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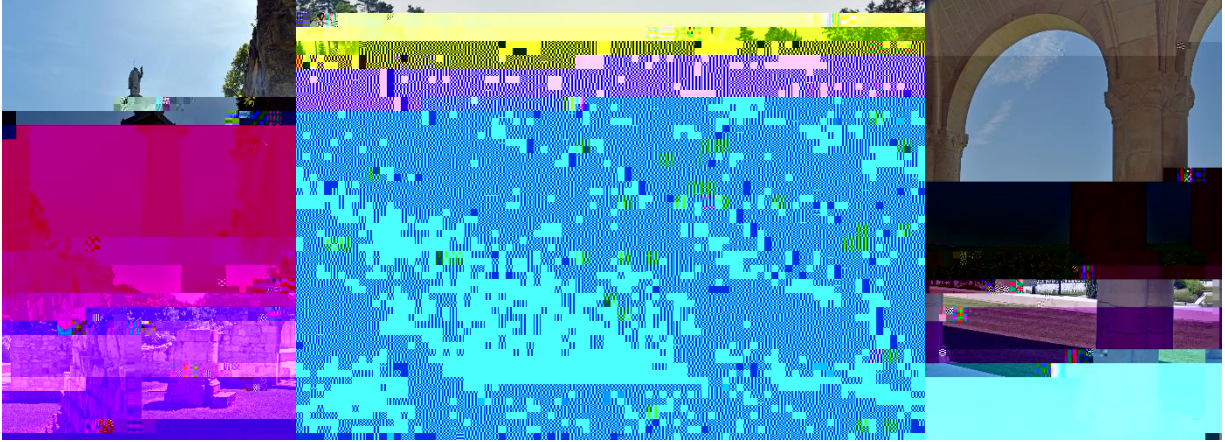
- Meet at 2pm at our central Brussels hotel, with introductions to the expedition and each other.
- Walking tour of central Brussels, the capital of Belgium. Occupied by the Germans throughout most of the war, today it is home to the European Union and NATO, among other international institutions. We will walk by the Royal Palace, Grand Place, the Mannekin Pis and more.
- Social hour (optional) and group dinner in central Brussels.
- Hotel: Marriott Grand Place in Brussels.

- Breakfast, check-out and depart lodgings.
- Drive to Mons and visit St Symphorien military cemetery. Here the soldiers are almost equally divided

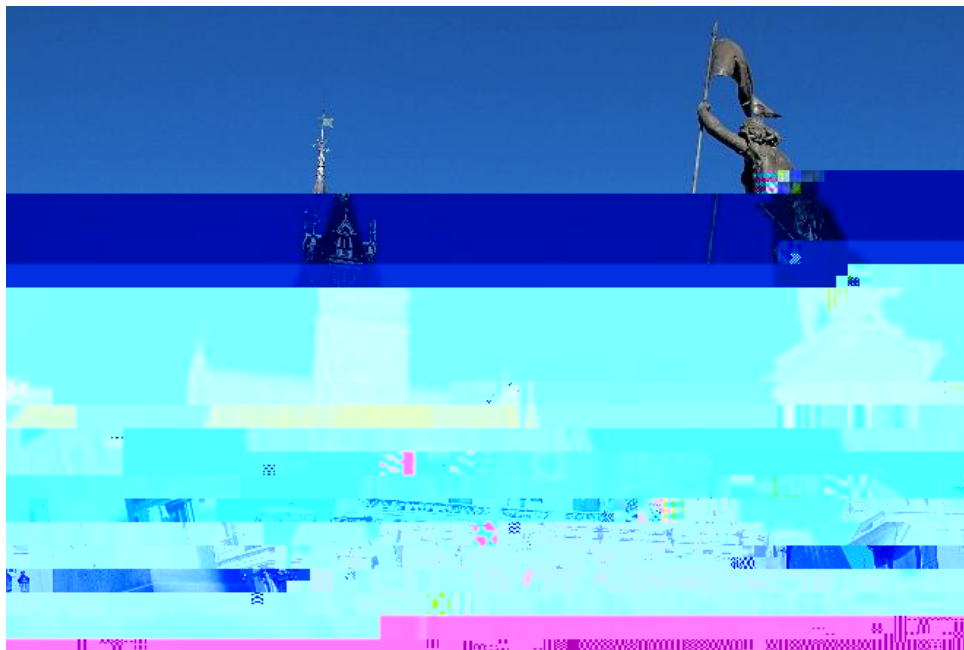
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- Verdun – site of the epic French defense and victory in 1916; this battle shapes the remainder of the war through its intense fighting and the incredible casualties sustained by both French and Germans. We will visit the incredible museum, walk the forests and see the famed forts of Vaux and Douaumont.
- Group lunch at café in the destroyed town of Douaumont
- St Mihiel Salient (September 1918) – Before the major offensive can be conducted by General Pétain, the attack succeeds when the German 7th Army is defeated on September 18th. We will visit a number of sites in the battle area, including the commanding heights of Montsec.
- Visit St Mihiel American Cemetery.
- Return to Reims.
- Social hour (optional) and dinner on your own in Reims.
- Hotel: La Caserne Chanzy Hotel & Spa, Marriott Autograph Collection.

- Breakfast, check-out and depart lodgings.
- Meuse-Argonne Offensive (September 11 to November 1918) – the largest American battle in history, and the biggest American contribution to Allied victory. This day will find us at many remarkable sites, including the American Artillery Cemetery, the site of General Pershing's one-man crusade, and the



- Breakfast, check-out and depart lodgings.
- Drive to Compiègne
 - Historic town of Joan of Arc.
 - Château de Compiègne, a royal residence built for Louis XIV and restored by Napoleon
 - Railway car site for the surrenders in November 1918 and June 1940. The victory monument placed here by the people of Alsace and Lorraine is a truly dramatic image. A tremendous museum has recently opened at the site.
 - Lunch on your own in one of the numerous restaurants in the center of the beautiful town.
- Drive to Paris Charles de Gaulle International Airport to drop guests with flights that day, while the others will return to central Paris and end of the expedition.



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Movies: Some World War I films to watch:

- 1917
- They Shall Never Grow Old
- Paths of Glory
- War Horse
- The Blue Max
- Flyboys
- Sergeant York
- The Lost Battalion
- Midnight in Paris, for a lighthearted look at Paris today and in the 1920s

Reading: If you want to do some reading beforehand, we recommend:

- 1 Germany resumes unrestricted submarine warfare.
- April 1917
- 6 US declares war on Germany and joins the Allies
- 1918
- January
- 8 Woodrow Wilson outlines his Fourteen Points. This document will form the basis for the peace negotiations and the creation of the League of Nations.
- March
- 3 Peace signed between Bolshevik Russia and Central Powers, Bulgaria and Turkey at Brest-Litovsk, together with supplementary treaties by the signatories. Russia is out of the War and the Germans can concentrate on the Western Front
- 21 First Battles of the Somme 1918 or German OPERATION Michael begins with Battle of St. Quentin (21st/23rd) German 1918 Spring Offensives to Break the Deadlock
- 26 "Doullens Agreement" concluded. Decision taken to appoint General Ferdinand Foch to co-ordinate efforts of British and French Armies
- April:
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- May
- May 7 Treaty of Bucharest between Romania and the Central Powers; never ratified.
- May 14 Clash at Chelyabinsk station between Hungarian POWs heading west to be repatriated and Czechoslovaks going east. Trotsky orders the arrest of the Czechoslovak Legion, but they revolt and seize several towns along the Trans-Siberian Railway.
- May 21-29 Ottomans invade Armenia.
- May 27 June 6 Third Battle of the Aisne (also known as Operation Blücher-Yorck, third phase of the Spring Offensive). After initial gains, the German advance is halted.
- May 28 Battle of Cantigny. First American Division in an offensive battle.
- June
- June 1–26 Battle of Belleau Wood, part of the German Spring Offensive. US Army and Marines near Chateau-Thierry.
- June 8 Action of Arsuf.
- Ottomans re-enter Tabriz.

