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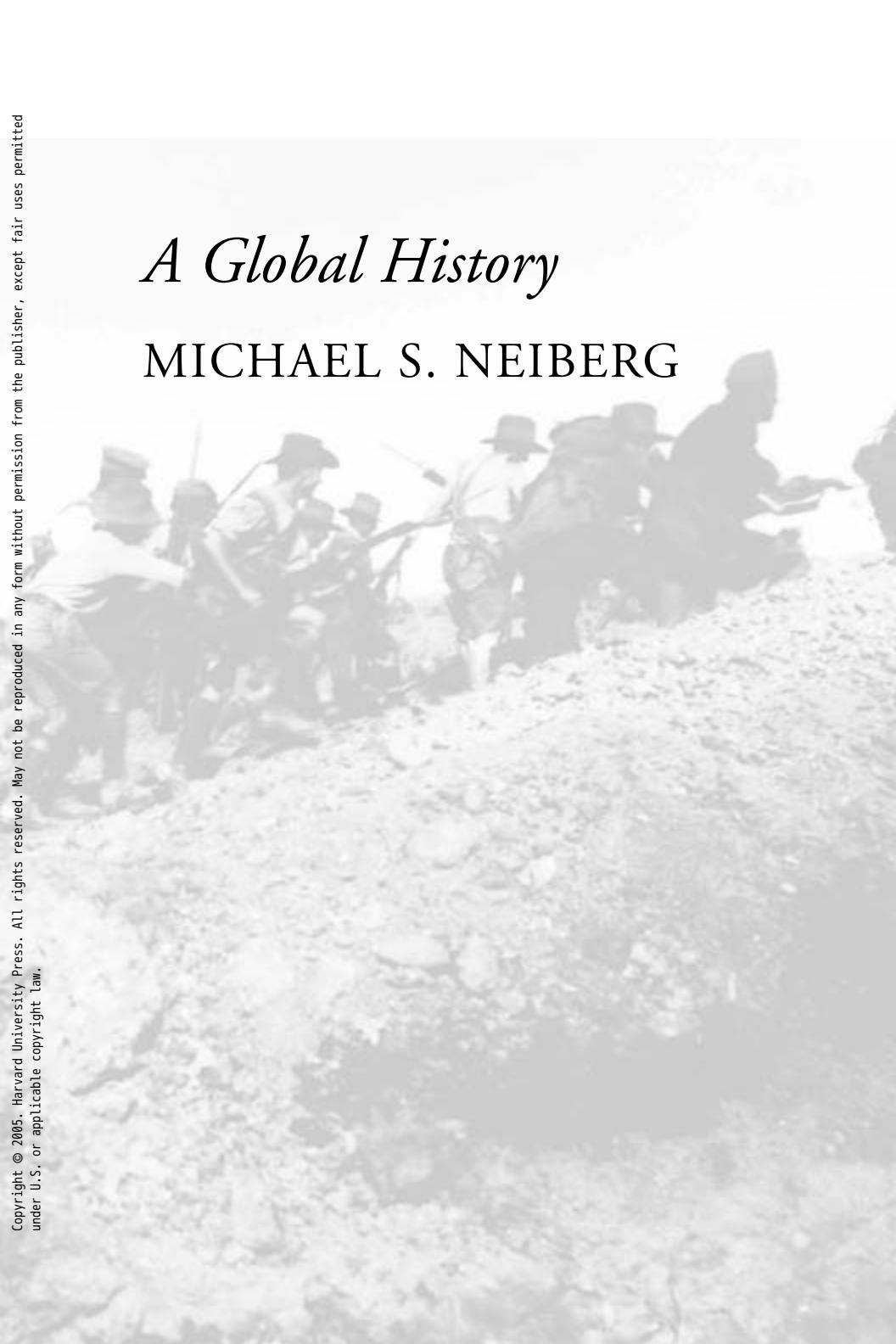


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TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS

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

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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
Boroević, 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 Hötzendorf, 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
Cluck, Alexander von	German general
Kornilov, Lavr	Russian general