

BRITISH BATTLES DURING 1918 (8TH AUG. TO 11TH NOV., 1918).

THE BATTLES AND THEIR EFFECTS.

8th Aug.—12th Aug. 18 Inf. and 3 Cav. Divs. defeated 20 German Divs.

21st Aug.—31st Aug. 23 Divs. defeated 35 German Divs.

26th Aug.—3rd Sept. 7 Divs. defeated 18 German Divs.

18th Sept.—19th Sept. 14 Divs. defeated 15 German Divs.

27th Sept.—10th Oct. 35 Inf., 3 Cav. and 2 American Divs. defeated 45 German Divs.

28th Sept.—29th Sept. 9 Divs. defeated 5 German Divs.

14th Oct.—31st Oct. 7 British Divs. defeated 6 German Divs.

17th Oct.—25th Oct. 26 British Divs. defeated 81 German Divs.

1st Nov.—11th Nov. 26 British Divs. defeated 32 German Divs.

THE BATTLE OF AMIENS disengaged Amiens, until then in range of the German guns, and freed the Paris—Amiens railway. Our attack was then transferred to the north.

THE BATTLE OF BAPAUME which, turning the flank of the German positions on the Somme, compelled the enemy to withdraw to the east bank of the river. His new positions were then turned from the north by

THE BATTLE OF ARRAS by which the Drocourt—Quéant line was broken and the enemy was forced to fall back on the outer defences of the Hindenburg line. As the direct result of these battles

The LYS Salient was evacuated by the enemy and we regained Lens—Merville—Bailleul—Kemmel Hill and freed Hazebrouck and the important railways there. Then came

THE BATTLE OF EPEHY which broke through the outer Hindenburg defences and brought us into position for attack on the main line

THE BATTLE OF CAMBRAI—ST. QUENTIN which in ten days of victorious fighting broke through the last and strongest of the enemy's fully prepared positions, opening the way to a war of movement and an advance on the German main lines of communication. These great assaults fell into three main phases:—

1. The storming of the Canal du Nord on the left of our attack and the advance on Cambrai, followed immediately by
2. THE GREAT BLOW WHICH SHATTERED THE HINDENBURG LINE AND TURNED THE DEFENCES OF ST. QUENTIN.
3. The development of these successes by a general attack on the whole front which broke through the last of the German defences in the rear of the Hindenburg Line, forcing the enemy to evacuate Cambrai and St. Quentin and fall back on the line of the River Selle. These battles, striking at vital enemy communications, created a huge salient in his lines. Meanwhile further north in

THE BATTLE OF YPRES British and Belgians forced the enemy back from Ypres and drove a salient into his lines which endangered his positions on the Belgian Coast. This success was extended by

THE BATTLE OF COURTRAI which widened and deepened this salient and resulted in the capture of Halluin, Menin and Courtrai. This series of battles north and south had as their immediate result, in the south,

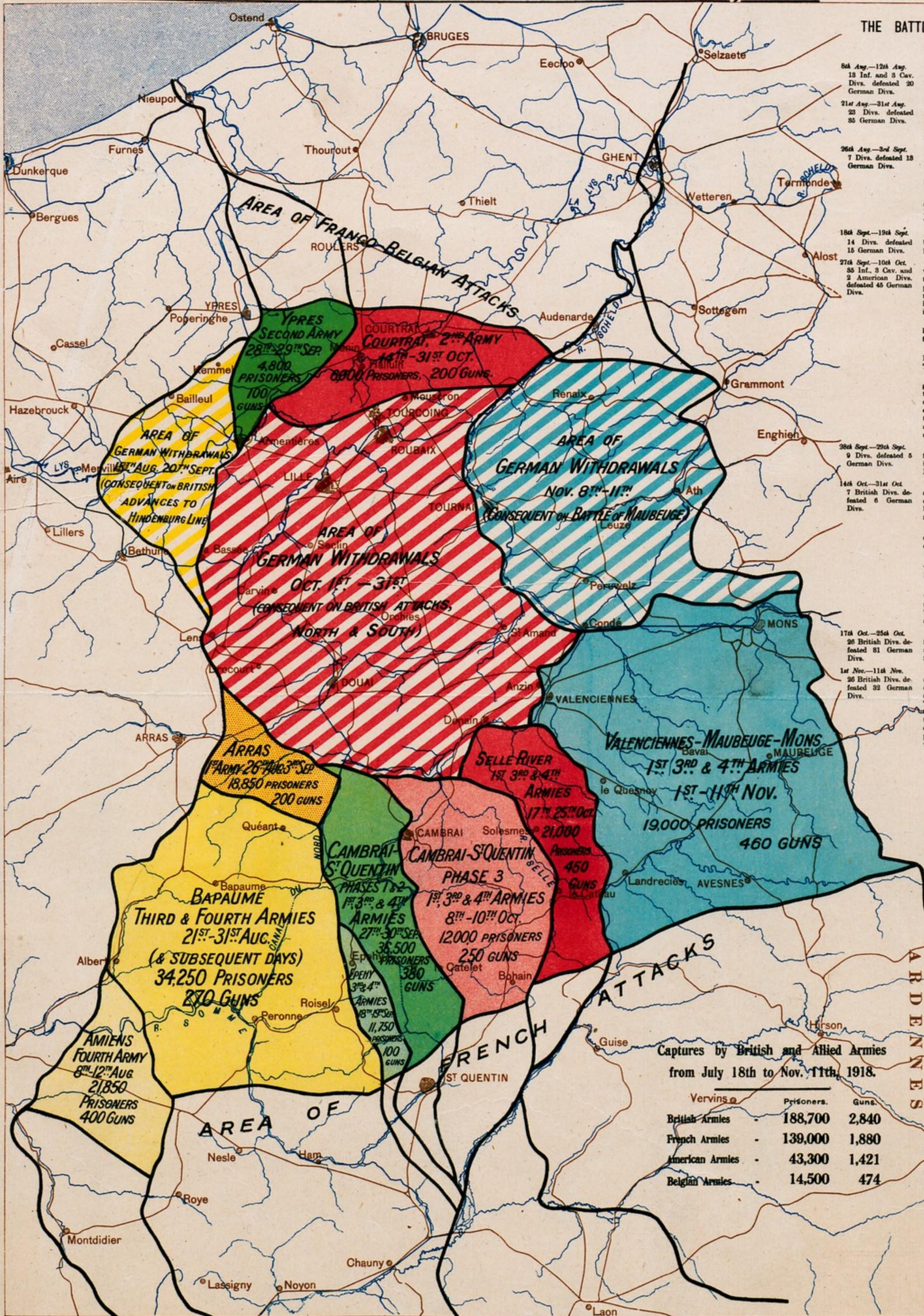
THE EVACUATION OF LAON and the retreat of the enemy to the line of the Aisne, and, in the centre,

THE WITHDRAWAL TO THE SCHELDT in which Lille and the great industrial district of France were freed there, and in the north,

THE CLEARING OF THE BELGIAN COAST, whereby the enemy was deprived of his important submarine bases at Ostend, Zeebrugge and Bruges. The enemy was now back on the line of the Selle and Scheldt rivers.

THE BATTLE OF THE SELLE forced him from the line of that river and drove still another salient into his defences. It was followed by the final blow—

THE BATTLE OF MAUBEUGE, which struck at and broke the enemy's last important lateral communications, turned his positions on the Scheldt and forced him to retreat rapidly from Courtrai. This victory completed the great strategical aim of the whole series of battles by dividing, in effect, the enemy's forces into two parts, one on each side of the great natural barrier of the Ardennes. The pursuit of the beaten enemy all along the Allied line was only stopped by the Armistice.



Captures by British and Allied Armies from July 18th to Nov. 11th, 1918.

	Prisoners.	Guns.
British Armies	188,700	2,840
French Armies	139,000	1,880
American Armies	43,300	1,421
Belgian Armies	14,500	474

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