

World War I



European Alliances on the Eve of World War I. Alliance systems divided Europe into two great blocs with few countries remaining neutral.



CHRONOLOGY

Fighting the Great War

1903	Development of the Schlieffen Plan
28 June 1914	Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife, Sophie
28 July 1914	Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia
30 July–4 August 1914	Germany, France, Britain, and Italy declare war in accordance with system of alliances
6–10 September 1914	Germany invades Belgium
1915	First Battle of the Marne
April 1915	Germany introduces chlorine gas
January 1916	Gallipoli Campaign
February–December 1916	Sinking of the Lusitania
1917	First use of mustard gas
2 April 1917	United States enters war
March 1918	Russia withdraws
11 November 1918	Armistice



The Schlieffen Plan



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