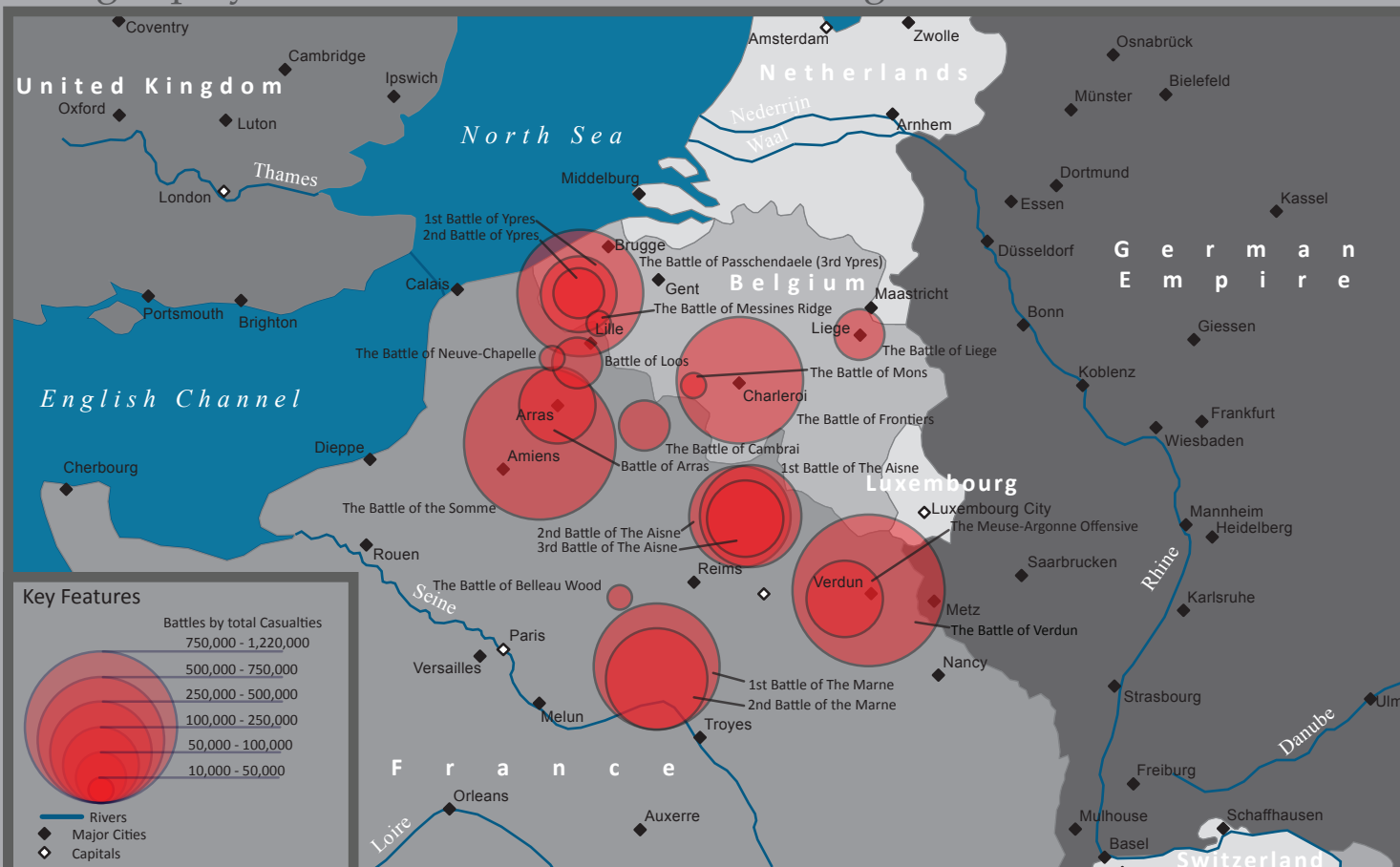


# Geography of Destruction: The Carnage of The First World War's Western Front



## A Transformation of Europe

Though often overlooked by its more thoroughly destructive sequel, World War One remains a deeply traumatic and utterly transformative Event in European History. Over the four years of the conflict, 16 sovereign nations would wage unprecedentedly brutal warfare on three continents resulting in the involvement of 93% of the world's population and over 14 million deaths. World War One was not just fought by soldiers, but by entire populations. It was the first conflict in which an entire countries industrial capability was subordinated to the war effort. It has therefore become, perhaps more than any other conflict, a war of statistics. At The Battle of the Marne for instance German forces expend more ammunition daily than they had in the entire Franco-Prussian war of 1870. The terrifying statistics do not end there.

## The Western Front by The Numbers

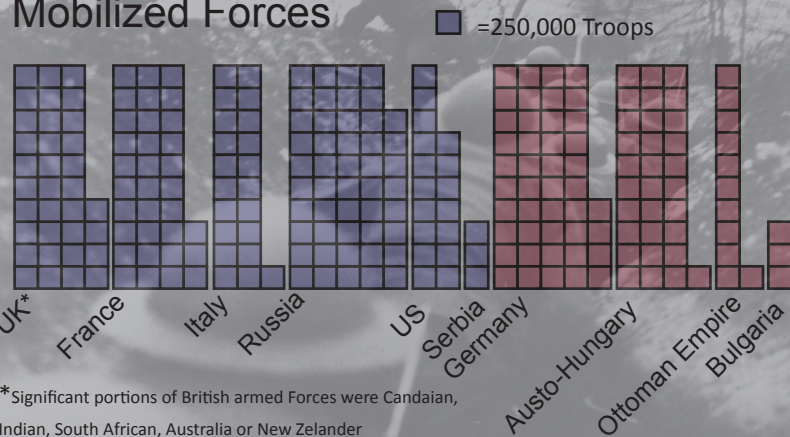


475mi  
Length of front

15,000mi  
Lenth of trenches

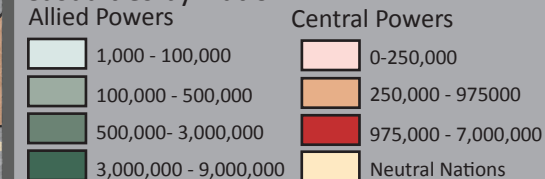
66.9%  
Of total French Forces WIA/KIA

## Mobilized Forces



Casualties were felt most heavily by the major countries involved. Germany, Russia, France, and Austro-Hungarian Empire suffered casualty rates greater than 60 percent. By the war's end the German, Russian, Ottoman, and Austro-Hungarian Empires collapsed entirely.

## Casualties by Nation



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Map of Western front Lambert Conformal Conic centered at Reims, France

Map of Europe Lambert Conformal Conic centered at Vienna, Austria

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