

“The unreturning army that was youth”

The Great War claimed the lives of an estimated 10 million fighting men and appalling civilian losses. The “war to end all wars” destroyed the old European order and 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, 4,850 sq km of forest, 20,000 sq km of farmland and 250,000 buildings were destroyed

Title quotation from Siegfried Sassoon's “Prelude: The Troops”. *Includes Canada, Australia, N. Zealand, S. Africa, India and others. †In 1914 dollars. ‡\$4.7 trillion in 2017 dollars

Sources: Imperial War Museum, Times Atlas of World History

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