GREAT WAR REVIEW TEST is Friday, Nov 15

Describe WWI trenches muddy, wet, open to the elements, dug by hand, at least 6 feet deep and wide, protected by sandbags and barbed wire, 3 lines of trenches (front line, support and reserve) connected by communication trenches, cold food, “lice ate the living and the rats ate the dead” dead bodies,

you could draw and label a diagram of the trench system

 ” soldier’s uniform and equipment low shoes, spats, puttees, steel helmet, backpack, water bottle, gas mask, trenching tool, gun, bayonet, cape or coat, extra socks, ammunition, heavy loads

Information on enlistment papers – address, date of birth, next of kin, immunization, military experience, distinguishing marks/scars, signatures, medical exam

**What happened at?**

1st Battle of Ypres - race to control ports – to control what got in and out of Belgium and France – Allies won

2nd Battle of Ypres – Germans used gas – Canadians held urine soaked cloths to their faces and maintained their positions

Somme - Gen Haig’s battle plan – artillery, infantry and the cavalry but trenches and barbed wire did not get broken up, no man’s land was full of craters and mud – too hard to march across, tanks used for the 1st time

Vimy Ridge Canadian victory where France and Britain had failed, Can soldiers fighting together for the first time under Can leaders, Germans controlled the high ground, very carefully planned with all knowing the plan and the map, 1,000,000 shells before the attack, railway lines laid for easier movement, several types of communication including telephone wires, rolling barrage

Halifax Explosion 2 ships collide in Halifax Harbour Dec 1917 – Mont Blanc was carrying heavy explosives, destroyed sections of the city, homes and businesses collapsed and burned, flying glass blinded many, snow storm the next day, homeless, not enough hospitals and morgues, aid came from as far away as Boston, explosion could be heard in PEI

 **Define/describe the following**:

Black Hand – Serbian terrorist group – assassinated the future leader of AH (Archduke Franz Ferdinand)

Tanks meaning – code word

 Problems Slow, broke down easily, tracks came off, too thin armor, shrapnel on the inside, hot noisy, code name

 Advantages – cross/break through barbed wire, cross trenches, protect troops, cause fear in the enemy

Allies – Britain, France and Russia

Central Powers – Germany, AH, Italy

Propaganda information to sway opinion – to demonize the enemy or persuade people to your side

 Types – video, posters, letters

No man’s land – area between the trenches

Rolling barrage - carefully timed artillery – infantry advancing behind the shells for protection

*Books of Remembrance* Peace Tower in Ottawa – 7 books listing Canadian (and NFLD) soldiers killed in war, a page is turned every day

Gas - burned eyes and lungs, used first by the Germans and then the Allies

Rules of War – no gas, take care of POWs, respect the white flag, don’t bomb hospitals or medics or historical monuments

Canadian reputation - tough opponent – intimidated the enemy, when the Germans saw the Canadians opposite them they anticipated a tough fight

Trench foot – feet rot due to water, may need to be amputated

Trench fever – caused by infected lice bites

Shell Shock – nerves affected by war, had metal and physical effects - today PTSD

* Ignored by commanders and sent back into the battle, eventually sent to hospitals for “physical therapy”, roughly moving body parts
* Soldiers were executed for disobeying orders

Methods of communication morse code, semaphore flags, runners, pigeons and dogs, telephones,

Why - Many were needed in case some broke down or were lost

Nov 11, 1918 11am fighting ends WWI – needed an advance date to be sure everyone got the message

Lusitania American passenger ship sunk by German submarine – propaganda medal

Soldier’s pay – about $1.10/day or $30/month, extra pay for front line fighting or promotions

Ultimatum – do what we say or else

**Who was?**

Gen Haig British commander – “bullets can’t stop horses”

Archduke Franz Ferdinand future leader of AH – assassinated by the Black Hand