

HOW DID WW1 END?



15 December 1917

Russia signs armistice with the Central Powers - Allied Powers lose a major player.



21st March 1918

Germany starts the Spring Offensive with *Operation Michael* - an attempt to divide the British and French.



9th April 1918

Second part of the offensive, codenamed *Operation Georgette*, launched to seize Hazebrouck.



8th August 1918

Battle of Amiens marks the beginning of the Hundred Days Offensive by the Allied Powers.



2nd September 1918

The Second Battle of the Somme results in German forces withdrawing behind the Hindenburg Line.

27th May 1918

Third phase of the Spring Offensive - *Operation Blucher-Yorck* starts with the battle of Aisne and lasts until 4th of June 1918.



4th October 1918

The German government approaches the US in the hope of arranging an armistice. President Wilson responds with a number of conditions to be met in order for negotiations to be opened.



8th October 1918

The Allies break through the Hindenburg Line, leading the German High Command to conclude that the war has to end.



8th November 1918

German delegation, led by Matthias Erzberger, arrives in the Compiègne Forest. Armistice negotiations begin.



9th November 1918

Civil unrest throughout Germany leads to the abdication of Kaiser Wilhelm II and the proclamation of a republic.

29th October 1918

German forces are now completely exhausted and demoralised. Several German navy crews revolt.



11th November 1918

The Armistice is signed at 5:10am with the ceasefire taking effect from 11am as the news travelled down the Western Front.



28th June 1919

Treaty of Versailles is signed obliging Germany to accept responsibility for the war and pay reparations for the damage caused.



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