

WWI and Chemical Weapons: Before and After

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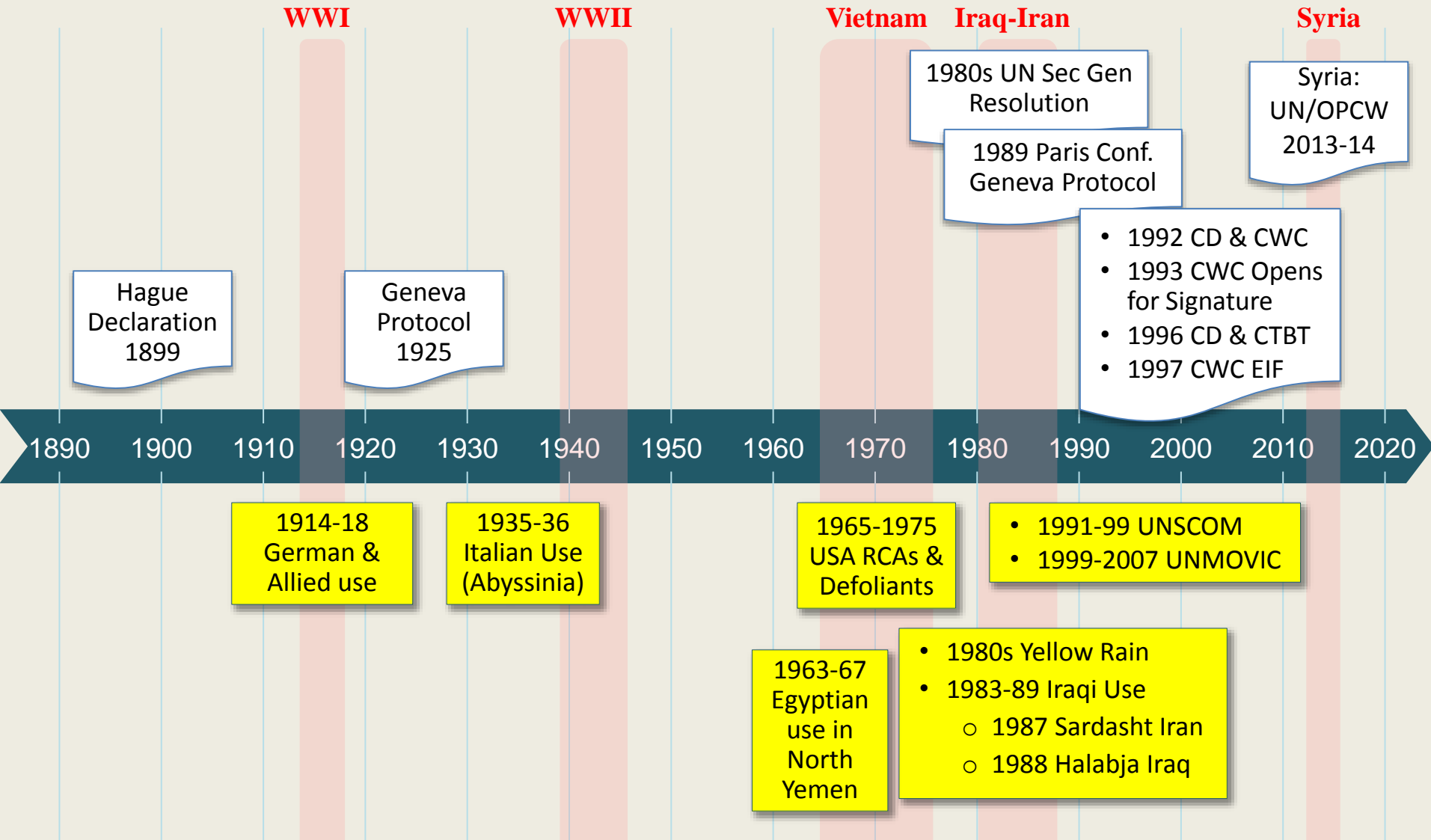
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CW Timeline



Reference Points

- Universality
- Comprehensiveness
- Clarity
- Resiliency
- Verification & Accountability

‘Agreements’

- ❑ 1899 Hague Declaration: “The Contracting Powers agree to abstain from the use of all projectiles, the sole object of which is the diffusion of asphyxiating or deleterious gases”
- ❑ 1925 Geneva Protocol: “Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare”
- ❑ 1993 Chemical Weapons Convention: “Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction”
[also prohibits use of RCAs as a method of warfare]

Reference Points vs. 'Agreements'

Characteristic	1899-1924 Hague Declaration	1925-1992 Geneva Protocol	1993-present Chemical Warfare Convention
Universality	no	no	almost Yes
Comprehensive	no	no	uncertain
Clarity	no	no	uncertain
Resiliency	no	no	tentative Yes
Verification & Accountability	no	no to tentative Yes	Yes
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