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Canada's Involvement in WW1

The First World War was the bloodiest conflict in Canadian history, taking the lives of more than 60,000 Canadians. The Canadian Parliament didn't choose to go to war in 1914, but when the British army struggled in Belgium, Canada fought alongside Britain because Canada was under the Commonwealth, therefore they were allies to the British. This war lasted from 1914 - 1918. This war took place in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and



Asia. The British Empire, including Canada, was allied with Serbia, Russia and France against the Germans and Austro-Hungarian empires. The country's foreign affairs were guided in London. So, when Britain's ultimatum to Germany to withdraw its army from Belgium expired on August 4th, 1914, the British Empire, including Canada, was at war. Much of Canada's war

effort was launched by volunteers. The Canadian Patriotic collected money to support soldiers' families. A military hospital commission cared for the sick and the wounded. Churches, charities, the Red Cross, etc, found ways to do their bit for the war effort. They also provided infantry divisions such as: The Royal Naval Air service, The Royal Airforce and mine sweepers.



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