

An aerial, black-and-white photograph showing a town that has been almost completely destroyed. The landscape is a vast field of rubble, with only a few skeletal remains of buildings and a few intact structures visible. A wide, straight road or railway line cuts through the center of the town, providing a clear path through the devastation. The surrounding area is also heavily damaged, with debris scattered across the ground. The overall scene conveys the immense scale of destruction caused by war.

# World War I

# GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT WWI

- Started on July 28, 1914
- Ended November 11, 1918
- Almost 8 million died because of the war
  - Russia having the most : 1.7 million
- 22,000,000 wounded
- **MAP OF EUROPE GREATLY CHANGED**





# Causes of WWI – MANIA!

M*ilitarism* – policy of building up a strong military to prepare for war  
(ARMS RACE)

A*lliances* – agreements between nations to provide aid and protect one another

- European powers formed rival alliances to protect themselves

N*ationalism* – extreme pride in one's country

I*mperialism* – when one country takes over another country economically and politically.

A*ssassination* – of Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand

# MILITARISM

World War I was the first war in which advanced weaponry and tactics were used

- There was a race for creating more weapons of mass destruction among nations
- There was a desire to create a large amount of weapons as well as building up a nation's army and navy



# Triple Alliance vs. Triple Entente

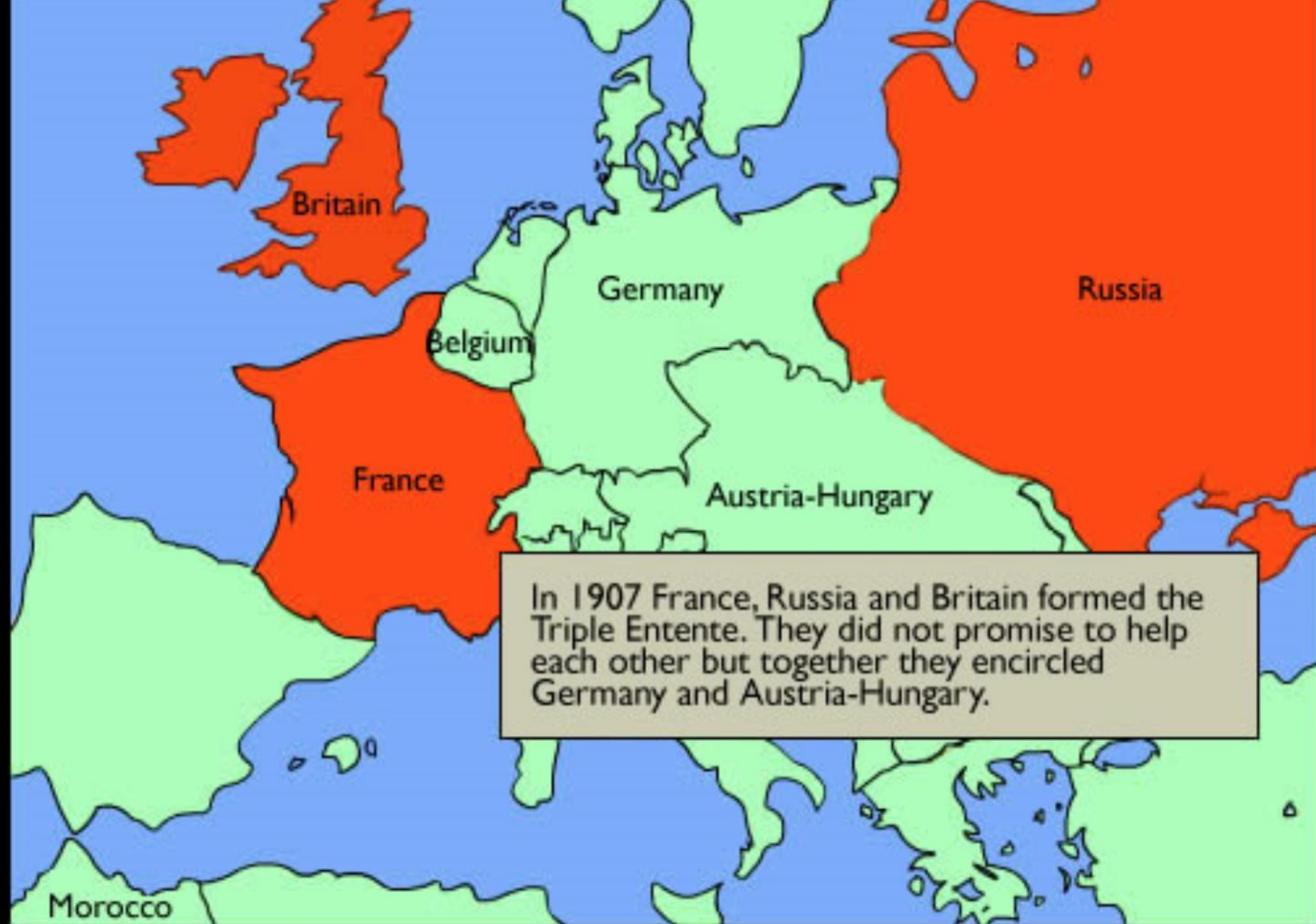
- The Triple Alliance of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy was counter-balanced by the Triple Entente of France, Russia, and Great Britain.
- As a result, by 1907 Europe was divided into two armed and rather fearful camps.

In 1882 Austria-Hungary, Germany and Italy formed the Triple Alliance. They promised to defend each other if either were attacked.



Map of Europe 1839-1914

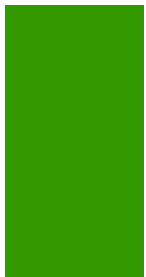




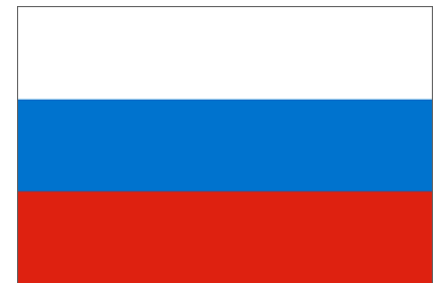
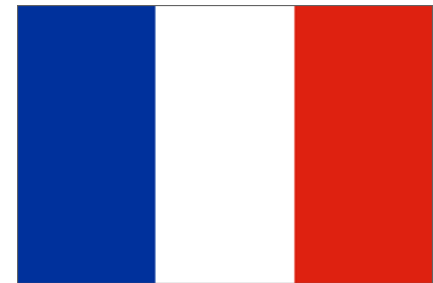
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# Alliances

## Triple Alliance



## Triple Entente





**NATIONALISM**

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# Nationalism

- The French Revolution had spread nationalism throughout most of Europe
  - The idea that people with the same ethnic origins, language, and political ideals had the right to form sovereign states through the process of self-determination



***MAIN IDEA OF  
NATIONALISM***

# Nationalism

- STRONG IN THE BALKAN AREA
- Ottoman Empire → ruled the Balkan area for 400 years
- Balkans
  - Albanians, Greeks, Romanians, and Slav
  - Each group was struggling for their own independence
- BOSNIA
  - Area of great hostility
- Austria- Hungary annexed Bosnia as one of its territories in 1908
- Serbia was newly independent and thought that Bosnia should be one of their territories
  - THIS BECAME AN AREA OF CONFLICT



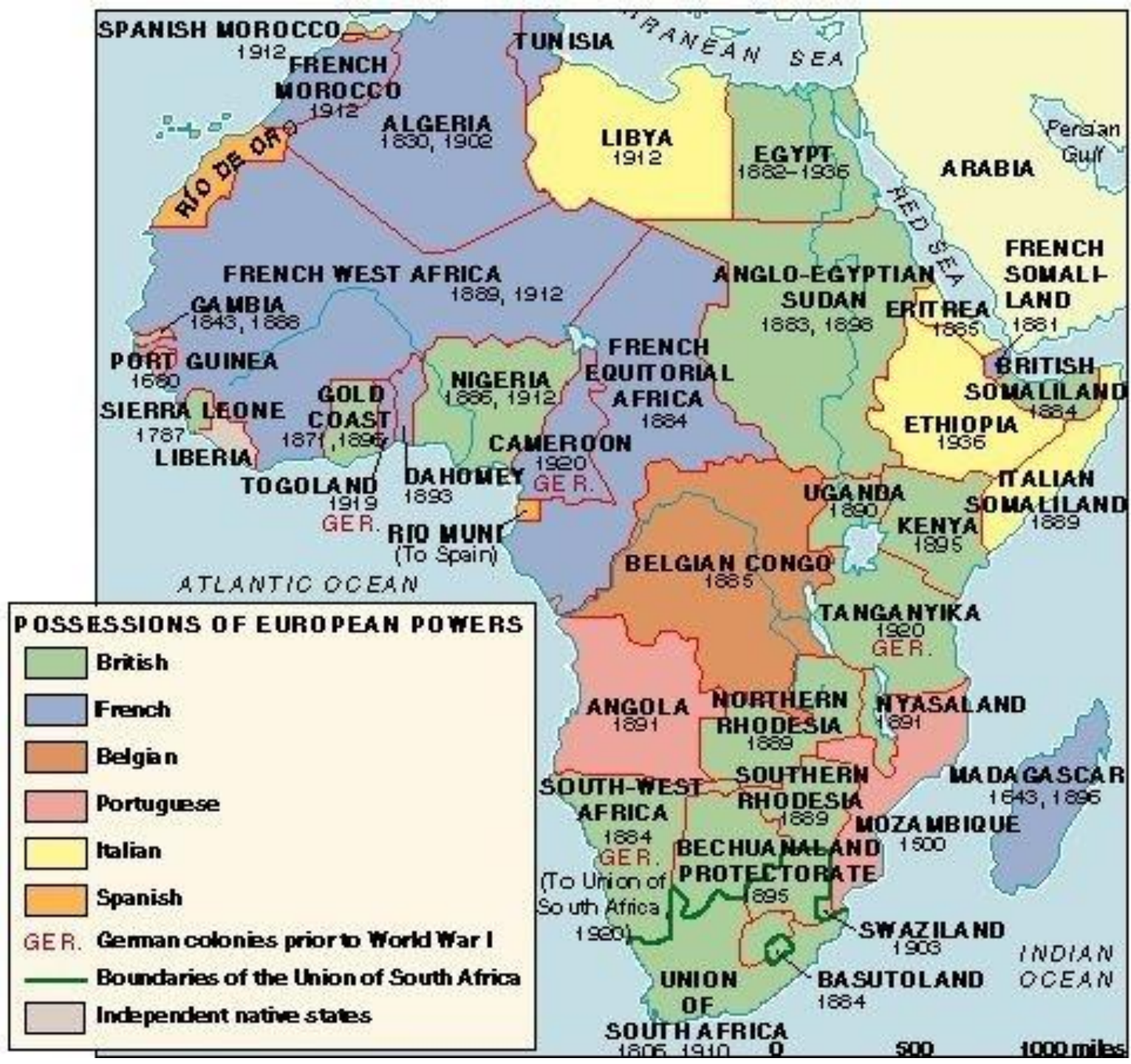
# Imperialism

- Virtually all the major powers were engaged in a scramble for empire to bolster their economies
- The fiercest competition was between Britain and Germany and between France and Germany

# Imperialism

- Great Britain, Germany and France needed foreign markets after the increase in manufacturing caused by the Industrial Revolution.
  - These countries competed for economic expansion in Africa.
  - Clash of France against Germany and Britain in North Africa
- In the Middle East, the crumbling Ottoman Empire was alluring to Austria-Hungary, the Balkans and Russia.

# European Conquest of Africa





The background of the slide is a dynamic, fiery explosion. A bright, glowing core of white and yellow light is at the center, surrounded by swirling, turbulent clouds of orange and red. Numerous thin, straight lines of light radiate outwards from the center, creating a sense of intense energy and movement. The overall color palette is dominated by warm, fiery tones.

# The “Spark”



# THE BLACK HAND



- Black Hand:  
Serbian nationalist  
group
- The main objective  
of the Black Hand  
was the creation,  
by means of  
violence, of a  
Greater Serbia.







# Assassination



***Archduke Franz Ferdinand and  
Duchess Sophie at Sarajevo, Bosnia,  
on June 28th, 1914.***



**Austrian  
Archduke Franz  
Ferdinand was  
killed in Bosnia by  
a Serbian  
nationalist group  
called the Black  
Hand who  
believed that  
Bosnia should  
belong to Serbia.**



# Domino Effect

Austria Hungary blamed Serbia for Ferdinand's death and declared war on Serbia.



Germany pledged their support for Austria -Hungary.



Russia pledged their support for Serbia.



# Domino Effect

Germany declares war on Russia.



France pledges their support for Russia.



Germany declares war on France.



Germany invades Belgium on the way to France.



Great Britain supports Belgium and declares war on Germany.



# COMBATANTS OF WWI

## Central Powers

Germany

Austria-Hungary

Ottoman Empire

Bulgaria



## Allied Powers

Russia

France

Great Britain

Italy

Japan

United States (1917)

# Why was WWI a Stalemate?

- What's a **stalemate**?
  - Neither side can make a move to win
- Both sides of the war threw arms and troops in to win but.....
- Millions die without gaining ground.

# What new weapons were used in WWI?

- Machine gun
- Poison gas (Mustard gas)
  - Carried by the wind
  - Burned out soldier's lungs
  - Deadly in the trenches where it would sit at the bottom
- Submarine
- Airplane
- Tank
- Hand grenades
- Flame Throwers
- Why these weapons? Why now?

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION!

# Trench Warfare

**Trench Warfare** – type of fighting during World War I in which both sides dug trenches protected by mines and barbed wire

- Trenches were dug from English Channel to Switzerland
- 6,250 miles
- 6 to 8 feet deep
- Immobilized both sides for 4 years



# MYTH



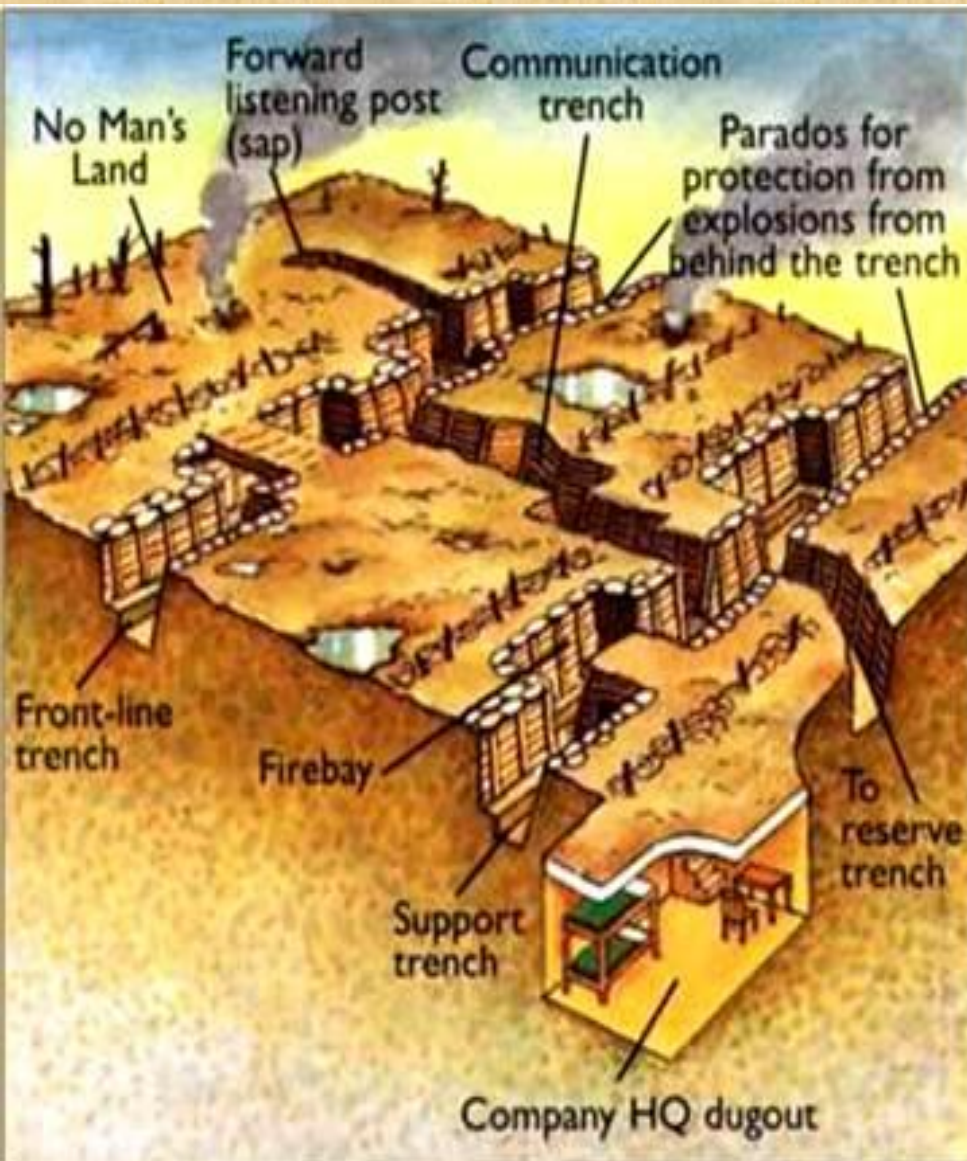


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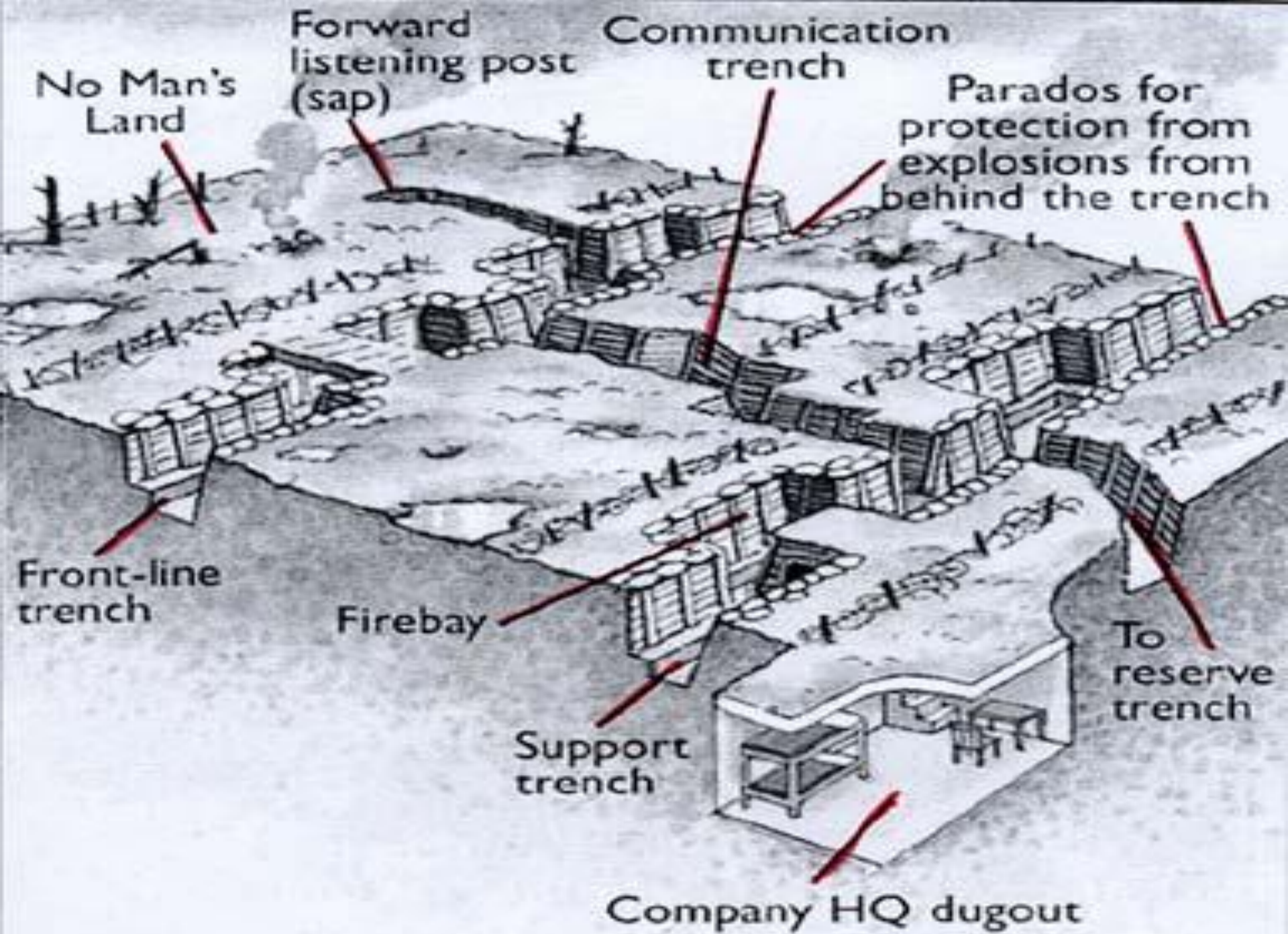




# THE TRENCH SYSTEM



- Front line
- Communication trench
- Support trenches
- No Mans Land
- Barbed wire







**BRITISH TRENCH**

# LIFE IN THE TRENCHES

- Elaborate systems of defense
  - barbed wire
  - Concrete machine gun nests
  - Mortar batteries
  - Troops lived in holes underground
- Boredom
  - Soldiers read to pass the time
  - Sarah Bernhardt came out to the front to read poetry to the soldiers



# “Death is Everywhere”

- “We all had on us the stench of dead bodies.”  
Death numbed the soldier’s minds.
- Shell shock (mental anguish)
- Psychological devastation
  - “Never such innocence again”
  - Bitterness towards aristocratic officers whose lives were never in danger



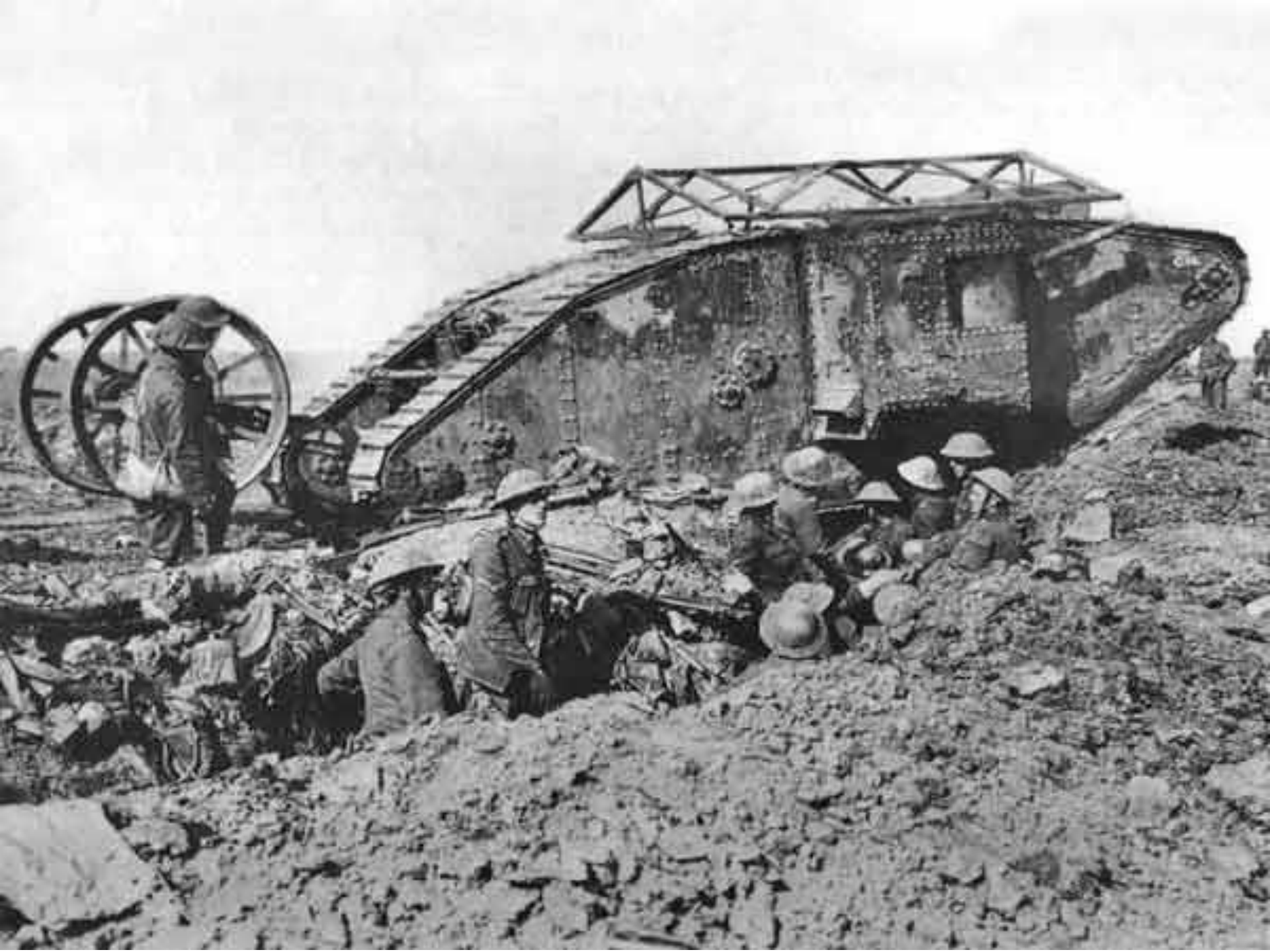




**TRENCH FOOT**

# OTHER WWI WEAPONRY

Used to stop stalemate







Tank Renault

Guillet  
1918

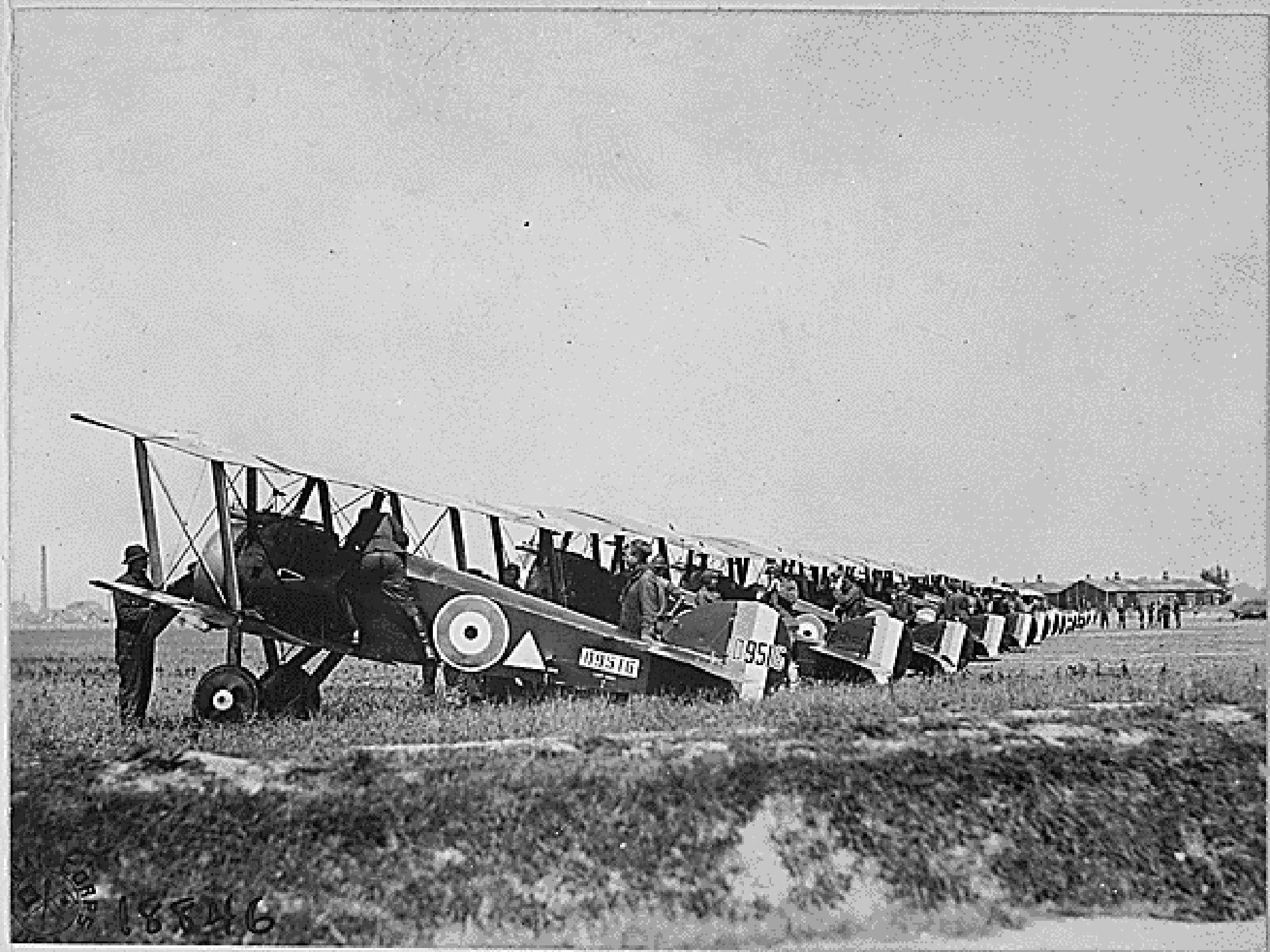


**“BIG BERTHA”**









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**German submarines, called U-boats,  
torpedoed enemy ships and neutral  
ships trading with the enemy.**

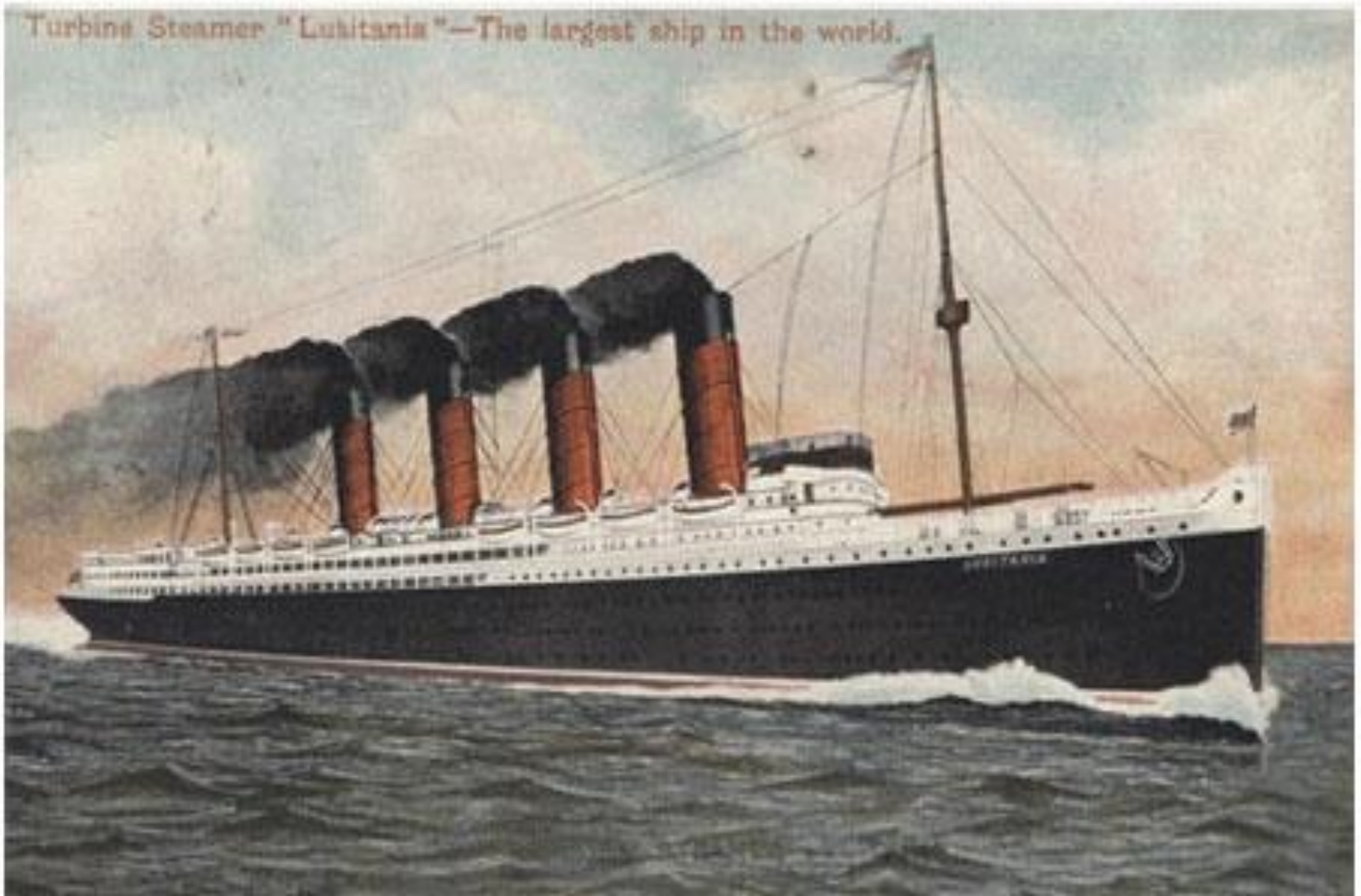




German U-Boat torpedoes  
a British ship







In 1915, a German submarine torpedoed the [\*Lusitania\*](#), a British passenger ship, killing approximately 1,200 people, including 128 Americans.



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# WWI AIRCRAFT

# SPAD VII



# Curtiss Jenny

