

# THE WESTERN FRONT IN OUTLINE 1914 - 1918

*The campaign was really one prolonged battle involving territorial gains and losses completely disproportionate to the casualties involved. The basic stages were: the initial German advance of 1914 which was halted at the Marne and Aisne battles; the resulting "race to the sea" (a series of outflanking moves); the fairly stabilized trench line being established; the Allied gains and fights at the Somme and Verdun; the German offensives in the spring of 1918; the Allied advance towards Germany that halted with the Armistice on 11 November 1918.*

**KEY**

- ..... Limit of German advance in September 1914.
- General front from end of 1914 to 30 June 1916 (prior to Somme battles).
- Allied gains in 1916 and 1917.
- German gains during 1918 offensives.
- Armistice line on 11 November 1918.
- - - Frontiers in 1914.
- Capital cities.
- Other cities and towns.

