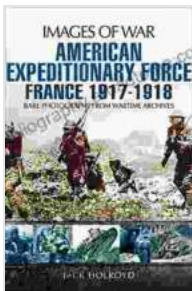


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## **The Birth of the AEF: A Nation's Response to the Call of Duty**

As the war raged in Europe, the United States initially maintained a policy of neutrality. However, the sinking of the Lusitania by a German U-boat in 1915 brought about a shift in public opinion. The American people grew increasingly sympathetic towards the Allied cause, and President Woodrow Wilson began to mobilize the nation for potential military action.

In June 1917, Congress declared war on Germany, and the United States formally entered World War I. The task of organizing and transporting American troops to France fell upon General John J. Pershing, who was appointed commander of the AEF. Pershing faced a daunting challenge:

building a massive army from scratch and preparing it for combat in a matter of months.

### **Arrival in France: A Sea of Khaki in a Foreign Land**

The first AEF troops arrived in France in June 1917. They were greeted by a population that had endured three years of war and was desperate for American support. The Americans, in turn, were awestruck by the devastation they witnessed and eager to make a difference.



American soldiers undergo intensive training in France before heading to the front lines.

### **Intensive Training and the Road to the Front Lines**

Upon their arrival in France, the AEF troops underwent rigorous training to prepare them for the brutal realities of trench warfare. They learned how to use rifles, machine guns, and artillery, as well as how to survive in the harsh conditions of the front lines.

As the American divisions reached combat readiness, they were gradually integrated into the Allied lines. The first major American offensive took place in October 1918, when the AEF launched an attack on the German-held Saint-Mihiel salient. The offensive was a success, and it marked a turning point in the war.

### **Trench Warfare: A Crucible of Endurance and Courage**

American soldiers on the Western Front faced the horrors of trench warfare, a form of combat that had become synonymous with the stalemate and brutality of World War I. Soldiers lived in squalid conditions, plagued by rats, lice, and disease. They endured relentless artillery bombardments and the constant threat of gas attacks.



## **The Meuse-Argonne Offensive: A Test of American Mettle**

In September 1918, the AEF launched its largest offensive of the war, the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. The battle raged for six weeks, with the Americans facing fierce resistance from the German army. The fighting was intense and costly, but the AEF ultimately prevailed, breaking through the German lines and contributing to the final Allied victory.

## **A Legacy of Valor and Sacrifice**

The American Expeditionary Force played a pivotal role in the Allied victory in World War I. The AEF's contribution to the war effort was substantial, with over 2 million American soldiers serving in France. Over 100,000 American lives were lost in the war, a sacrifice that paved the way for a new world Free Download and secured the freedoms we enjoy today.



American troops parade through Paris after the Armistice, celebrated as heroes.

*American Expeditionary Force France 1917-1918: Images Of War* is a captivating tribute to the brave American soldiers who fought and died in the Great War. Through a wealth of archival images, this book provides a poignant and unforgettable glimpse into their epic journey. From the training grounds of France to the bloody battlefields, it is a testament to the courage, sacrifice, and indomitable spirit that defined the American Expeditionary Force.

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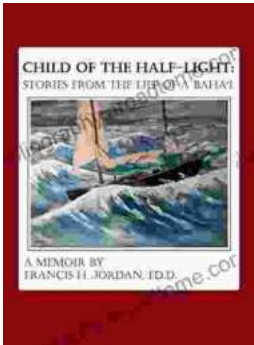
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