

WORLD WAR I

BY THE NUMBERS

"THE WAR TO END ALL WARS" WAS ALSO
THE FIRST TRULY MODERN WAR.

IT WAS THE FIRST
WAR FOUGHT IN
THE AIR.

15 YEARS

after the Wright Brothers made
their first flight, more than
65,000 AIRCRAFT were
produced by both sides.

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American volunteers
served in the French Air
Service before America
entered the war.


They flew more than
3,000 MISSIONS.

Germany built **123 ZEPPELIN
AIRSHIPS**, which carried out
more than **100 BOMBING
RAIDS** on Great Britain.

It took **5 DOWNED AIRCRAFTS**
or "kills" to be considered a
"FLYING ACE."

America's top ace, Eddie
Rickenbacker, had **26 KILLS.**





More than **2,500 MILES** of trenches were erected along the **466-MILE WESTERN FRONT**, which stretched from the English Channel to Switzerland.

THERE WAS ONE SOLDIER FOR EVERY 4 INCHES OF TRENCH.

The British army treated **20,000 CASES OF TRENCH FOOT** in 1914 alone.

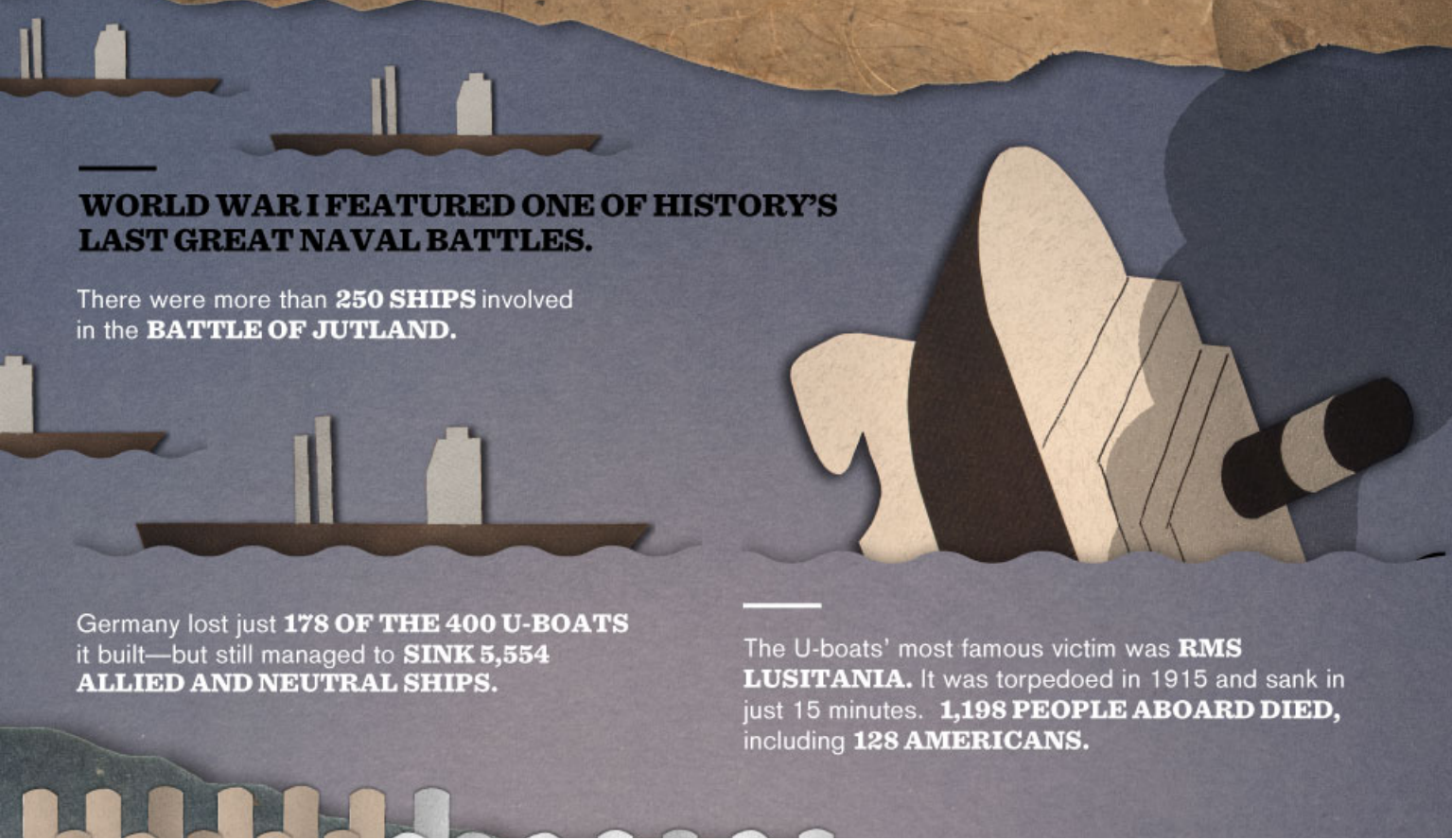
1.2 MILLION

men were lost just during the **BATTLE OF THE SOMME**—the Allies only gained **7.8 MILES OF TERRITORY**.

110,000 TONS

of poison gas were used during the war, resulting in more than **500,000 CASUALTIES**.

IT WAS THE FIRST USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN WARFARE.



WORLD WAR I FEATURED ONE OF HISTORY'S LAST GREAT NAVAL BATTLES.

There were more than **250 SHIPS** involved in the **BATTLE OF JUTLAND**.

Germany lost just **178 OF THE 400 U-BOATS** it built—but still managed to **SINK 5,554 ALLIED AND NEUTRAL SHIPS**.

The U-boats' most famous victim was **RMS LUSITANIA**. It was torpedoed in 1915 and sank in just 15 minutes. **1,198 PEOPLE ABOARD DIED**, including **128 AMERICANS**.

