

World War 1 – Armistice at Last (100 Years Ago)

The Eleventh hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month, 1918, it was finally over. Four years of carnage in Europe, Eurasia, and even in the Far East. The war to end all wars was over. Out of all the fighting, Europe is transformed from the great empires dominated by Royal



1 - <https://www.itv.com/news/tyne-tees/topic/armistice-day/>

Families to a patchwork of new governments. At what cost?

<https://www.historyonthenet.com/world-war-1-comprehensive-overview-great-war/>

Japan gained influence in the Far East by expelling German interests in China and along the Pacific Rim. If anything, the WW1 Armistice is kicking the can down the road toward another great war. It may not have seemed so at the time with

the fighting finally over with, but there are implications by the victors setting the stage for the next conflict. Partly it was Britain's and France's demand for reparation payments from Germany. You have Russia in the middle of a revolution bringing the Communists to power. The collapse of the Ottoman Empire creates instability in the region with the diving up of the Middle East.

Disease will claim millions of lives with the Spanish Flu because there is no cure and the returning armies will spread the disease across the planet. Disease claimed almost as many soldiers as the war. <http://ww1centenary.oucs.ox.ac.uk/body-and-mind/the-spanish-influenza-pandemic-and-its-relation-to-the-first-world-war/>

One of the very issues to come out of WW1 is the burial of the dead. Before 1914, soldiers were buried in mass graves and the graves usually not marked. Typically, soldiers were buried where they fell or if in a hospital, near where the hospital was located. However, WW1 changed all this and for the first time, soldiers were buried as individuals. If the soldiers could be found at all.

The Birth of the War Graves Commission: <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/world-history/the-birth-of-the-war-graves-commission-and-the-furious-controversy-it-sparked-8928189.html>

The Fading Battlefields of World War 1: <https://www.theatlantic.com/photo/2018/05/the-fading-battlefields-of-world-war-i/561353/>

White, Matthew - First World War Casualties

Source: [Historical Atlas of the Twentieth Century](#)

Countries	Total Mobilized	Killed & Died	Wounded	Prisoners & Missing	Total Casualties	Casualties % of Mobilized
Allied Powers						
Russia	12,000,000	1,700,000	4,950,000	2,500,000	9,150,000	76.3
France	8,410,000	1,357,800	4,266,000	537,000	6,160,800	76.3
British Empire	8,904,467	908,371	2,090,212	191,652	3,190,235	35.8
Italy	5,615,000	650,000	947,000	600,000	2,197,000	39.1
United States	4,355,000	126,000	234,300	4,500	364,800	8.2
Japan	800,000	300	907	3	1,210	0.2
Romania	750,000	335,706	120,000	80,000	535,706	71.4
Serbia	707,343	45,000	133,148	152,958	331,106	46.8
Belgium	267,000	13,716	44,686	34,659	93,061	34.9
Greece	230,000	5,000	21,000	1,000	17,000	11.7
Portugal	100,000	7,222	13,751	12,318	33,291	33.3
Montenegro	50,000	3,000	10,000	7,000	20,000	40.0
Total	42,188,810	5,152,115	12,831,004	4,121,090	22,104,209	52.3
Central Powers						
Germany	11,000,000	1,773,700	4,216,058	1,152,800	7,142,558	64.9
Austria-Hungary	7,800,000	1,200,000	3,620,000	2,200,000	7,020,000	90.0
Turkey	2,850,000	325,000	400,000	250,000	975,000	34.2
Bulgaria	1,200,000	87,500	152,390	27,029	266,919	22.2
Total	22,850,000	3,386,200	8,388,448	3,629,829	15,404,477	67.4
Grand Total	65,038,810	8,538,315	21,219,452	7,750,919	37,508,686	57.6

Where are they now?

It is claimed that over 50% of the dead do not have a grave. A chilling statement to the carnage of WW1. The links below are websites for the ones that are known. A lot of these websites overlap many of the cemeteries, but each brings a unique perspective.

The American Battle Monuments Commission: <https://www.abmc.gov/>

Remember the Fallen website: <https://www.ww1cemeteries.com/>

Smithsonian: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/WWI-cemeteries-around-world-180963437/>

Wikipedia-WW1 Memorials: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_I_memorials

History on the Net: <https://www.historyonthenet.com/world-war-1-comprehensive-overview-great-war/>

Family Search United States World War I Cemetery Records:
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_World_War_I_Cemetery_Records

Commonwealth War Graves Commission: <https://www.cwgc.org/find>

War Graves on the 1914-1918 Western Front: <http://www.greatwar.co.uk/war-graves/ww1-war-graves.htm>

Germany: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_War_Graves_Commission

The German Soldiers that history forgot: <https://www.dw.com/en/the-german-soldiers-that-history-forgot/a-6218386>

Russia: https://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net/article/commemoration_cult_of_the_fallen_russian_empire

Greece – Seitenlik WW1 Cemetery: https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g11898752-d2467513-Reviews-Zeitenlik_WWI_Cemetery-Ampelokipoi_Thessaloniki_Region_Central_Macedonia.html

World War 1 – Memorials to fallen Jewish Soldiers: <http://jewish-heritage-europe.eu/galleries/world-war-i-monuments-to-jewish-soldiers-who-fell-battle/>

New Zealand History – First World War Cemetery Map: <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/map/first-world-war-cemeteries-europe-and-uk-map>

Australian Battlefields of World War 1 – France: <http://www.anzacsinfrance.com/cemeteries/>

Australian Government Department of Veteran Affairs:
<https://www.dva.gov.au/commemorations-memorials-and-war-graves/cemeteries/first-and-second-world-war-cemeteries>

State Library Victoria – Australians in WW1:
https://guides.slv.vic.gov.au/wwone_soldiers/cemeteries

Doughboy Center – The Story of the AEF: <http://www.worldwar1.com/dbc/monument.htm>

Slovenian World War 1 Military Cemeteries:

http://kraji.eu/thematic_page/slovenija_vojaska_pokopalisca_1_svetovna_vojna/slovenija/eng

Slovenia – Soca Valley Military Cemeteries: <https://www.soca-valley.com/en/attractions/first-world-war/military-cemeteries/>

National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Memorial_Cemetery_of_the_Pacific

And on Find-A-Grave (Punchbowl Cemetery): <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/103872>

To the lesser extent about World War 1 was the U.S. involvement with the Russian Revolution in Siberia. The force involved about 8 thousand personnel under Major General [William S. Graves](#).



American soldiers in [Vladivostok](#) parading before the building occupied by the staff of the [Czechoslovaks](#).

The **American Expeditionary Force, Siberia (AEF in Siberia)** was a formation of the [United States Army](#) involved in the [Russian Civil War](#) in [Vladivostok](#), [Russia](#), during the end of [World War I](#) after the [October Revolution](#), from 1918 to 1920. The force was part of the larger Allied [North Russia Intervention](#). As a result of this expedition, early relations between the [United States](#) and the [Soviet Union](#) were poor.

[U.S. President Woodrow Wilson](#)'s claimed objectives for sending troops to Siberia were as much diplomatic as they were military. One major reason was to rescue the 40,000 men of the [Czechoslovak Legion](#), who were being held up by Bolshevik forces as they attempted to make their way along the Trans-Siberian Railroad to Vladivostok, and it was hoped, eventually to the Western Front. Another major reason was to protect the large quantities of military supplies and railroad rolling stock that the United States had sent to the Russian Far East in support of the prior Russian government's war efforts on the Eastern Front. Equally stressed by Wilson was the need to "steady any efforts at self-government or self-defense in which the Russians themselves may be willing to accept assistance." At the time, Bolshevik forces controlled only small pockets in Siberia and President Wilson wanted to make sure that neither [Cossack](#) marauders nor the [Japanese military](#) would take advantage of the unstable political environment along the strategic railroad line and in the resource-rich Siberian regions that straddled it.^[1] **Source: Wikipedia**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Expeditionary_Force,_Siberia