

Assassination of
Franz Ferdinand and
Countess Sophie.

Austria-Hungary demands
Serbia admits to
responsibility of the
assassination and
surrenders independence.

Serbia refuses to give
up its independence.

Austria-Hungary
declares war on Serbia.

Russia mobilises her
troops.

Germany declares war
on Russia.

Germany asks
Belgium for access to
march through the
country. Belgium
refuses.

Germany starts
marching into Belgium.
Germany declares war
on France.

Britain declares war
on Germany.

France declares war on
Germany.

Austria-Hungary
declares war on
Russia.

Britain and France
declare war on Austria-
Hungary.

Battle of the Marne.

Trench warfare begins.

First battle of Ypres.

The Ottoman Empire
declares war on the
Allies.

The Christmas Truce.

Battle of Gallipoli.

The Lusitania is
sunk. 1,195 civilian
passengers are killed.

Battle of Verdun.

Battle of Jutland

Battle of the Somme
begins.

U.S.A. declares war
on Germany.

Lenin and the
Bolsheviks take control
of Russia.

Russia leaves the
war.

2nd battle of Marne.

German allies start
surrendering.

Riots in German cities
over food shortages

An armistice is
signed.

The Treaty of
Versailles is signed.