

# **Lawrence of Arabia, The Bedouins and Allied Victory in World War I**

Wonders of Arabia  
Windstar Cruises  
Ross Arnold, Spring 2015

# **Wonders of Arabia: May Lectures**

- **May 1- Lawrence of Arabia, the Bedouins & Allied Victory in WW1**
- May 2- Mysteries of the Nabateans & Petra
- May 2- The Permanence of Ancient Egypt
- May 3- Pharaohs, Temple & Tombs
  - May 4-5- Safaga & Luxor, Egypt
  - May 6- Sharm el Sheikk & St. Catherine's Monastery
  - May 7- Aqaba, Jordan & Petra
  - May 8- Hurghada, Egypt
  - May 9- Suez Canal Transit
- May 10- The Crusades
- May 10- History, Culture & Conflict in the Middle East
- May 11- Alexander the Great & Hellenism
- May 11- Greece: Birthplace of Western Civilization

# Europe 1900

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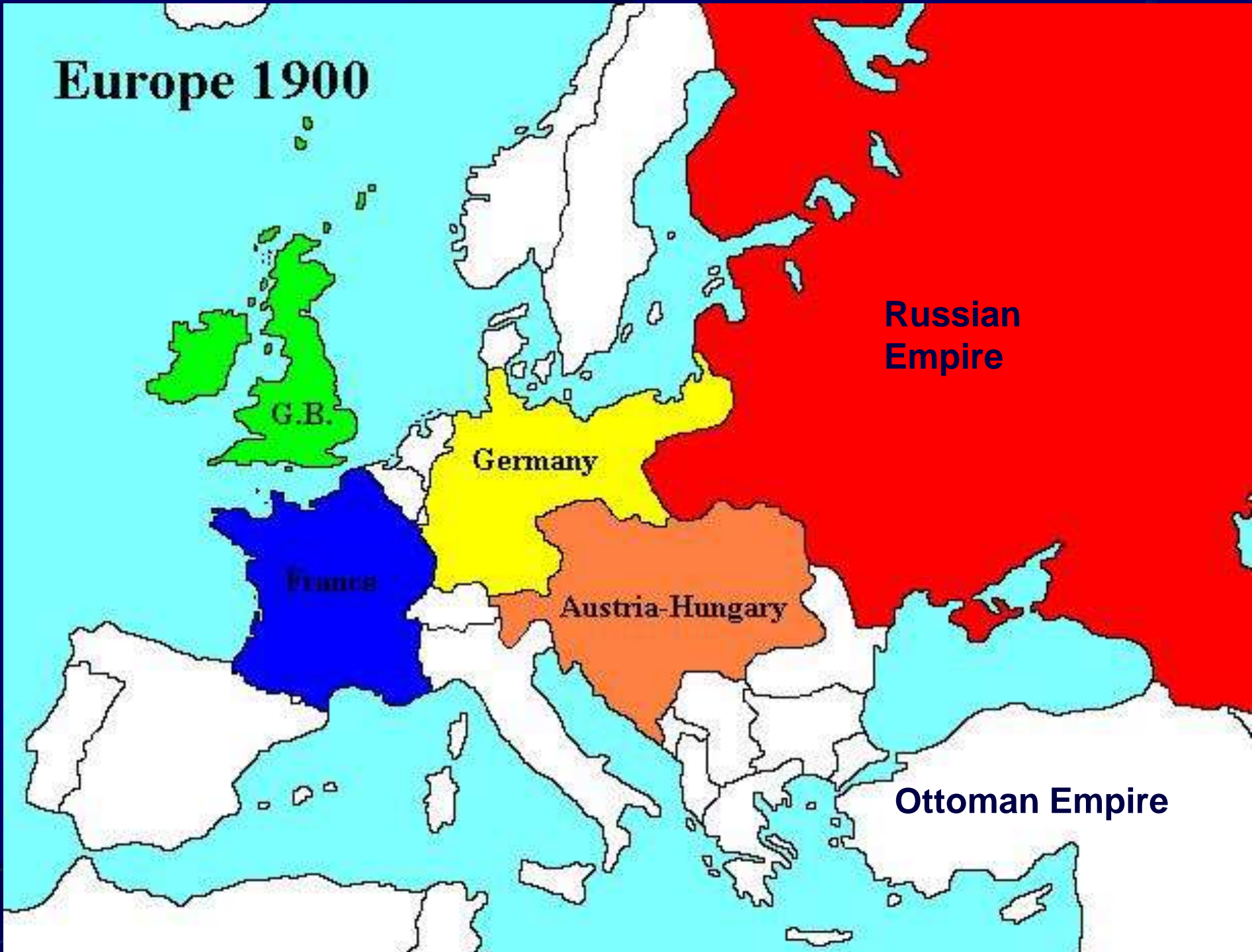
France

Germany

Austria-Hungary

Russian Empire

Ottoman Empire





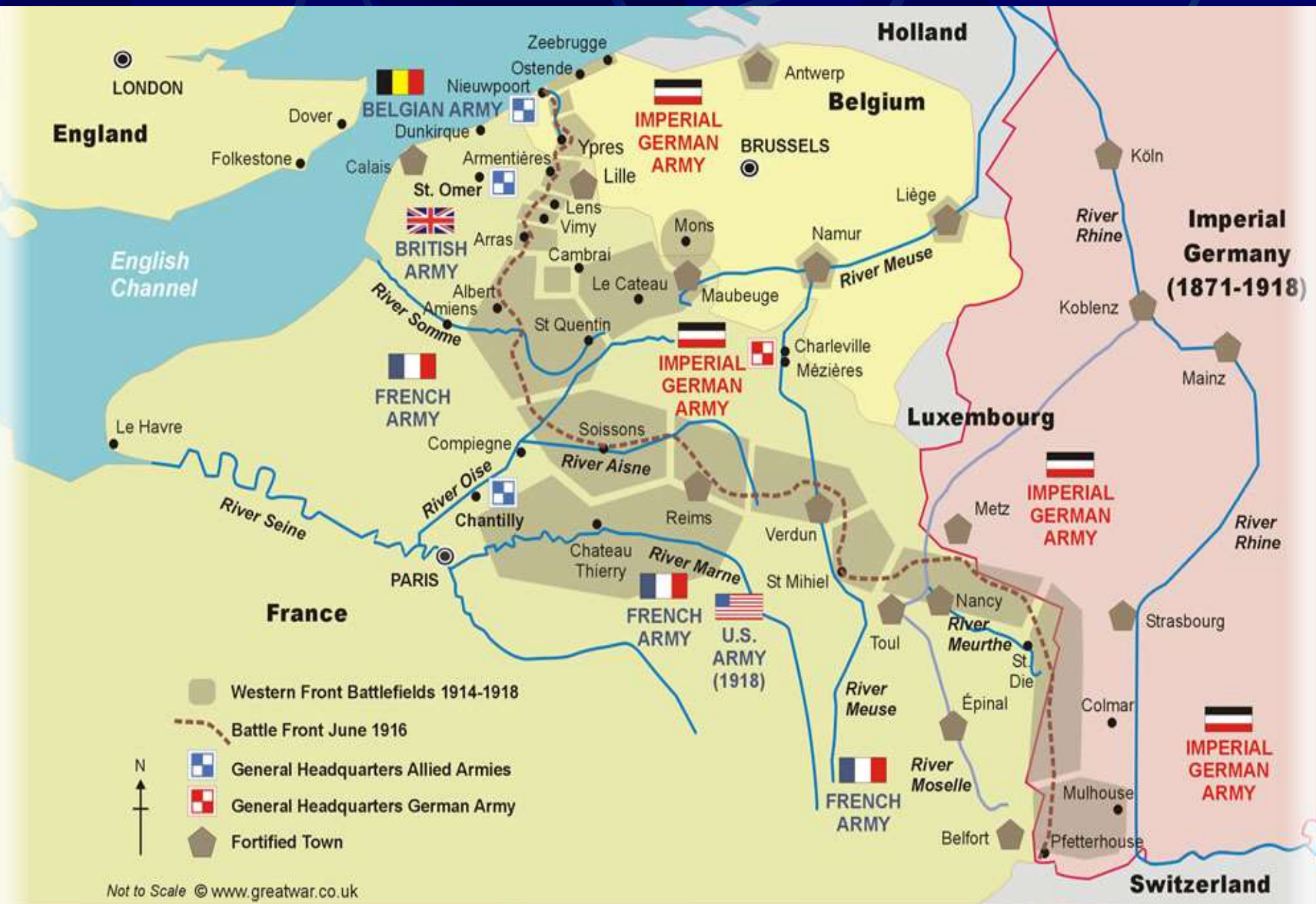




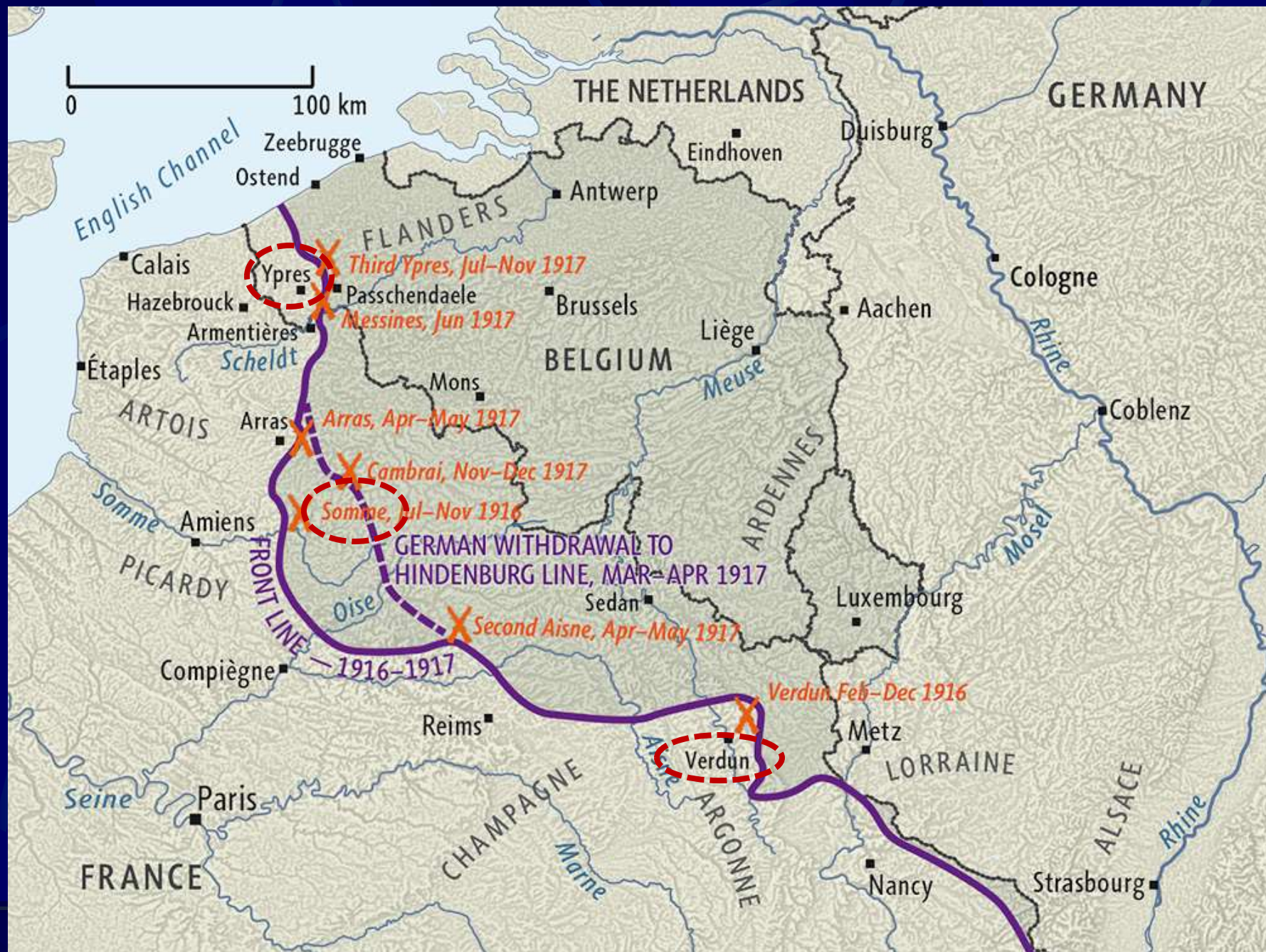








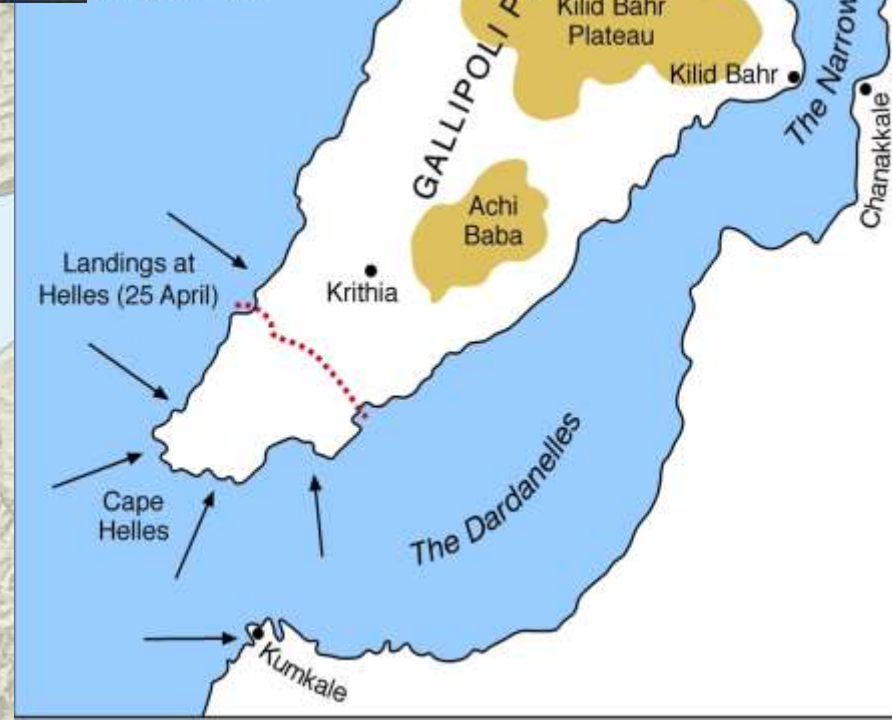
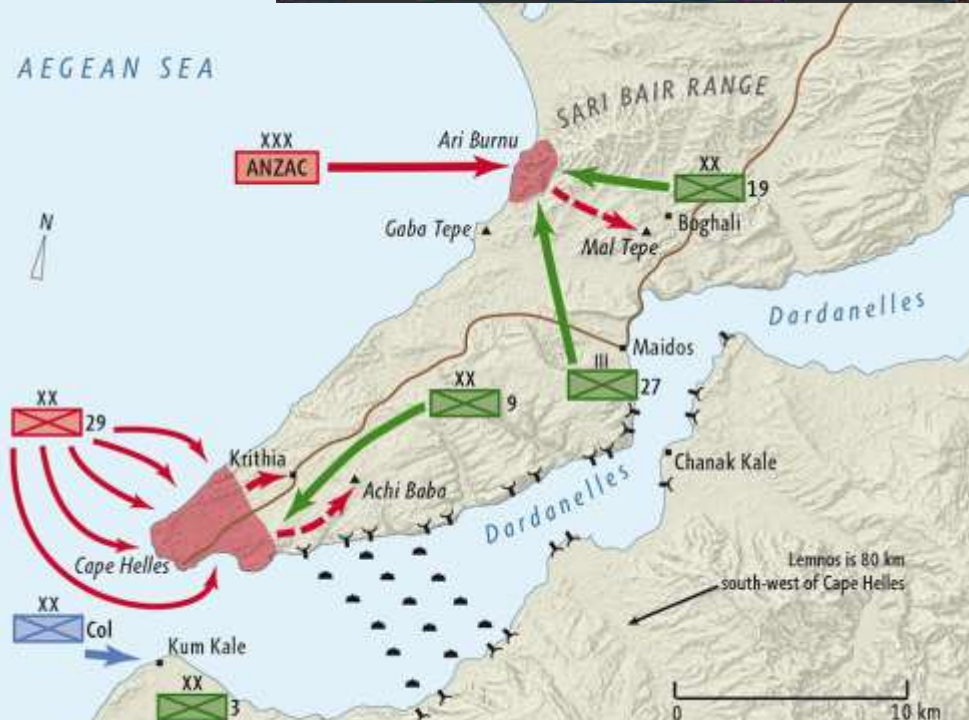
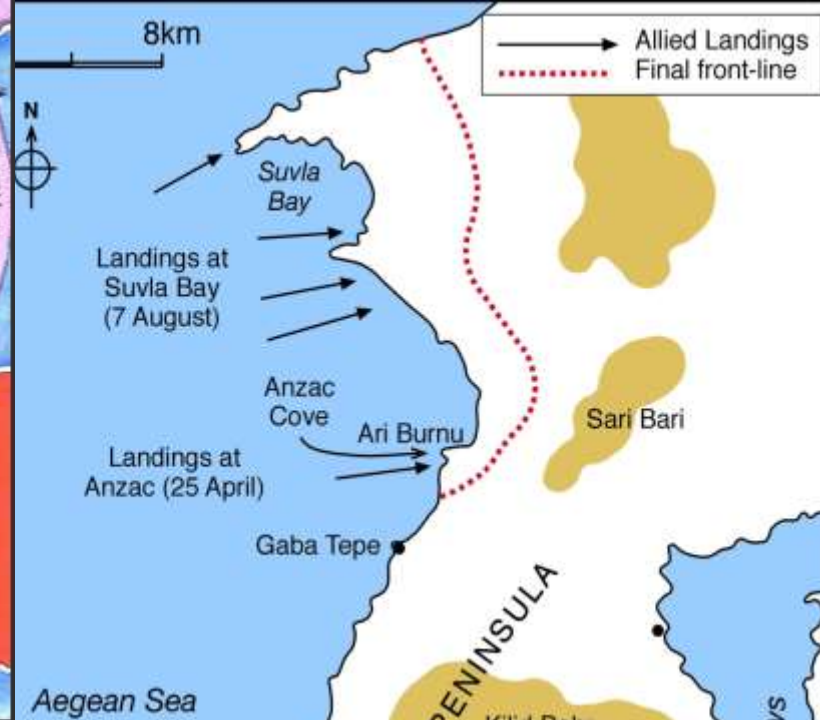






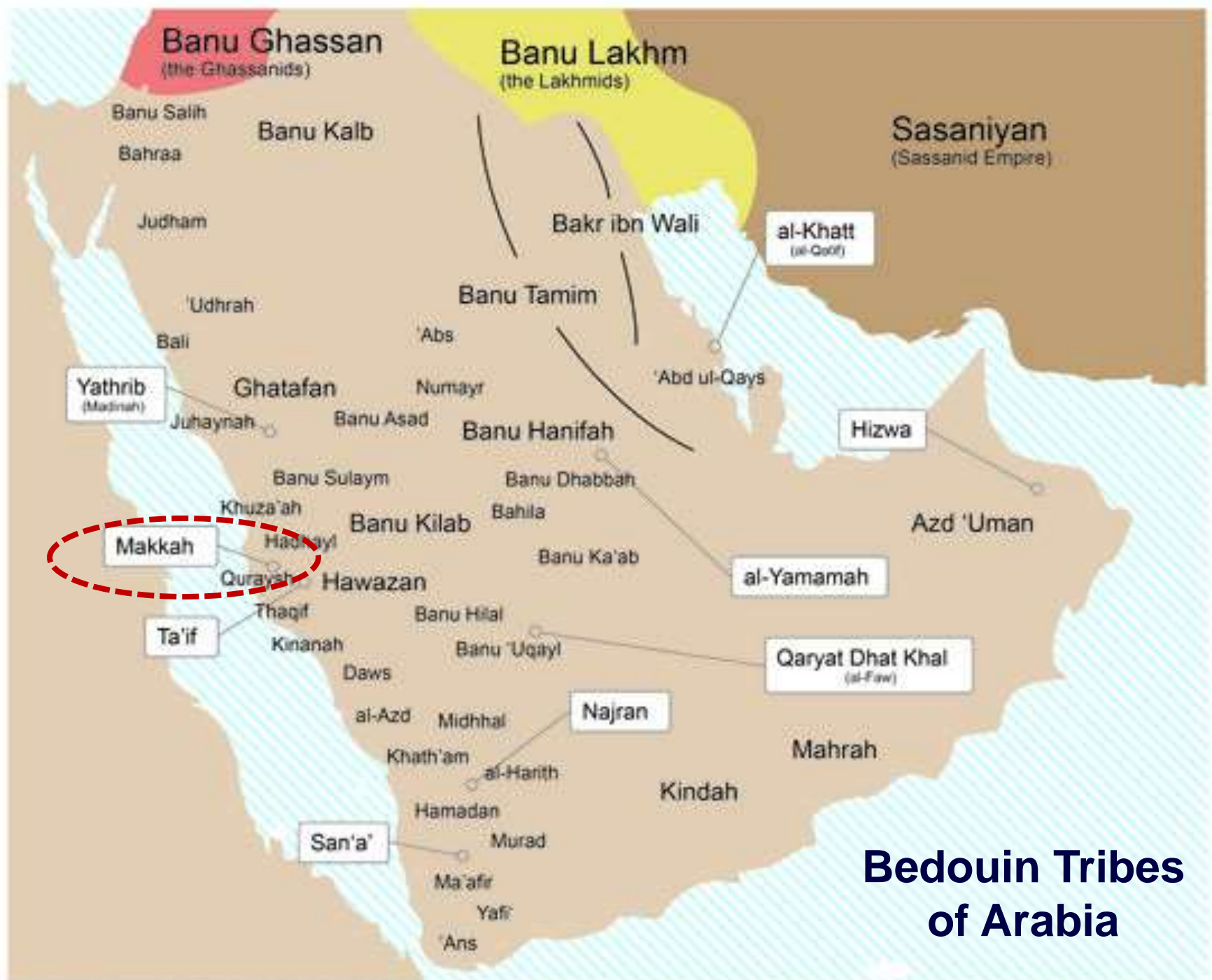
# The Gallipoli Disaster

(Apr 1915-Jan 1916)







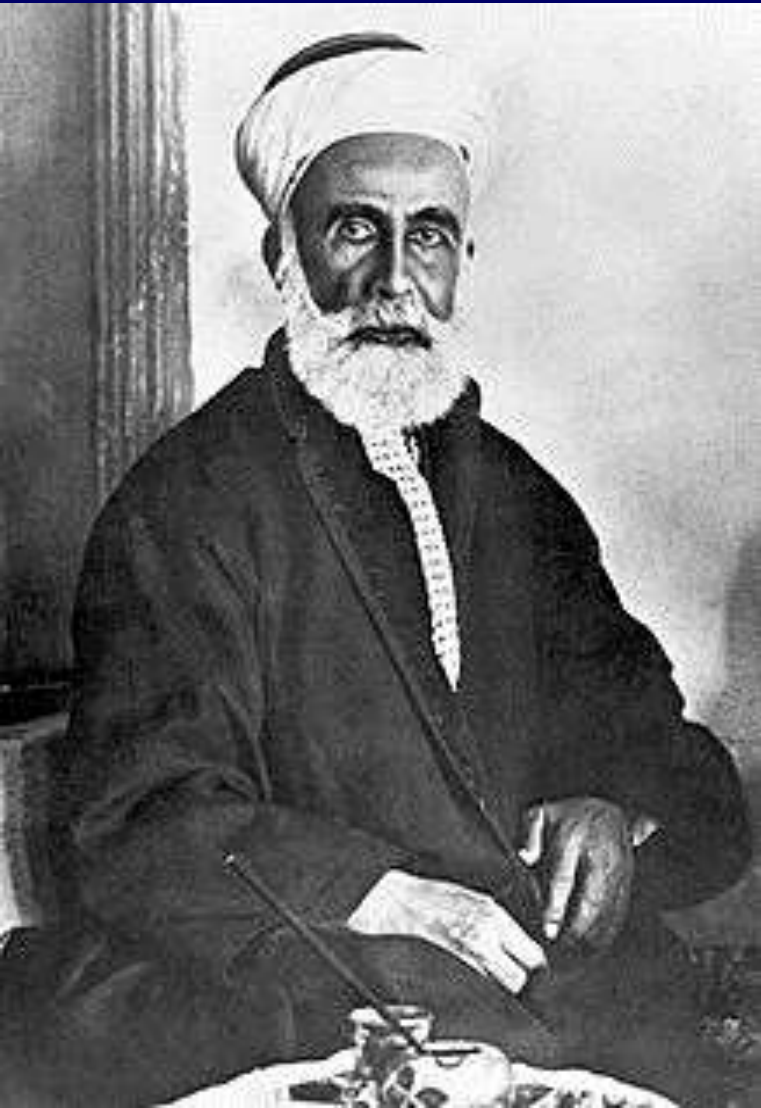


## Bedouin Tribes of Arabia





# The Hashemite Rulers



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Sharif of Mecca/ King of Hejaz



**Ali bin Hussein**  
King of Hejaz, 1924-25

**Abdullah bin al-Hussein**  
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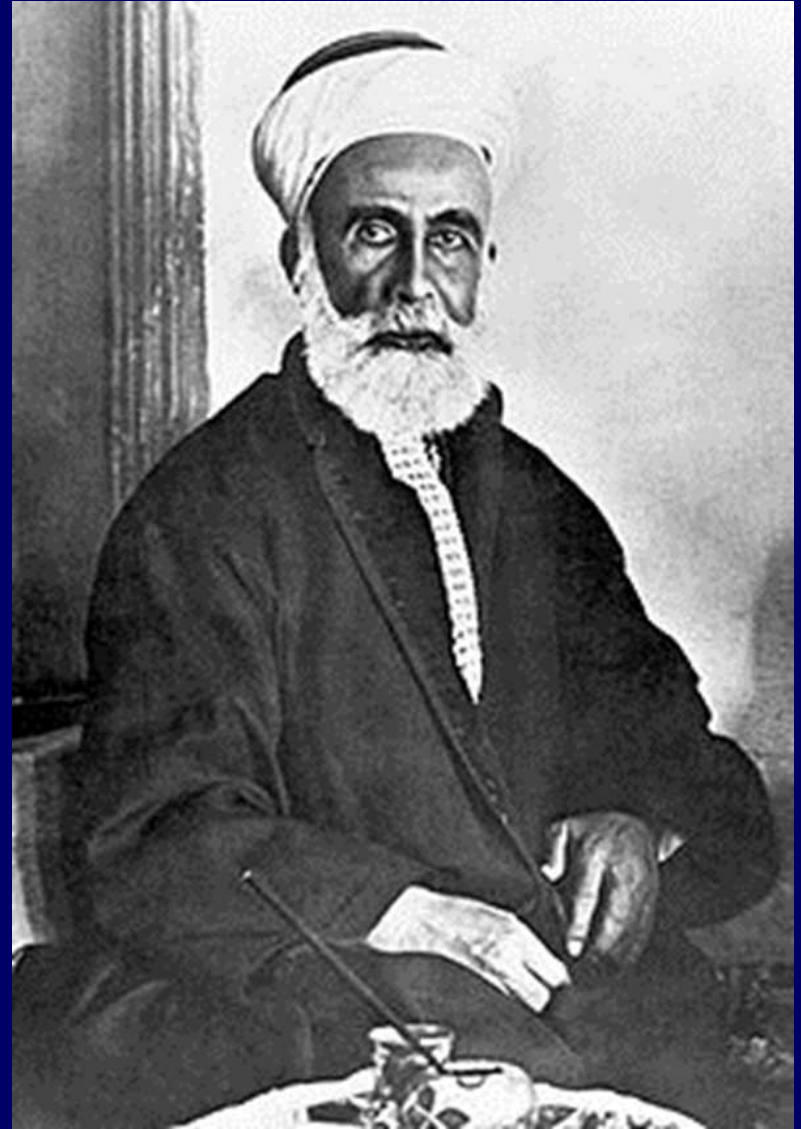


**Faisal bin Hussein bin  
Ali al-Hashimi**  
King of Syria, 1920  
King of Iraq, 1921-33

# The McMahon-Hussein Correspondence, July 1915-January 1916



Sir Henry McMahon  
British High Commissioner, Egypt



Hussein bin Ali  
Sharif of Mecca/ King of Hejaz





**What Great Britain  
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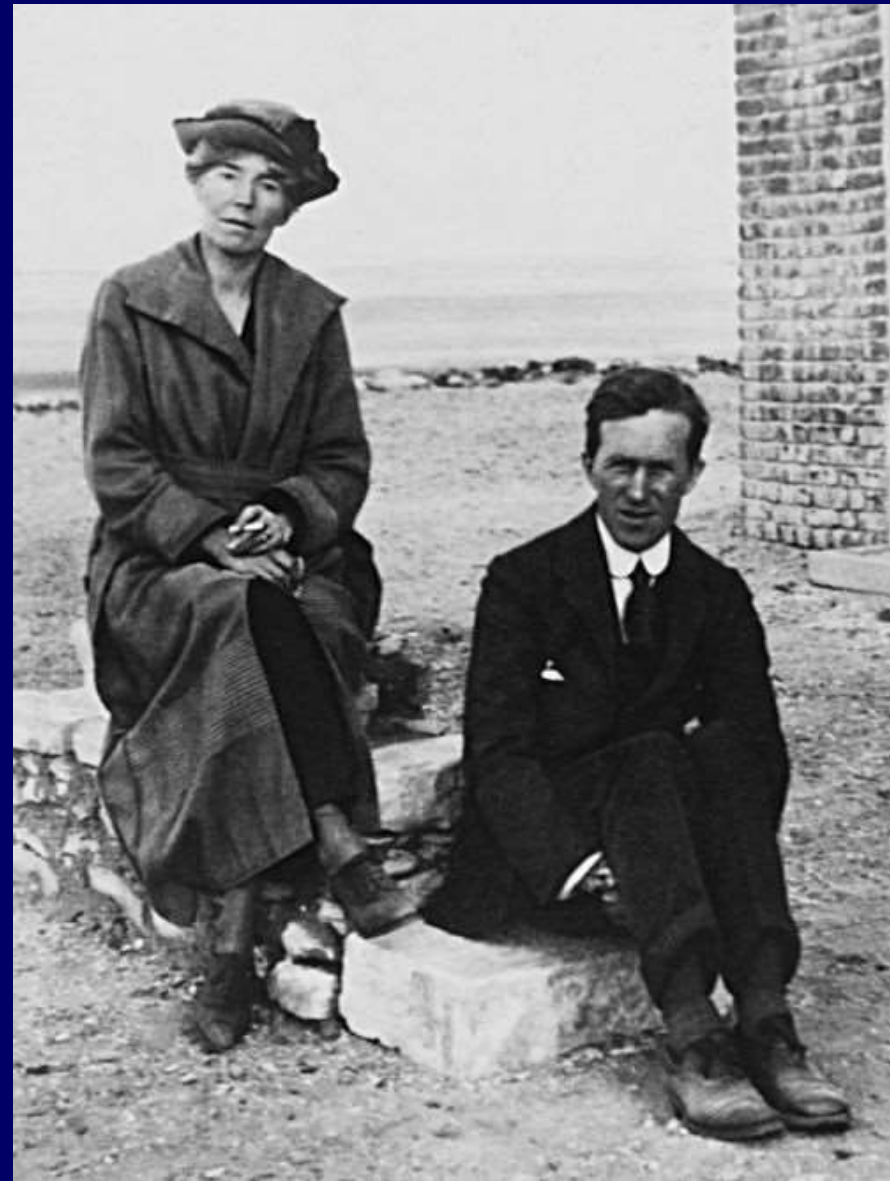
**Thomas Edward Lawrence**  
“Lawrence of Arabia”







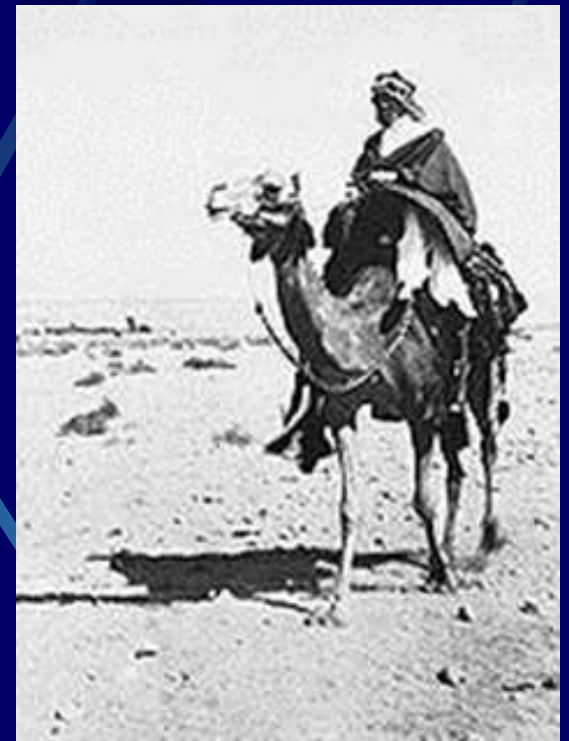
**Gertrude Bell**  
“The Queen of the Desert”



# OTTOMAN EMPIRE







Lawrence at Aqaba



# The Sykes-Picot Agreement, May 1916



Colonel Sir Mark Sykes



Francoise George-Picot





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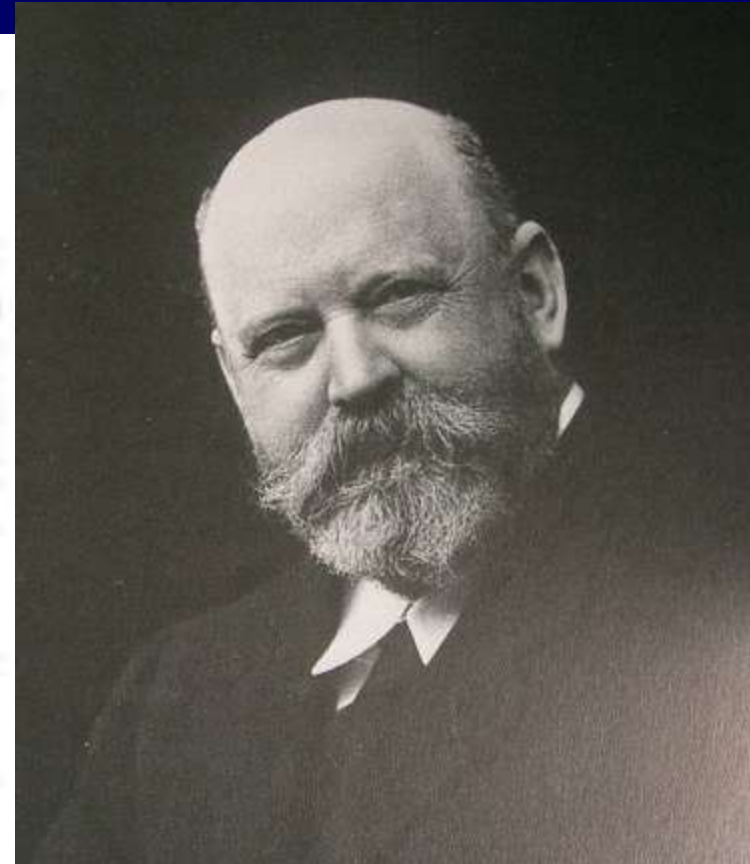
# Post-WWI Middle East (1923)



# The Balfour Declaration, November 1917



Arthur James Balfour  
UK Foreign Secretary



Baron Walter Rothschild  
British Jewish Leader



# The End of War – Key Dates

## 1918

Aug 8-Nov 11 – Hundred Days Offensive, last on Western Front.

Aug 26-Sept 1 – Battle of Baku, last Turkish offensive.

Sept 18-Oct 17 – Allies break through German lines.

Sept 19-25 – British conquer Palestine.

Sept 26-27 – British capture Damascus.

Sept 30 – Bulgaria signs armistice with Allies.

Oct 30 – Ottoman Empire signs Armistice of Mudros.

Nov 3 – Austria-Hungary signs armistice with Italy.

Nov 9 – German Kaiser Wilhelm II abdicates; republic declared.

Nov 10 – Austro-Hungarian Kaiser Charles I abdicates.

Nov 11 – 5 AM: Germany signs Armistice of Compiegne

Nov 11 – 11 AM: hostilities cease.

Nov 12 – Austria proclaimed a republic.

## 1919

Jan 18 – Paris Peace Conference

June 28 – Treaty of Versailles

# The Price of War – Casualties in World War I

	<u>Allied Powers</u>	<u>Central Powers</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mobilized	42,188,810	22,850,000	65,038,810
Killed	5,142,631	3,386,200	8,528,831
Wounded	12,800,706	8,388,448	21,189,154
Prisoners/Missing	4,121,090	3,629,829	7,750,919
Total Casualties	22,062,427	15,404,477	37,466,904
Casualties as %	52.29%	67.42%	57.61%

Civilian war deaths are estimated at an additional 6-to-7 million.

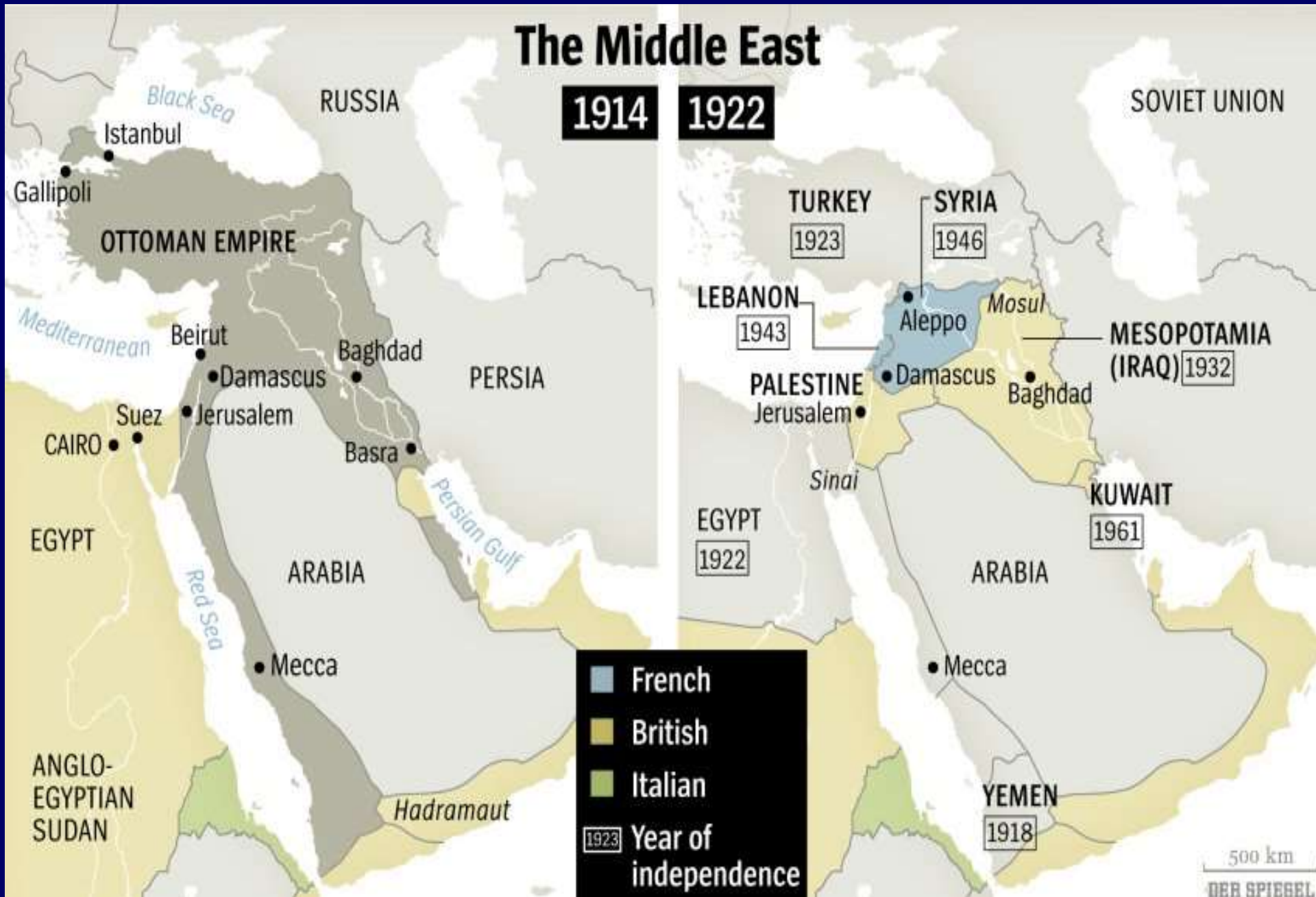




# The Middle East

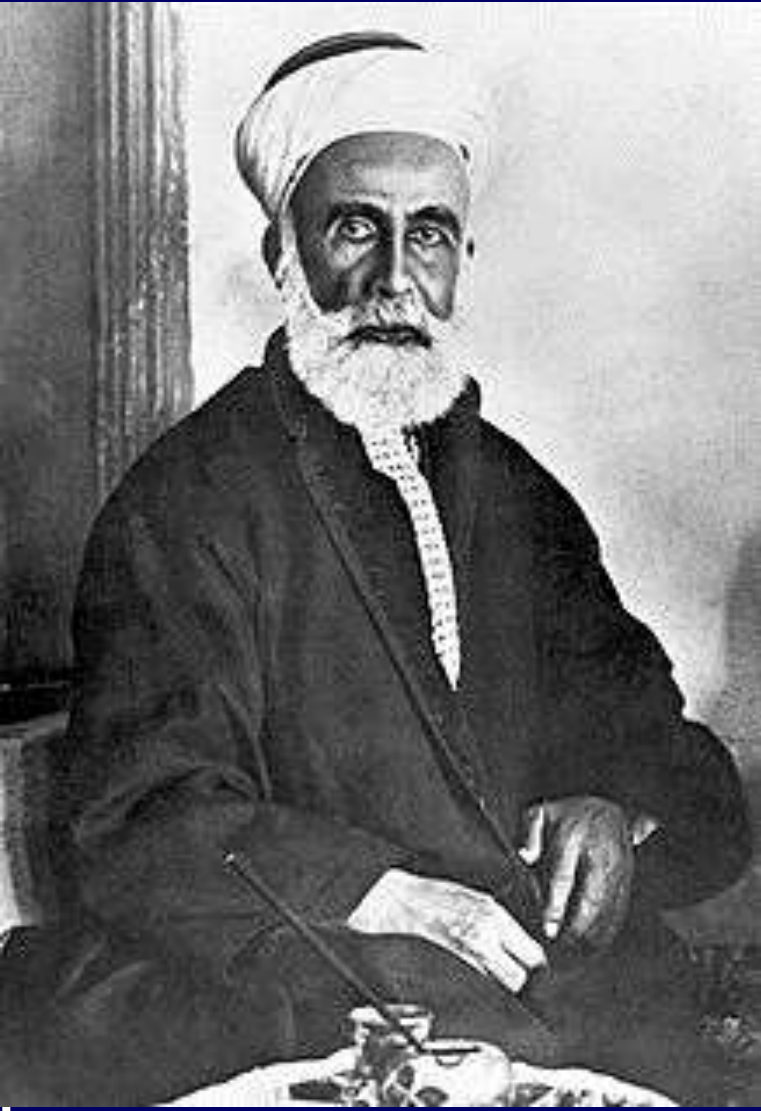
1914

1922





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**Abdulaziz Ibn Saud**  
1<sup>st</sup> King of Saudi Arabia



**The Modern Middle East**





**“Turkish President (*Recep Tayyip Erdoğan*)  
Declares Lawrence of Arabia a Bigger Enemy  
than ISIS”**





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# MIDDLE EAST 1914 - political







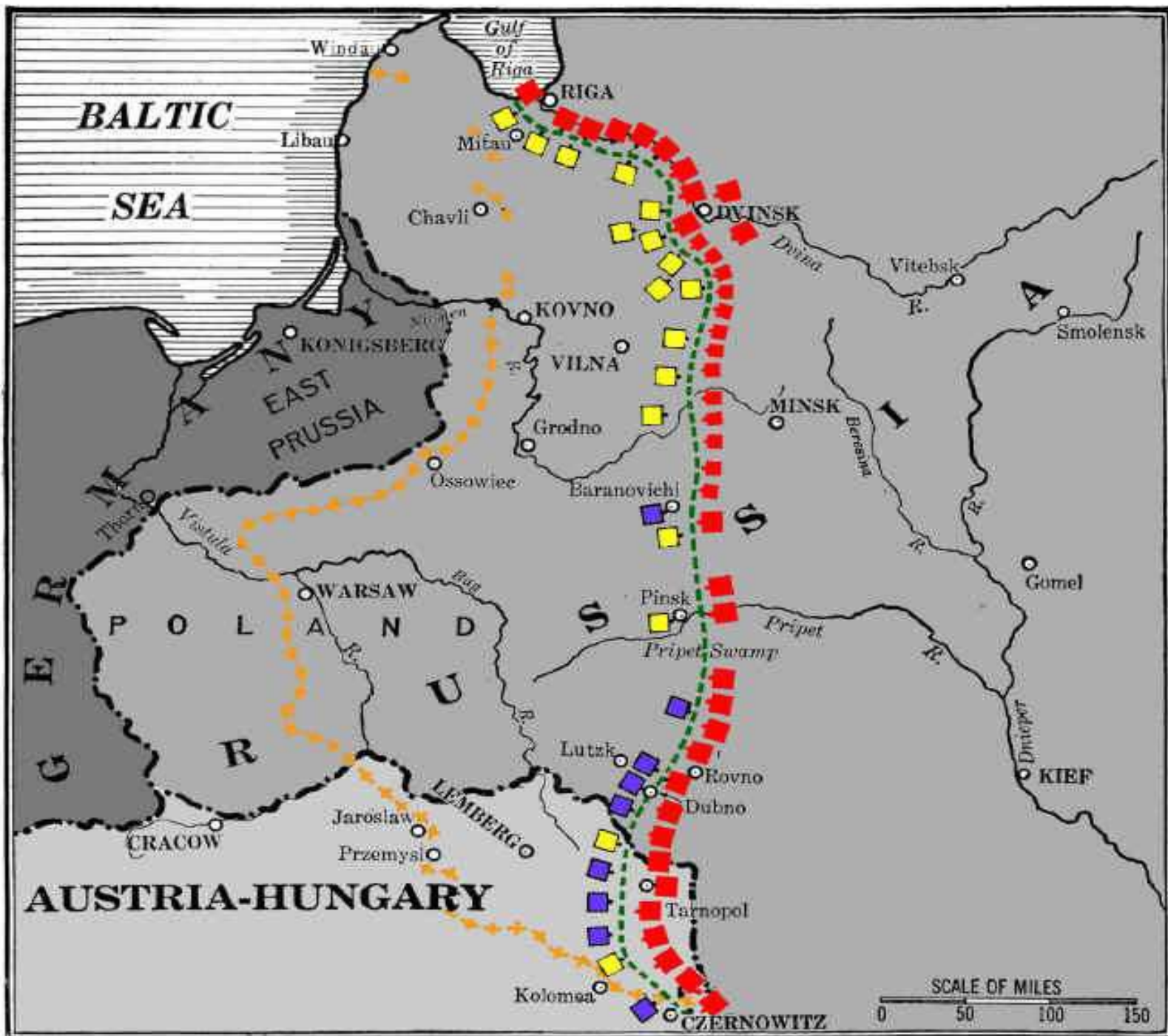
# The German Empire, 1871



# Europe 1815

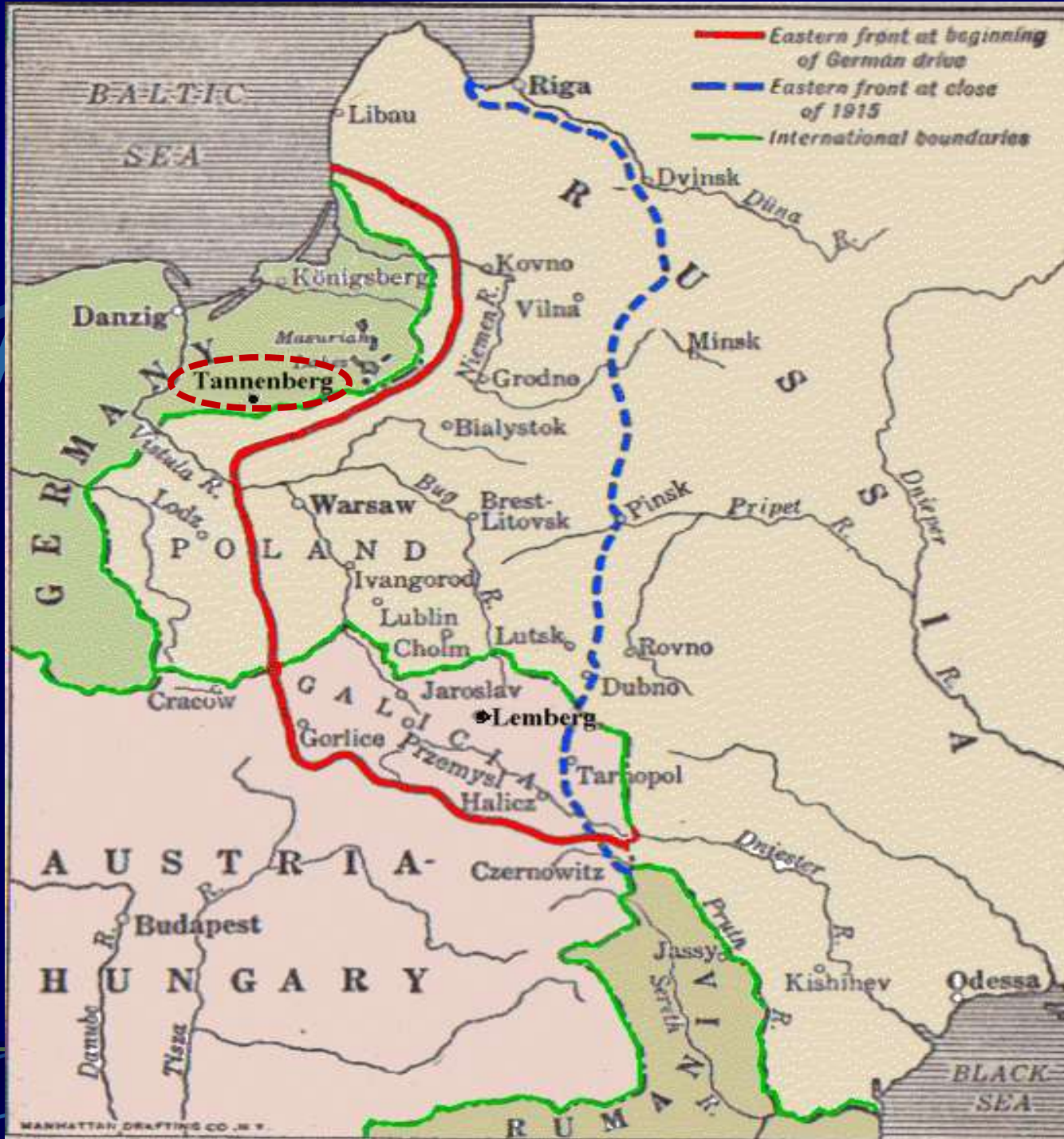












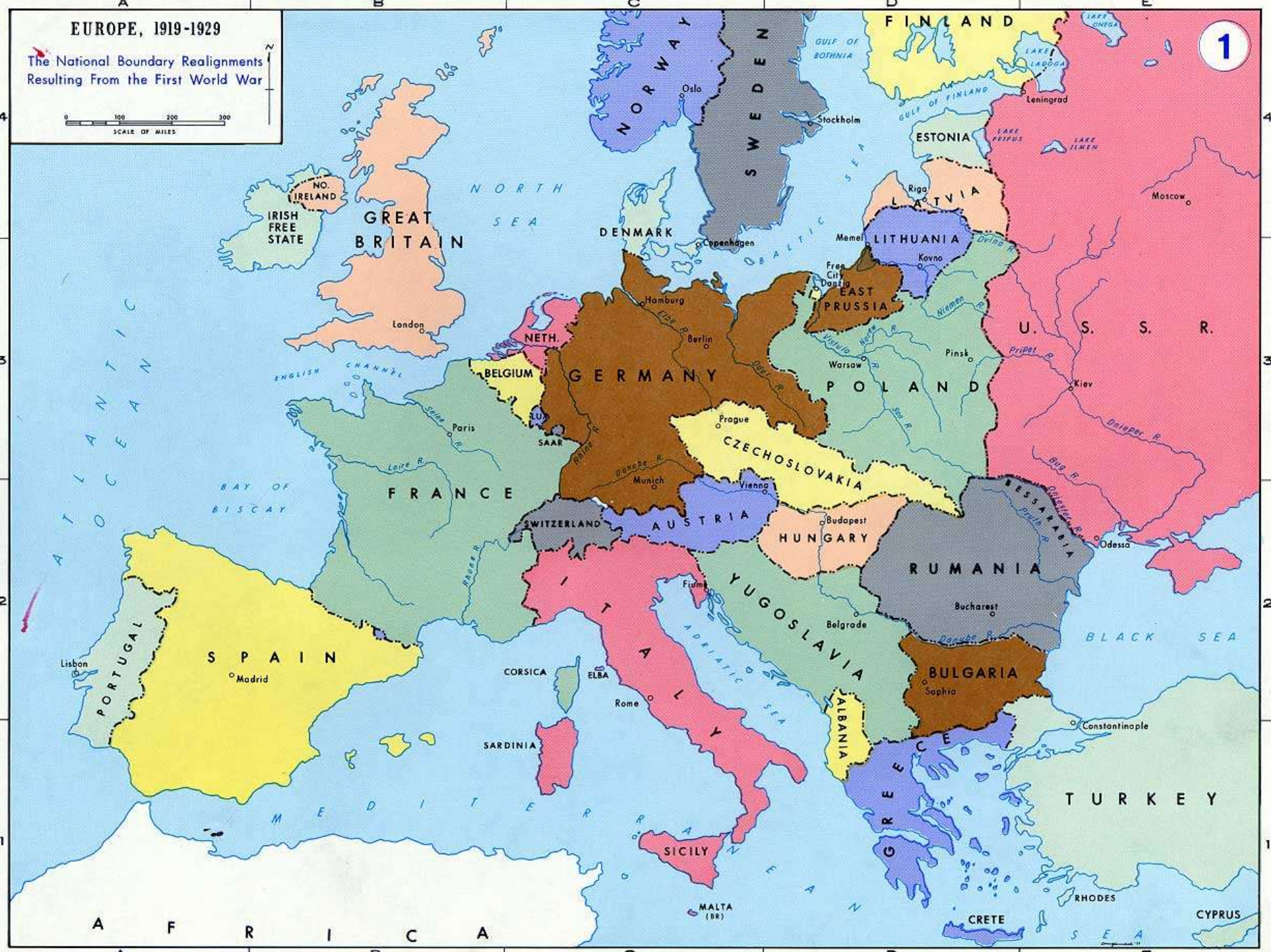


# EUROPE, 1919-1929

The National Boundary Realignments  
Resulting From the First World War



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Britain

Russia

Russia signs  
peace treaty in  
1917

Germany

Decisive German  
Offensive, 1918

Paris

France

Solidified Front  
lines 1914-1917

Austria-Hungary

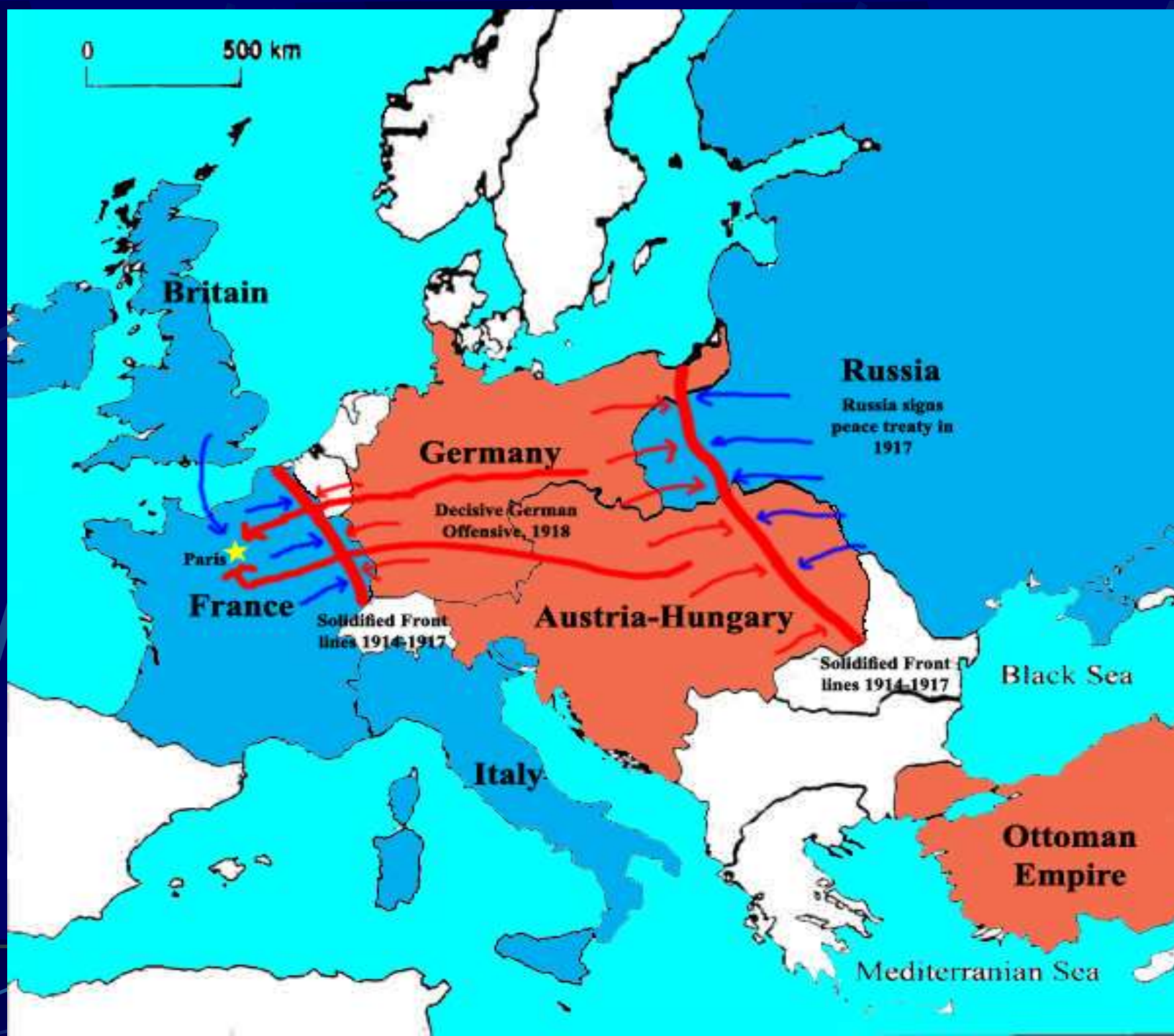
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Black Sea

Italy

Ottoman  
Empire

Mediterranean Sea





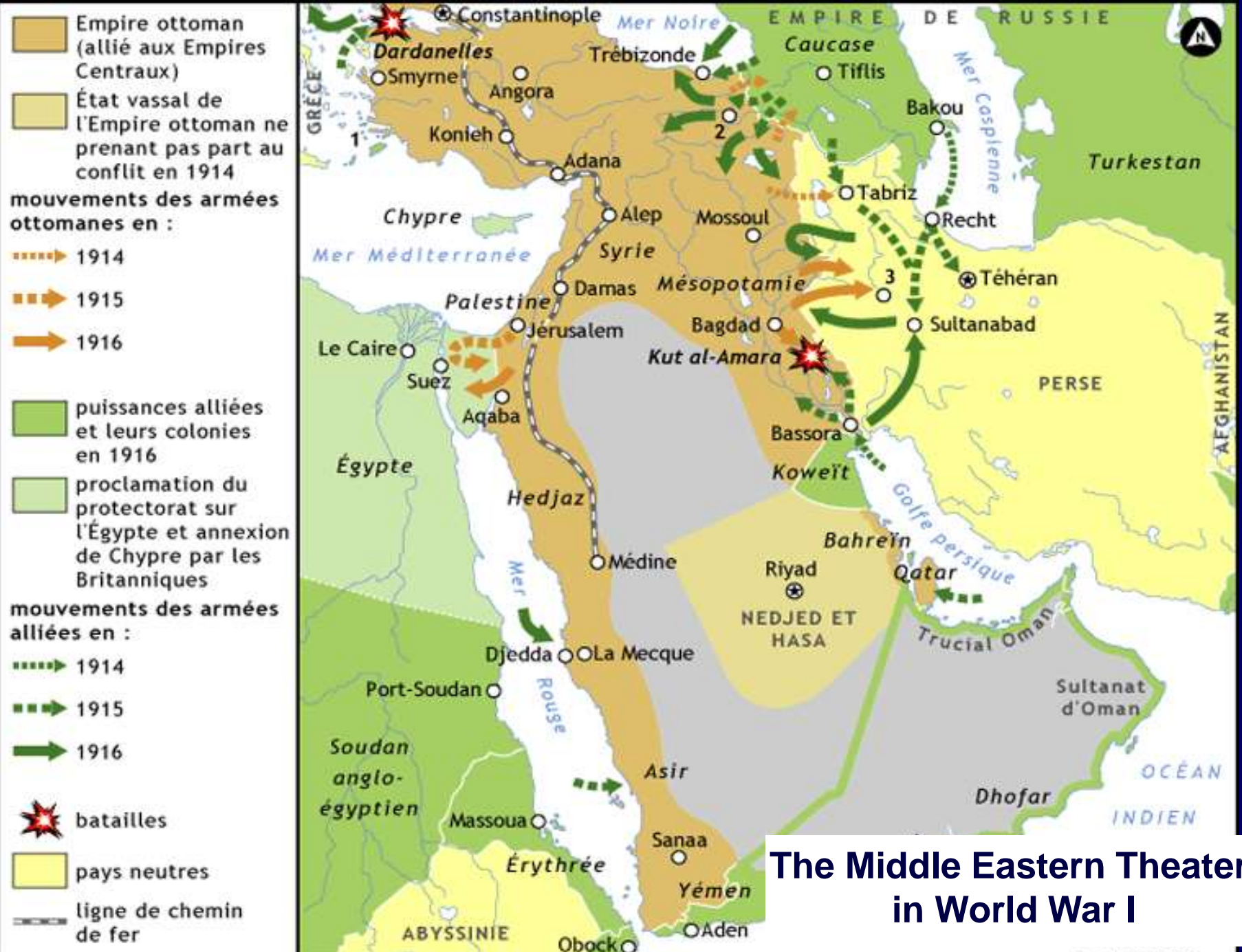


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## The Middle Eastern Theater in World War I



# International Results of the First World War



## THE MIDDLE EAST 1914



 BRITISH CONTROL

 OTTOMAN EMPIRE  
IN 1914

 INDEPENDENT  
TERRITORY

 BRITISH ZONE  
OF INFLUENCE

 RUSSIAN ZONE  
OF INFLUENCE

 BOUNDARY OF  
OTTOMAN  
EMPIRE C.1800