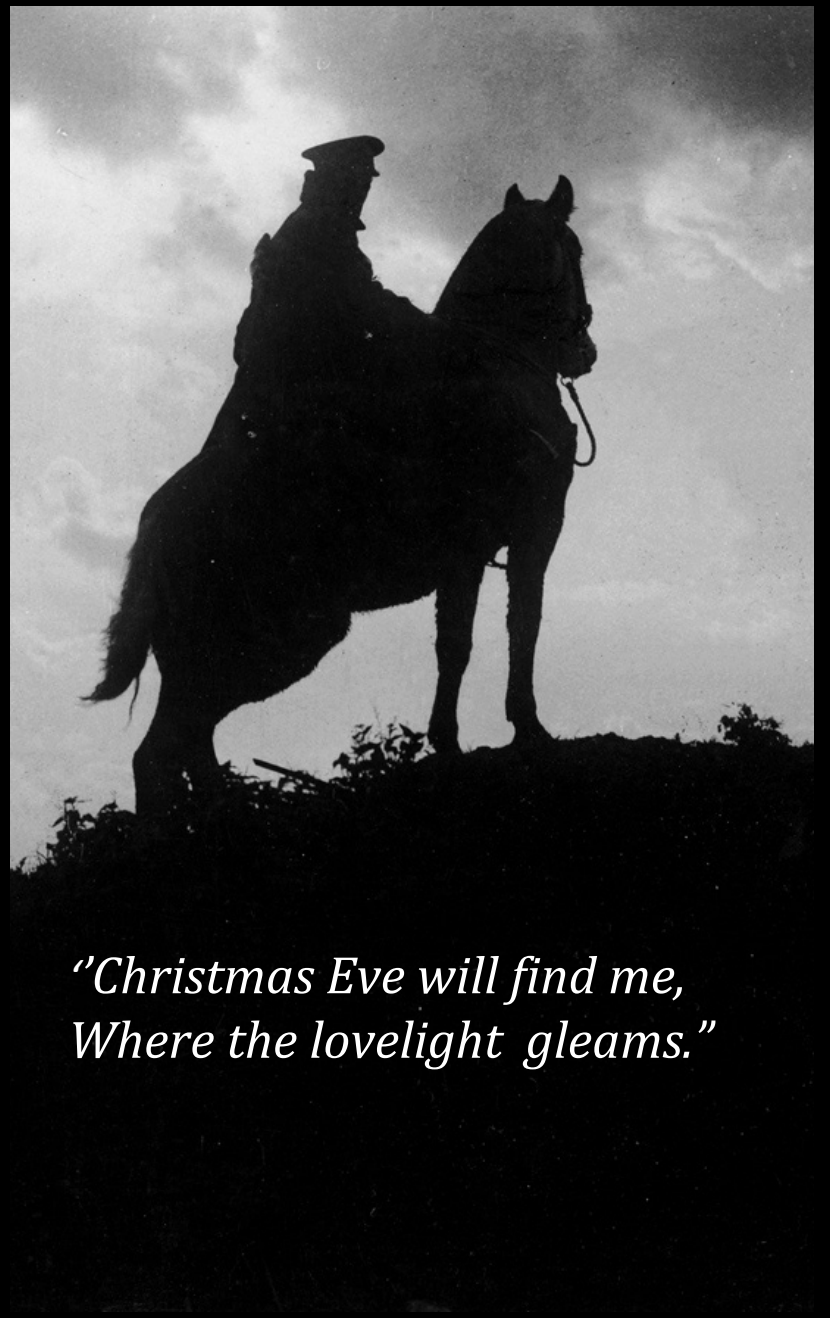




“Please have snow and mistletoe and presents on the tree.”
Written in 1943 by Kim Gannon & Walter Kent to honor American Troops overseas







''Christmas Eve will find me,
Where the lovelight gleams."




“If only in my dreams.”




WELCOME
HOME



"I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my dreams."

