

The First World War

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British Exped Forces swelled to 56 divisions in
Sir Douglas Haig - down - in ^{the} trenches ^{1st Army}

May 31, 1916 - Battle of Jutland
German sank 14 Brit. ships
Brit " " " Ger. ships

Italy declared war 23 May 1915
lost a million men in next 2 yrs

Hindenburg Line

Mountbatten - from
Battenberg P47

Lord Kitchener
Levin

Lloyd George

Sir Douglas Haig
Kaiser Wilhelm II
Petain

Herbert Asquith

Robert Neville French Commander in Chief

Leon Trotsky

Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg

Joffre

Erich von Falkenhayn - minister for war

What are the major endless controversies of WWI?
 How much of a Anglocentric bias is there here?
 You say Americans widely believed WWI involvement had
 been a mistake never to be done again p.143

1910
 Britain 40mil.
 France 35mil.
 Germany 65mil.
 Russia 164mil.

The First World War terrorism - a term
 invented by Russian
 revolutionaries
 18 July 1914

Carl von Clausewitz
 on strategy
 ① the policy of the government
 ② the activities of the military
 ③ the passions of the peoples

Archduke Franz Ferdinand
 assassinated in Sarajevo
 capital of Bosnia Herzegovina
 by Gavrilo Princip
 a teenage terrorist armed by
 Serb sponsored Black Hand p.17

1911 - no. of troops
 Russia 1,345,000
 Germany 612,000
 France 593,000

> peacetime 1914 Germany 864,000
 France 700,000

July 28 What was Aufmarsch
 Battle of Tannenberg - one of greatest military
 victories of all time 50,000 Russian killed
 90,000 wounded

It was supposed to be a short war
 Hindenburg and Ludendorff - status in Germany
 of demi-gods.

Verdun - French victory German defeat 21 FEB 1916
 Somme - allies lost 600,000 men - battle 4 mos July 1
 object of attack was unclear - Haig blamed. (p.79)

fighting for p.33

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*British Blockade - Germany estimated they lost
130,000 directly to blockade*

*Some Clothing
Verdun is Food
Marne Ammunition
Ypres*

Verina 1814 - WW at Paris perhaps uninvitedly attended in person

Germany - military reduced to 100,000 men - deprived of offensive weapons
loss of colonies

Reparation Commission - Report by 1921

Germany believed they were fighting for a noble cause p140
felt they had been stabbed in the back by socialists and jews

Versailles has had bad press but its provisions have stood
the test of time.

Chap 8

At entry: Americans had 6000 officers + 100,000 men
plan for 24 divisions - 1,000,000 men
Russia knocked out of the war March 1918

On May 17, 1918 British guns fired 2 million
shells in 4 1/2 hours. p123

Beginning of 1918 - 1 million Americans in France
Conscription May 1917

Pushing out 42 divisions at his disposal

What was the Black Day of the German Army - 1st defeat
of the war p128

On 29 Sept Ludendorff informed Kaiser - couldn't win war

1917 - German target: to sink 600,000 tons a month
Lloyd George instituted convoys p101

1917 - Daylight German raids against England
then night-time raids - used relatively long range
aircraft

Middle East - British in Basra to Baghdad to

Jerusalem - Edmund Allenby

Balfour's promise Homeland for Jews