The Road to War
Sarajevo and Beyond

Austria - Hungary

- Expands into the Balkans
  - Congress of Berlin 1878
  - Controls Bosnia and Herzegovina
    - Annexed to Austria – Hungary in 1908
- Serbia fears Austrian – Hungarian dominance
- Slavic Nationalist Groups
  - Black Hand
  - Funded by Serbia Military Intelligence Personnel

Sarajevo, 28 June 1914

- Franz – Ferdinand (w/ wife Sophie) arrives to inspect army maneuvers (nephew & heir to throne of A-H).
  - Was sympathetic to concerns of Serbs
  - Believed in giving people a voice in their government
  - Was devout Catholic
  - Strongly disliked by Uncle
At 10:00 a.m., Franz Ferdinand ended his review of the troops. The motorcade, consisting of six automobiles was headed for City Hall for a reception hosted by Sarajevo’s mayor. The chosen route was the wide avenue called Appel Quay, which followed the north bank of the River Miljacka.

- 1st Auto: Mayor, Fehim Effendi Curcic and Commissioner of Police, Dr. Gerde.
- 2nd Auto: Franz Ferdinand, Sophie and General Potočki.
- 3rd Auto: The head Franz Ferdinand’s military chancellery; Sophie’s lady in waiting; Potočki’s chief adjutant, Lieutenant Colonel Merizzi.
- 4th & 5th Autos: Members of Franz Ferdinand’s staff and assorted Bosnian officials.
- 6th Auto: Empty – for emergency use if needed.

Sterbe nicht! Bleibe am Leben für unsere Kinder! “(Sophie dear! Sophie dear! Don’t die! Stay alive for our children)
Prophetic?

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Armistice - 11 November 1918 !!
Countess Anita von Hohenberg
Great Granddaughter

Princip tries to kill himself with his pistol – halted by crowd (Was this photo of Princip or Cabrinovic?)

.380 or 9mm caliber?
- Refers to the bullet diameter
- Actually the same bullet size
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Princip tries to take poison – poison old and weak, he only vomits!

Princip Tried for Murder
• 12 - 23 October 1914
• Convicted – 20 years in prison
• (no death sentence – too young!)

Conspirator Nedeljko Cabrinovic (1st bomb thrower) arrested in Sarajevo

Princip's prison photo
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Seven Assassins
- Two Death sentences
- Rest various prison terms

Princip – the Rest of the Story – Largely Forgotten!

- Died in prison – 28 April 1918 (age 23)
  (Tuberculosis Cause of Death)
- Terezin (Theresienstadt Concentration Camp / WWII)

Princip's Prison Cell

Princip's Grave in Sarajevo

July 2014

Austro-Hungarian Ultimatum

- Assassination: 28 June 1914
- "July Crisis" erupts
- Flurry of telegraph messages
- Austria - Hungary presents ultimatum
  – Serbia's response

Nikola Pasic
Serbian Foreign Minister

Leopold Berchtold
Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister

French President visits Russia, July 1914

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The Austro-Hungarian ultimatum to Serbia
23 July 1914

Serbia's Response to the Austro-Hungarian Ultimatum
25 July 1914

Why was this considered to be “unacceptable”?
Your thoughts?
Austria – Hungary declares war 28 July 1914

30 Days after the assassination!

• Was their outrage “real”?
• Or was this event just the “spark” that was needed to an already bad situation?
• Would the outcome have been the same if something else had occurred?

28 July 1914 -- Outlook

• War thought to be localized
• Small war
• Short / quick war
• Only involve Austro – Hungarian Forces and that of Serbia
• Germany’s “Blank Check”
• Triggers the Alliances of Europe!
Germany's Blueprint for the Start of WWI

- Speed of mobilization timetable critical
- Invade France
  - Defeat France quickly
  - Fight Holding Action against Russia
  - Move forces from France to the Russian front
- Fights the "main" war against Russia

Must maintain strong right wing sweeping through France
Will Belgium allow for passage?

World War One will begin a series of "firsts" in modern warfare!
World War I Statistics

28 July 1914 – 11 November 1918

Nine Million Soldiers Dead (All Countries) (+11 Million Civilians)

37 Million Soldiers Wounded

6,046 Killed Each Day! (1,566 Days)

In England – Six Million Men in the Army
(1 in 4 of Adult Male Population)
(1 in 8 would Die!)

In France – Draft Class of 1894
50% Dead by the end of the War!

World War One will shape the leaders that will be seen in World War Two

Some Notable Individuals of World War One

Alphabetically Listed

See if you recognize the names!
Dr. Frederick Banting
Canadian Medical Corps

• Served with Canadian Forces for entire war.
• Shared Nobel Prize 1924 for discovery of Insulin
• Died during WWII service

Seaman 2/ci Humphrey Bogart
USS Leviathan

• Served on Naval Transports during the war.
• One of the leading actors of the 20th Century. Academy Award - Best Actor, 1951

Lt. Col. Winston Churchill
6th Royal Scots

• After the failure at Gallipoli, commanded an infantry unit on the Western Front.
• British statesmen & author
• World War II Prime Minister
• Nobel Prize, Literature, 1953
Dr. Marie Curie
French Medical Service

- Double Nobel Laureate Pre-WWI.
- Built and operated mobile X-Ray units for French Military Hospitals which took 1.1 million films.

Brig. Gen. Charles Dawes
HQ AEF

- Chief of Purchasing for AEF
- First Director of US Budget Office
- Vice President of US
- Nobel Peace Prize

Capt. Charles DeGaulle
33rd French Infantry Regiment

- Wounded 3 times and was eventually captured at Verdun. Tried to escape 5 times.
- Led Free-French forces in WWII; provisional President of France 1945-46.
- First President of Fifth French Republic (1946).
Driver Walt Disney  
Red Cross

- Enlisted as 17yr. old ambulance driver.
- Pioneer in animated films. Operated highly successful studio.
- Expanded to theme parks which are now round the world.

Pvt. Enzo Ferrari  
3rd Italian Mountain Artillery

- Served in Trentino. Mechanical talents were wasted while he shod mules. Consigned to hospital for the incurably ill.
- Became champion driver then auto designer. Adapted Prancing Horse emblem of Italian Ace Francesco Baracca.

Dr. Alexander Fleming  
Hospital 13, Wound Research Center

- Scottish Bacteriologist whose war service furthered interest in dealing with infections.
- Discoverer of lysozyme (1922) & penicillin (1928)
- Shared Nobel Prize for Medicine, 1945.
**Driver Ernest Hemingway**
*Red Cross*
- Volunteer to Italian Front. Wounded on Piave River, 1918.
- Noted author including *A Farewell to Arms*.
- Nobel Prize for Literature

**Major Edwin Hubble**
*86th Division, AEF*
- Commanded 2nd Battalion, 343rd Infantry Regiment
- Notable Astronomer; proved expanding universe theory.

**Cpl. Buster Keaton**
*159th Infantry, AEF*
- Entertained fellow members of 40th Division behind the lines.
- Comedy star for 50 years. Silent production *The General* considered film classic.
**Mustafa Kemal (Atatürk)**  
Turkish Army  
- Commanded key 19th Division in defense of Gallipoli  
- Prevented rout of Turkish Army during retreat from Syria.  
- **Founder and First President of the Turkish Republic.**

**Lt. Fritz Kreisler**  
4th Battl. 3rd Army Corps, k.u.k.  
- Already a world famous violinist, mobilized in 1914 & was wounded early.  
- Wrote brilliant war memoir “Four Weeks in the Trenches”.  
- **Popular Composer & Musician for 50 yrs.**

**Lt. Georges Lemaitre**  
5th Charleroi Volunteers  
- Received Croix de Guerre as Belgian Artillery Officer.  
- Became priest and astronomer who first articulated the Big Bang Theory of Cosmology.
Major Bernard L. Montgomery
Royal Warwickshire Rgt.
- After recovering from 1914 wound, made rapid advances finishing war as Chief of Staff, 47th Division
- Distinguished British Commander of WWII.

Lt. Erwin Rommel
Württemburg Mountain Battalion
- Served on five fronts during the war; earned Pour le Mérite at Caporetto.
- Legendary WWII Commander of Afrika Corps; later Army Group B in Northern France. Forced to commit suicide.

Lt. Harry Moseley
13th Division British Army
- Discoverer of the Atomic Number; Greatest experimental physicist of 20th Century. Commissioned as Signals officer.
- Killed in Action at Chanuk Bair, Gallipoli, 1915.
Jean Renoir  
Chasseurs Alpins; French Air Service  
- After being wounded in the trenches served in bombers and reconnaissance aircraft.  
- Director of several classic films including La Grande Illusion.

Sgt. Angelo Roncalli  
Medical Corps, Italian Army  
(Pope St. John XXIII)  
- Served as Medical Corpsman at Mt. Pasubio and Chaplain at Bergamo Hospital.  
- Pope of 20th Century who began the Second Vatican Council.

Lt. J.R.R. Tolkien  
11th Lancashire Fusiliers  
- Disabled by trench fever after serving as communications officer during the Battle of the Somme.  
- Creator of Middle Earth, Hobbits and the Lord of the Rings Cycle. Images of Western Front permeate writings.
Capt. Harry Truman
35th Division, AEF

- Commanded Battery D, 129th Field Artillery in Argonne Forest.
- 33rd President of the United States.

Winnipeg (Winnie) Bear
Winnipeg Rifles

- Winnie was Mascot for the 2nd Canadian Brigade. (1)
- Became a favorite at the London Zoo including for A.E. Milne (2) and his son Christopher Robin.
- Inspired Milne’s Winnie the Pooh. (3)

Cpl. Adolph Hitler
Bavarian Reserve Infantry

- Served on Western Front as messenger, mainly in Flanders. Wounded & gassed; received Iron Cross.
- Der Furher
Third Reich
The start of the War was seen with great excitement in Munich, Germany

Feldherrnhalle & Theatine Church
20 July 2015

2 August 1914
100 hundred years later!