

THE GREAT WAR - AIDE MEMOIRE OF KEY EVENTS

1914 - Germany invaded Belgium. The UK declared war on Germany. Japan joined the Allied forces. The Ottoman Empire joined the so called Central Powers (Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria). War spread to the seas.

1915 - The stalemate continued on the Western Front. The passenger liner RMS Lusitania was sunk by a German U-boat, with the loss of 1,200 lives. London was attacked from the air by German Zeppelins.

1916 - Conscription was introduced in the UK for men aged between 18 and 41. One million casualties were recorded in just 10 months.

1917 - The German Army retreated to the Hindenburg Line. The US joined the war and assisted the Allies. Tank, submarine and gas warfare intensified.

1918 – Germany launched a major offensive on the Western Front. The Allies launched successful counter-offensives at Marne and Amiens. Armistice was signed on 11 November, ending the war at 11.00am.