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TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS

1914

| | |
|------------------|--|
| June 28 | Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand |
| July 23 | Delivery of the Austrian ultimatum to Serbia |
| August 4 | German invasion of Belgium |
| August 6–24 | Battles of the Frontiers |
| August 8 | British invasion of Togoland and East Africa |
| August 20 | Battle of Gumbinnen |
| August 26–30 | Battle of Tannenberg |
| September 4–10 | First Battle of the Marne |
| September 7–14 | Battle of the Masurian Lakes |
| Sept. 17–Oct. 18 | The Race to the Sea |
| Oct. 17–Nov. 24 | First Battle of Ypres/Battle of the Yser |
| Dec. 10–May 25 | French offensive in Champagne |

1915

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Feb. 19–Dec. 20 | Dardanelles/Gallipoli campaign |
| March 8–15 | Battle of Neuve Chapelle |
| April 22–May 25 | Second Battle of Ypres |
| May 2–13 | Gorlice-Tarnow offensive |
| May 7 | German sinking of the <i>Lusitania</i> |
| May 23 | Italian entry into the war |
| June 29–July 7 | First Battle of the Isonzo |
| July 9 | British conquest of German Southwest Africa |
| August 5 | German capture of Warsaw |
| Sept. 21–Nov. 6 | Battles of Artois and Loos |
| October 3–5 | Landing of Allied troops at Salonika |

· TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS ·

1916

| | |
|------------------|---|
| January 18 | Allied capture of Cameroon |
| Feb. 21–Dec. 15 | Battle of Verdun |
| April 29 | Surrender of British garrison at Kut |
| May 31–June 1 | Battle of Jutland |
| June 4–August 11 | Brusilov offensive |
| June 6 | Start of the Arab Revolt |
| July 1–Nov. 18 | Battle of the Somme |
| August 27 | Romanian entry into the war |
| September 4 | Allied capture of Dar es Salaam |
| September 15 | Introduction of the first tanks (Somme) |
| November 28 | First air raid on London |

1917

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| February 1 | German resumption of USW |
| March 11 | British capture of Baghdad |
| March 15 | Abdication of Tsar Nicholas II |
| April 6 | United States entry into the war |
| April 9 | Canadian capture of Vimy Ridge |
| April 16 | Start of the Nivelle offensive |
| July 1–18 | Kerensky offensive |
| July 31–Nov. 10 | Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele) |
| September 1–5 | German capture of Riga |
| Oct. 24–Nov. 10 | Battle of Caporetto |
| November 16 | Bolshevik government formed in Russia |
| Nov. 20–Dec. 4 | Battle of Cambrai |
| December 9 | British capture of Jerusalem |

1918

| | |
|-----------|--|
| January 8 | Announcement of Wilson's Fourteen Points |
| March 3 | Signing of Treaty of Brest-Litovsk |
| March 21 | Start of German spring offensives |

· TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS ·

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Mar. 26 | Foch named Allied Supreme Commander |
| June 2–24 | Battles of Château-Thierry and Belleau Wood |
| July 15–Aug. 4 | Second Battle of the Marne |
| August 8–12 | Battle of Amiens |
| September 12–16 | American capture of St. Mihiel |
| Sept. 26–Nov. 11 | Battle of the Meuse-Argonne |
| October 3 | Hindenburg Line breached |
| October 30 | Surrender of Ottoman Empire and Austria-Hungary |
| November 11 | Armistice signed with Germany |

IMPORTANT PEOPLE

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Albert I | King of the Belgians |
| Alekseev, Mikhail | Russian general |
| Allenby, Edmund | British field marshal |
| Asquith, Herbert H. | British prime minister |
| Baker, Newton | American politician |
| Beatty, David | British admiral |
| Bernstorff, Johann | German diplomat |
| Bethmann Hollweg, Theobald von | German chancellor |
| Birdwood, William | British general |
| Böhm-Ermolli, Eduard | Austro-Hungarian general |
| Borojević, Svetozar | Austro-Hungarian field marshal |
| Botha, Louis | South African general |
| Bruchmüller, Georg | German colonel |
| Brusilov, Alexei | Russian general |
| Byng, Julian | British general |
| Cadorna, Luigi | Italian general |
| Capello, Luigi | Italian general |
| Casement, Roger | Irish nationalist |
| Castelnau, Edouard Noël de | French general |
| Cavell, Edith | British nurse |
| Churchill, Winston | British politician |
| Clemenceau, Georges | French prime minister |
| Conrad von Hötzen- dorf, Franz | Austrian general |
| Currie, Arthur | Canadian general |
| Diaz, Armando | Italian general |
| Driant, Emile | French soldier and deputy |
| Duchêne, Denis | French general |

· IMPORTANT PEOPLE ·

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Enver Pasha | Ottoman general and statesman |
| Erzberger, Matthias | German politician |
| Faisal, Emir | Arabian prince |
| Falkenhayn, Erich von | German general |
| Foch, Ferdinand | French marshal |
| Fokker, Anthony | Dutch aircraft designer |
| Franchet d'Esperey, Louis | French general |
| François, Hermann von | German general |
| Franz Ferdinand | Assassinated Austrian archduke |
| Franz Joseph I | Austro-Hungarian emperor |
| French, John | British field marshal |
| Gallieni, Joseph | French general |
| Gibbs, Philip | British journalist |
| Goltz, Colmar von der | German/Ottoman field marshal |
| Gough, Hubert | British general |
| Grey, Edward | British statesman |
| Haig, Douglas | British field marshal |
| Hamilton, Ian | British general |
| Harrington, Charles | British general |
| Hindenburg, Paul von | German field marshal |
| Hipper, Franz | German admiral |
| Hoffmann, Max | German general |
| Holtzendorf, Henning von | German admiral |
| Hughes, William | Australian prime minister |
| Hutier, Oskar von | German general |
| Jellicoe, John | British admiral |
| Joffre, Joseph | French marshal |
| Kemal, Mustapha | Ottoman general and statesman |
| Kerensky, Alexander | Russian politician |
| Kitchener, Horatio | British field marshal |
| Kluck, Alexander von | German general |
| Kornilov, Lavr | Russian general |