

World War II: U.S. Enters the war

World War II (U.S. Enters)

- ▶ Pearl Harbor - Japan attacks U.S. airbase in Hawai'i (Dec. 7, 1941)
- ▶ Japan declares war on U.S.; Dec 7th
- ▶ U.S. & Britain declare war on Japan; Dec. 8th
- ▶ Germany and Italy declare war on U.S.; Dec. 11th
- ▶ U.S. declares war on Germany & Italy; Dec. 11th
- ▶ [Complete series of war declaration](#)



World War II (Europe-Tide Turns)

- ▶ Operation Barbarossa - Germany invades U.S.S.R. (June 1941)
- ▶ U.S. enters war in Dec. 1941
- ▶ Germany advance into U.S.S.R. slows w/ winter
- ▶ Battle of El Alamein - “the end of the beginning” of World War II
- ▶ British stop German advance in N. Africa



World War II (N. Africa; S. Europe)

- ▶ Allies attack Axis in N. Africa; Forced Rommel to retreat;
- ▶ Eisenhower leads Allies in NW Africa; Rommel's Afrika Korps defeated in May, 1943
- ▶ Italy invaded in July, 1943
- ▶ Italy surrendered Sept. 1943
- ▶ Mussolini was captured and executed in April 1945
- ▶ Italy declares war on Germany; Oct 1943

World War II (N. Europe)

- ▶ D-Day; June 6, 1944 Allies invade N. France
 - ▶ Code named Operation Overlord
 - ▶ 3 million troops; thousands of planes, ships and tanks
 - ▶ Allies used deception to fool the Germans;
 - ▶ Beachhead was established and troops could come ashore
- ▶ Battle of the Bulge (Dec. 1944)
 - ▶ Germany's last offensive attempt (failed)



World War II (The End in Europe)

- ▶ Allies closed in on Germany from both East (Soviet) and West (U.S., U.K., France)
- ▶ March 1945 Allies cross Rhine River into Germany
- ▶ Race to reach Berlin (US & UK wanted to get there before Soviets)
- ▶ Elbe Day - Soviet and American forces meet at Elbe River (Apr. 25, 1945)
- ▶ April 29th - Hitler commits suicide
- ▶ May 7, 1945 - Germany surrenders
- ▶ Victory Europe (V-E) Day - May 8th



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THE WAR IN EUROPE IS ENDED! SURRENDER IS UNCONDITIONAL; V-E WILL BE PROCLAIMED TODAY; OUR TROOPS ON OKINAWA GAIN

ISLAND-WIDE DRIVE
Marines Reach Village 8 Mile From Naha and Army Lines Advance

7 MORE SHIPS SUNK
Search Planes Again Hit Japan's Life Line—Kyushu Bombed

The Pulitzer Awards For 1944 Announced
The Pulitzer Prize awards announced yesterday by the trustees of Columbia University included five distinguished awards, to "A Day for a Day" by John Hersey for an original American play of the current season, "The War" by Mary Chase. Among the newspaper awards were those to Earl Roper, Associated Press war reporter, for distinguished correspondence; to James B. Humes of The New York Times, Chief for his reporting of the Japanese Code Security Conference; to the Associated Press for its photographs of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki; and to The Current Free Press for "distinguished and meritorious" public service to the troops.

GERMANY SURRENDERS: NEW YORKERS MASSES UNDER SYMBOL OF LIBERTY

GERMANS CAPITULATE ON ALL FRONTS.
American, Russian and French Generals Accept Surrender in Eisenhower Headquarters, a Reims School
REICH CHIEF OF STAFF ASKS FOR MERCY
Doenitz Orders All Military Forces of Germany To Drop Arms—Troops in Norway Give Up
—Churchill and Truman on Radio Today



World War II: Allied Advances, 1942-1945

- Axis nations, 1938
- Axis-controlled, 1942
- Allies
- Neutral nations
- Allied advances
- Major Battles



N 0 250 Miles

Territory Lost by Germany after Two World Wars

