

# “The unreturning army that was youth”

The Great War claimed the lives of 10 million fighting men and appalling civilian losses. Believed to be “the war to end all war”, the conflict destroyed the old European order and, once the guns finally fell silent on November 11, 1918, ushered in a new era of global politics

## TOTAL MILITARY CASUALTIES

Allies	22 million
Central Powers	15 million

## MILITARY DEAD

*% of total mobilised*

Germany	1.8m	16%
Russia	1.7m	14%
France	1.4m	16%
Austria-Hungary	1.2m	15%
British Empire	1m	10%
Italy	650,000	12%
Turkey	380,000	11%
Romania	335,000	45%
U.S.	116,500	3%
Bulgaria	87,500	7%
Serbia	45,000	6%
Belgium	13,700	5%
Portugal	7,200	7%
Greece	5,000	2%

## CIVILIAN DEAD

8-12m

## MILITARY WOUNDED

Germany	4.2m
Russia	5.0m
France	4.3m
Austria-Hungary	3.6m
British Empire	2.1m
Italy	947,000
Turkey	400,000
Romania	120,000
U.S.	234,000
Bulgaria	152,000
Serbia	133,000

## WAR SPENDING

Allies	\$125bn*
Central Powers	\$60bn

**Cost of war estimated at \$185bn.** In France alone, 1,875 square miles of forest, 8,000 of farmland and 250,000 buildings were destroyed

