



Western Civilization since 1500



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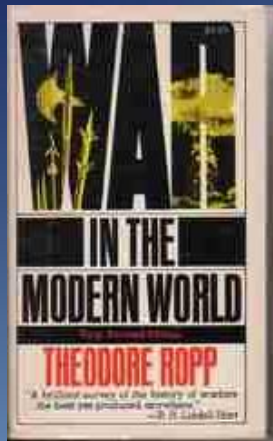
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History 102

Western Civilization from 1500

April 7	Online Quiz Chapter 27a
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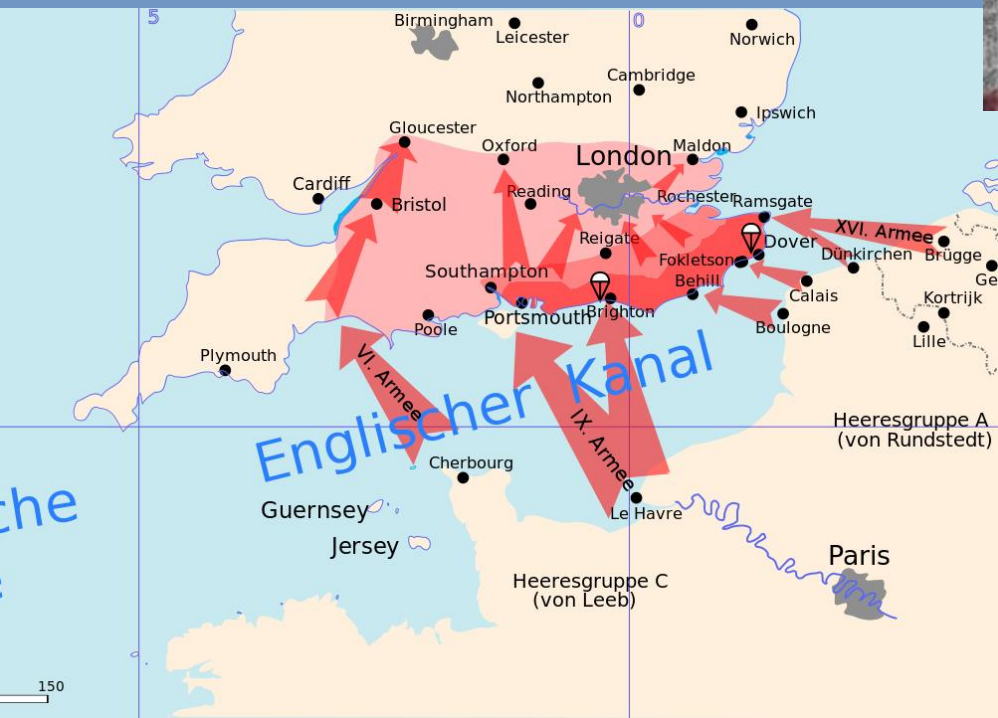


What's next, Herr Hitler?

10 July 1940

Destroy RAF &
aircraft industry

Control the
English Channel



Prepare for Invasion

Keep open diplomacy
for UK to negotiate
peace

(then we will attack USSR)

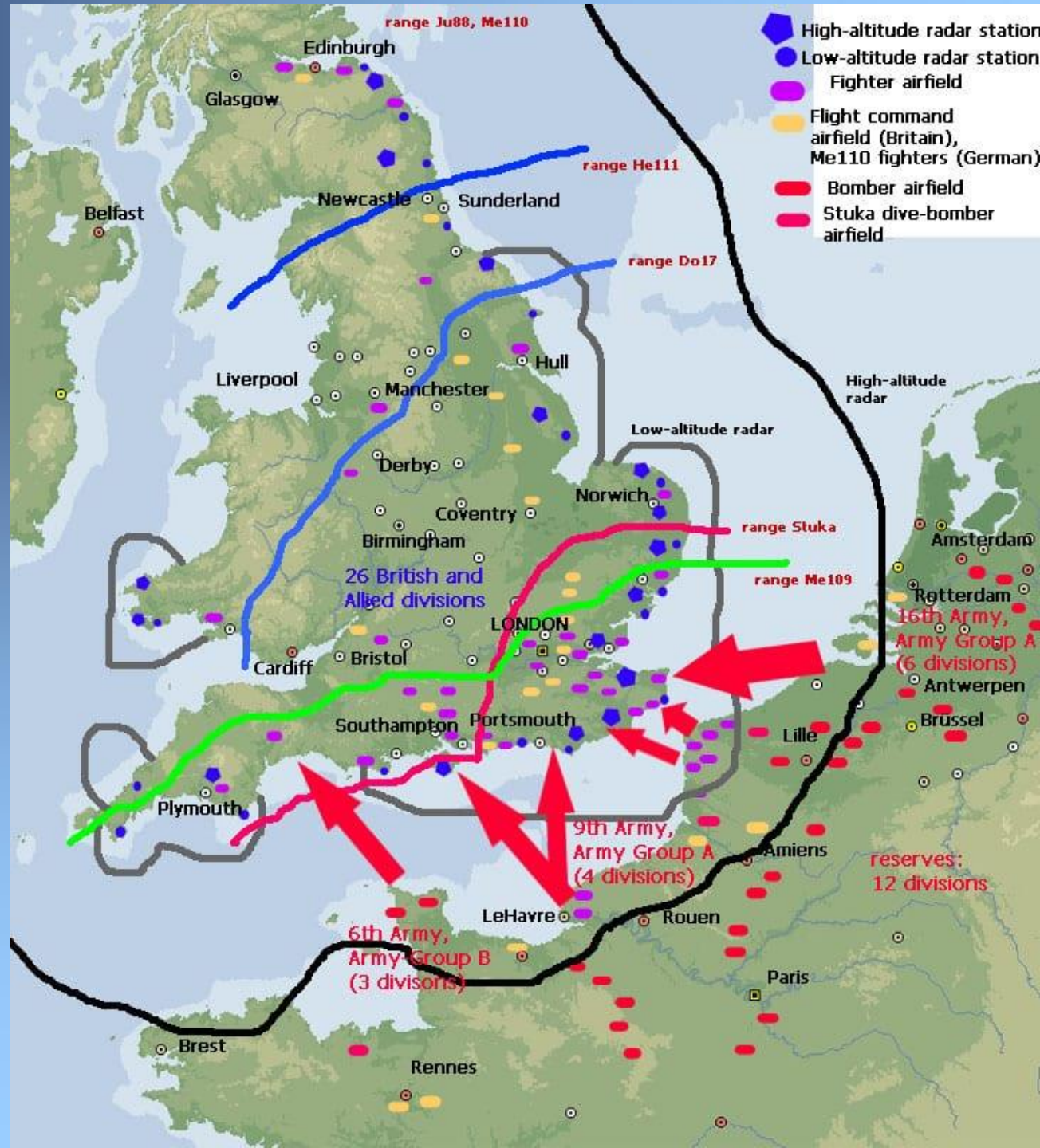
Battle of Britain

Destroy RAF & aircraft industry

When air superiority is established

Bomb ports, railroads and factories

Result: negotiated peace



Battle of Britain



10 July – 31 October 1940

British Losses

544 KIA

422 WIA

1,547 aircraft destroyed

German Losses

2,698 KIA

967 POW

1,887 aircraft destroyed

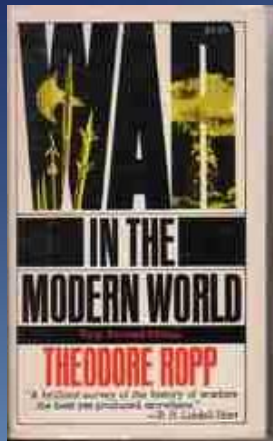
Civilian (British)

40,000 killed

50,000 wounded



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The Eastern Front: The Real War in Europe !

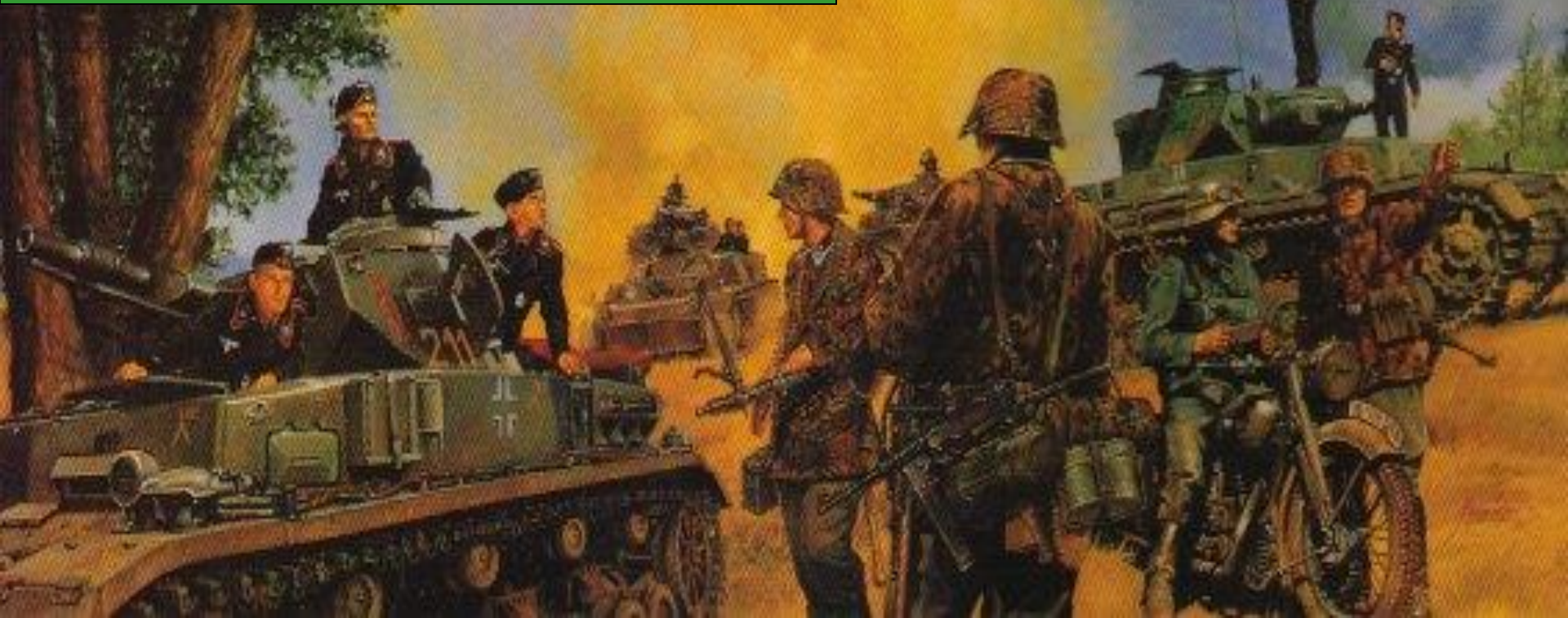


**Hitler break pact
with Stalin and
attacks USSR on
June 22, 1941**



“We have only to kick
in the door and the whole
rotten structure will
come crashing down.”

Hitler on Russia (1941)



Logistical Support Status

22 June 1941 - Operation Barbarossa begins.



[19 days]



11 July 1941 - Roughly 25% of German supply vehicles had *permanently* broken down.

Keil und Kessel

Campaign

Encircled Soviets

- Bialystock - Minsk 340,000
- Smolensk 310,000
- Uman 406,000
- Kiev 675,000
- Bryansk - Vyazma 658,000



Ideology and POWs

Soviet Prisoners in German Hands

June - December 1941 - 3.9 million captured

By February 1942 - 1.1 million still alive

Capable of hard labor in Feb 42 - 400,000

**Alive in May 1945 - 100,000 of original 3.9 mil
2.6%**

Source: Williamson Murray, "Barbarossa," *Military History Quarterly*
Vol 4, No. 3 (Spring 1992)

Russo-German War 1941 - 45

US & British Lend Lease Aid

18,700 Aircraft

10,800 Tanks

9,600 Artillery tubes

2,600,000 tons POL

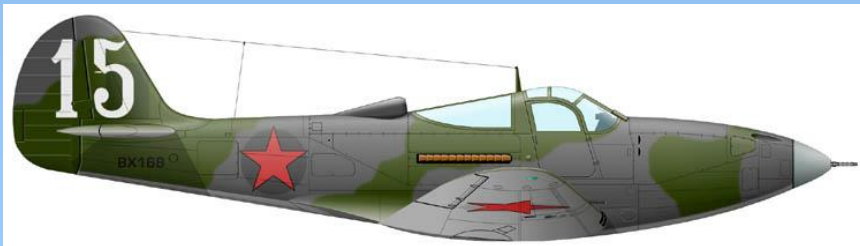
427,000 motor vehicle

1900 Locomotive engines

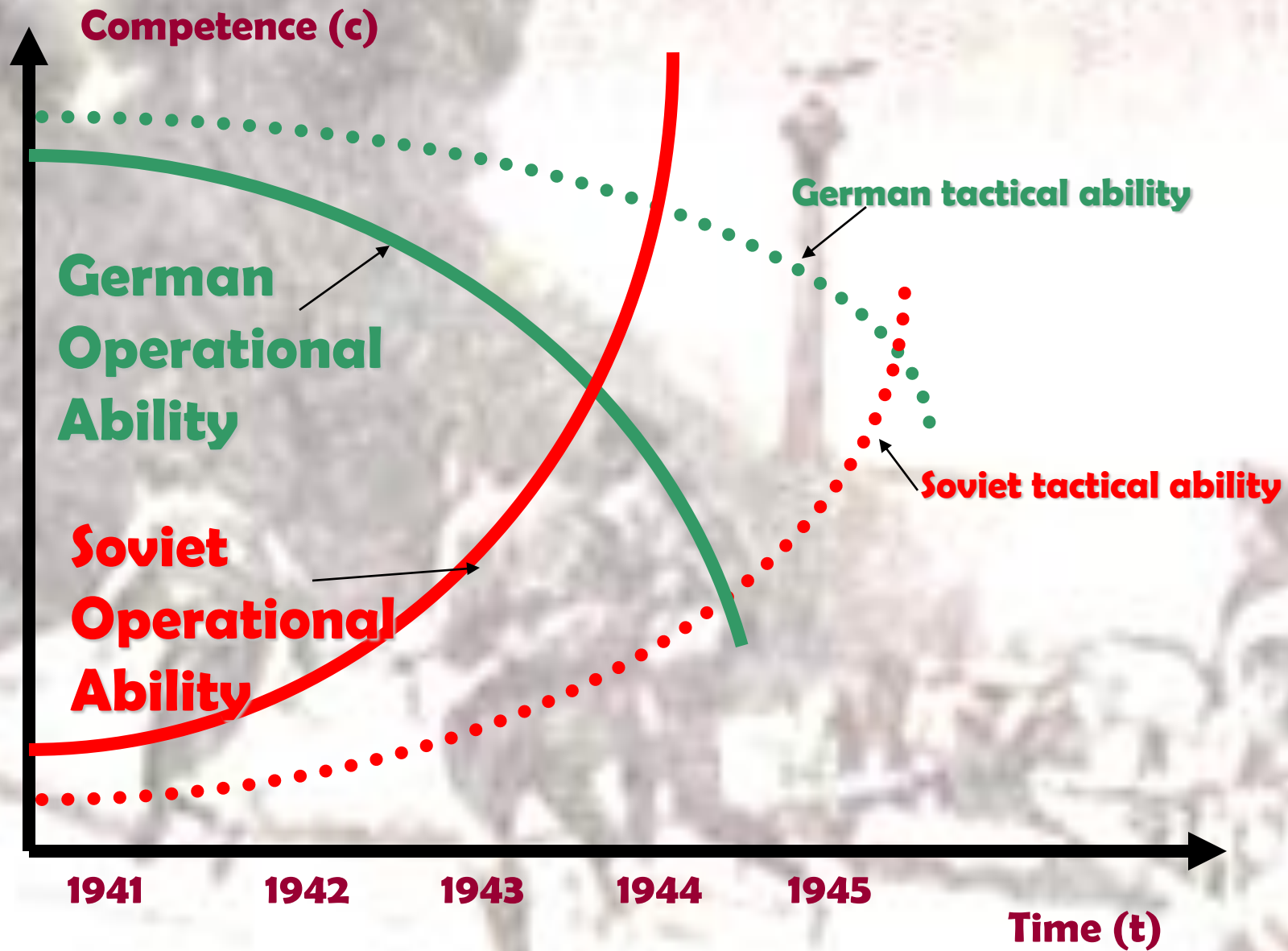
4 million tons of foodstuff


6 million tons of raw materials

15 million pairs of boots



Comparative Ability: A Model



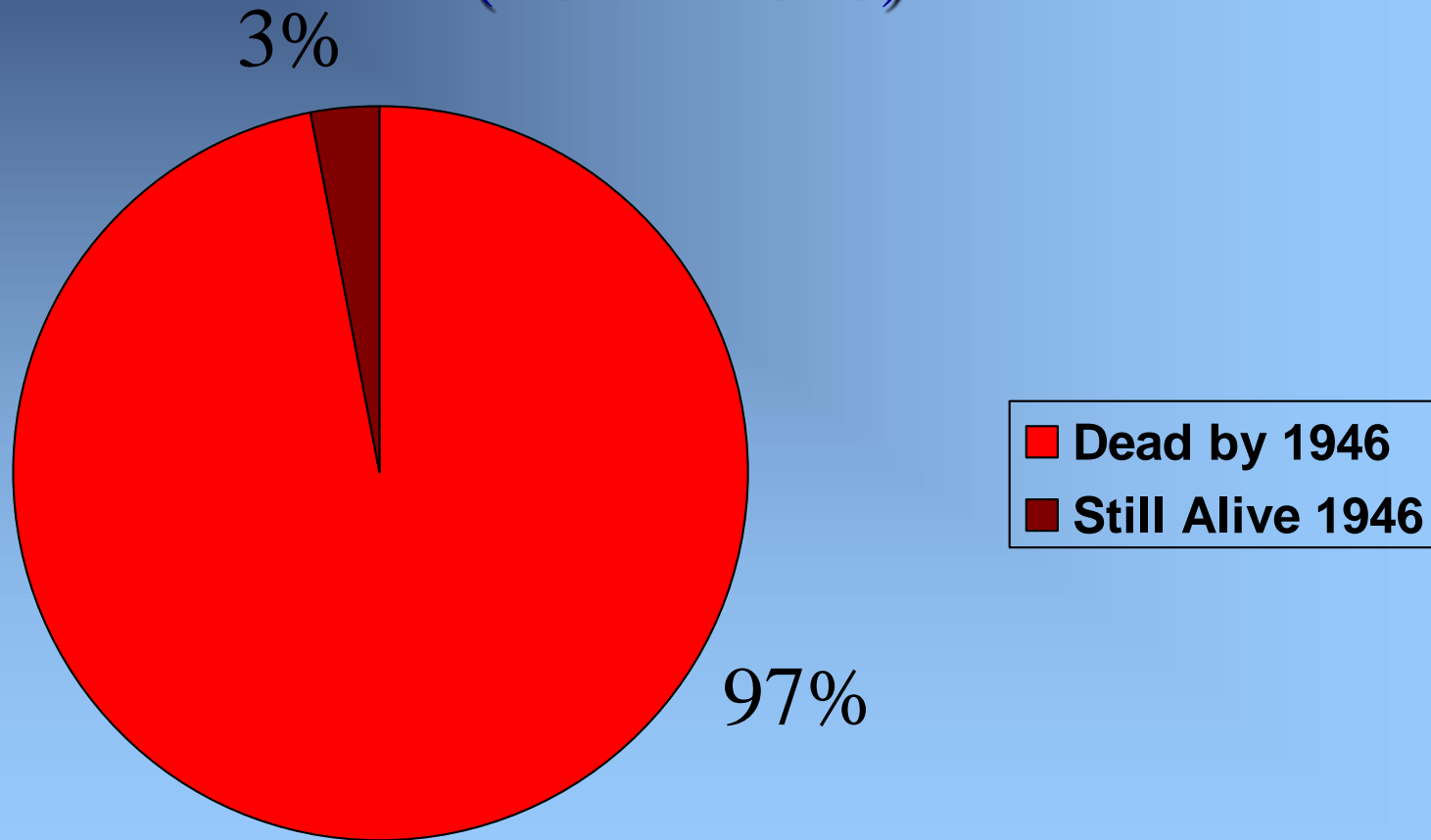
A dramatic painting of a battlefield during WWII, featuring tanks and soldiers in a fiery, smoke-filled environment. The scene is filled with intense orange and red flames, suggesting a major battle or a city under attack. In the foreground, a tank is visible, and soldiers are engaged in combat. The overall atmosphere is one of chaos and destruction.

Soviet Deaths in WWII:
27,000 per day (average)
June 1941 - May 1945

Effective Political Will??

Soviet Males--Class of 1941

(Born in 1923)

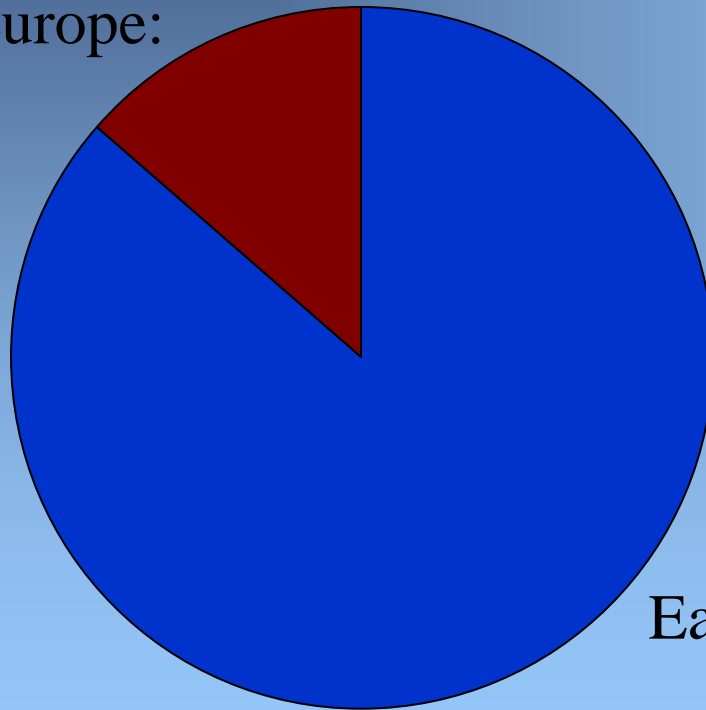


Where was the German Army killed?

Division Combat-Months

Ger. Army and Waffen SS

Africa, Italy,
Northwest Europe:
1,121

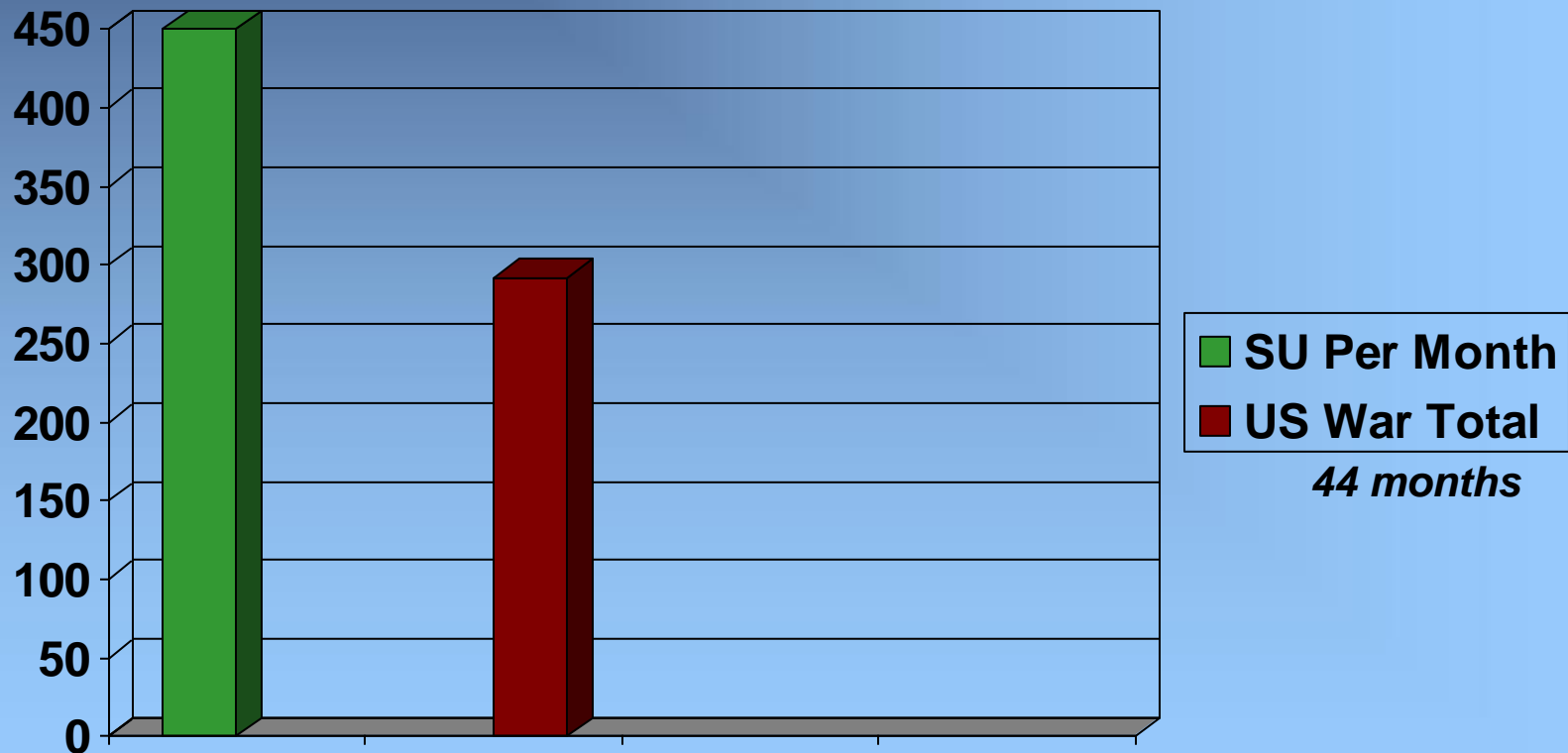


Eastern Front:
7,146



Comparison of Soviet and US Mortality In World War II

Thousands



Stalingrad

17 July 1942 - 2 February 1943

Soviets evacuate food and supplies

Luftwaffe turns city into rubble

Urban fighting reduces German armor advantage



Stalingrad

17 July 1942 - 2 February 1943

750,000 killed or wounded
91,000 captured
Aircraft: 900
Total: 841,000 casualties



478,741 killed or missing
650,878 wounded and sick
40,000+ civilian dead
4,341 tanks
2,769 aircraft
Total: 1,129,619 casualties

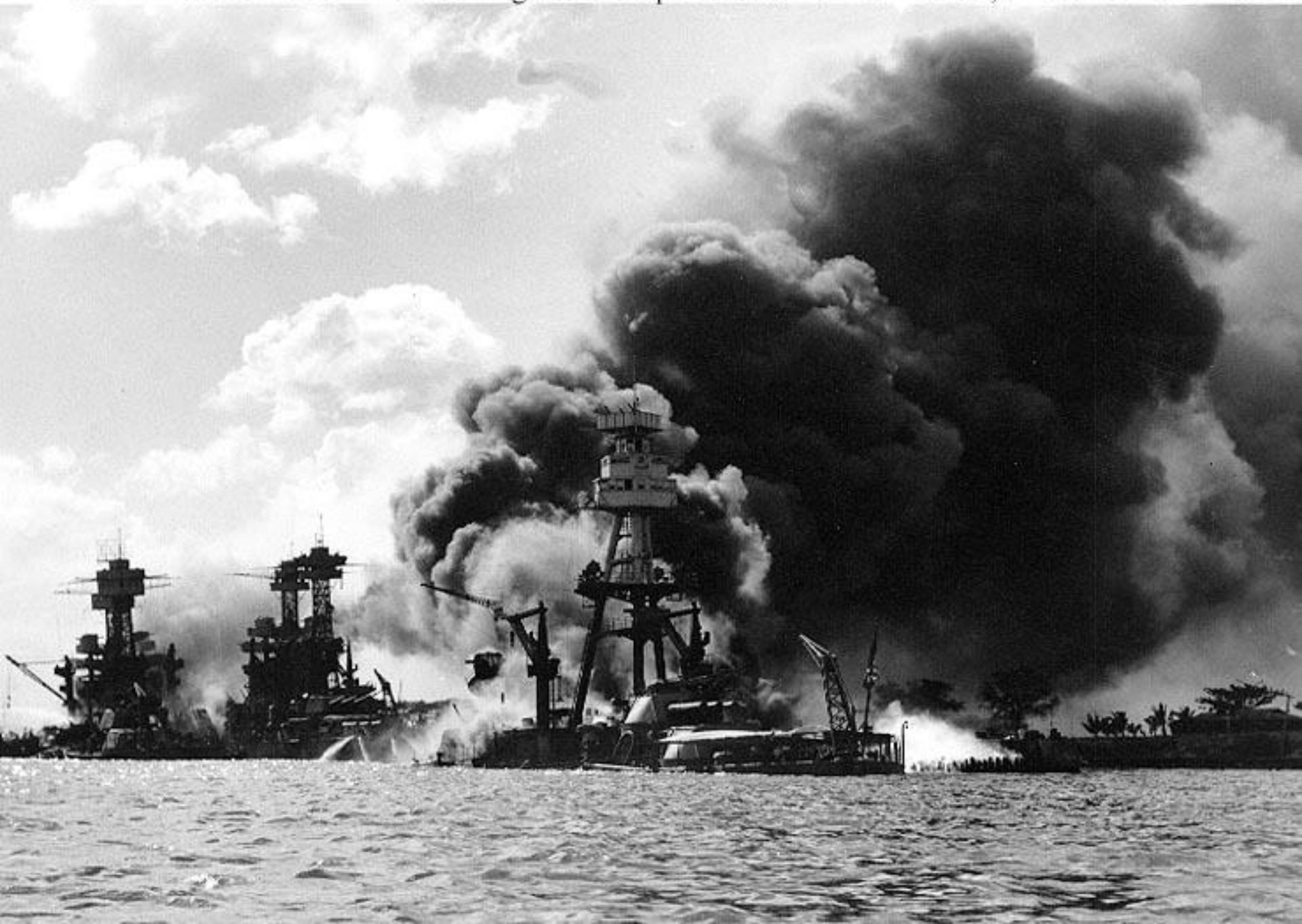


The Global War, 1942-45



Now, you when and made me mad!

Photo # NH 97378 USS Arizona burning after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941



US Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, 1940





Strategic Decisions



- Revenge
- US is a Naval Power
- Japanese attack our AI
- Japanese are immediate threat
- Atlantic is VERY dangerous
- Ethnic Differences
- Moral Obligation to the Philippines

- Greater Potential Threat
- Save the Soviets
- GB is Jump off Point
- COALITION**

- #1 Arsenal of Democracy
- #2 Germany 1st
- #3 Coalition with UK

Expansion of the U. S. Military

	1939	1941	1943	1945
Army	.183	1.657	7.582	8.157
Navy	.145	.383	2.381	3.408
Marines	.025	.075	.405	.485
USCG	.010	.027	.171	.170
TOTAL	.363	2.142	10.539	12.220

* Strength x million

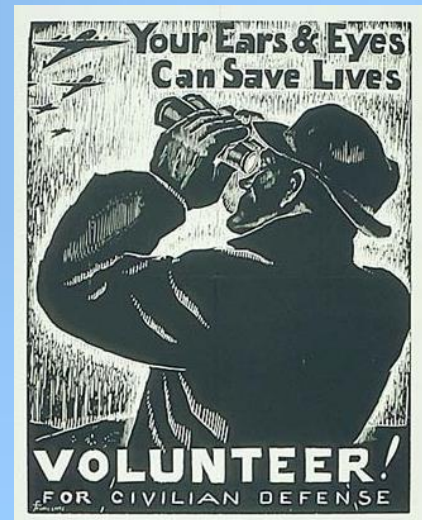
Call out the National Guard

The National Guard. The training of many of the NG men was extremely minimal. As in WWI, the Regulars deemed many Guard officers physically and otherwise unfit. 215,000 called to active serving in 1940.

ROTC. In 1940, 106,000 Reserve officers of high quality eligible for active service. Marshall regarded them as “probably our greatest asset during this present expansion.”

By 1941, 42 states had created their own defense programs (Alabama State Guard consisted of 25 companies with 1,400 men.)

By 1943, 12 million Americans had volunteer roles
Air-raid wardens, aircraft spotters, CAP
Disaster planning became a permanent function of government, and was the chief legacy of wartime civilian defense.

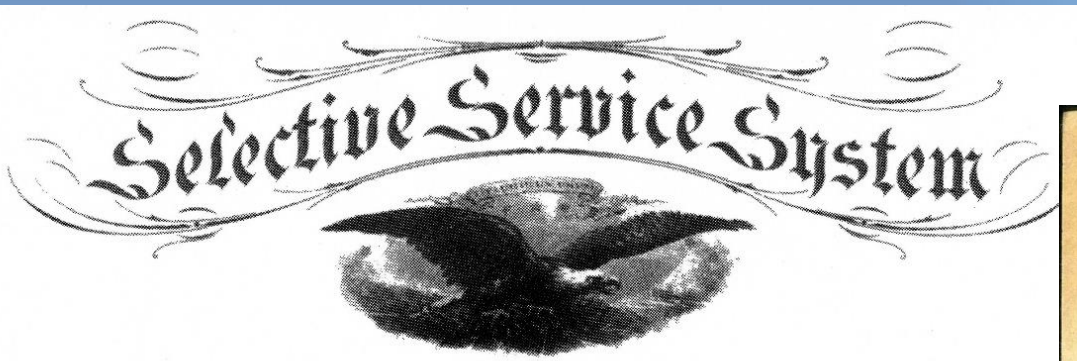


Greetings from the President

The Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 (9/16/40)
first peacetime conscription in United States history

Over 10 million men were inducted before the end of the war

1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
18,633	923,842	3,033,361	3,323,970	1,591,942	945,862	183,383



Certificate of Appointment

To all who shall see these presents, greetings:

Know Ye, that because of demonstrated patriotism, fidelity, and abilities,

Wayne E. Sirmon

has been appointed to the position of

Local Board Member of the State of Alabama,

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921) 12493

SERIAL NUMBER T 118	1. NAME (Print) WILLIAM Joseph Sirmon (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER T 12494
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1570 Orange St. Mobile Ala. <small>(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)</small>		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS same <small>[Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same]</small>		
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS 39	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Mobile <small>(Town or county) (State or country)</small>
DATE OF BIRTH Belmont 2289 Sept. 8 1902 <small>(Exchange) (Number) (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>	7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Anna Lee Sirmon 1570 Orange St. Mobile	
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS City of Mobile, City Hall		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Garbage Department, Mobile, Ala. <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
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Mobile's War Effort



WWII on the Homefront:
War Town Mobile, Alabama



Mobile, Alabama

University of South Alabama

Mobile's War Effort

- 29 Minesweepers
- 30 C-2 Cargo Ships
- 20 Liberty Ships
- 102 T-2 Tankers
- 1 Landing Ship Dock



Navy Unit Commendation
Meritorious Unit Commendation
American Campaign
WWII Victory
WWII Occupation
National Defense Medal
Korean Service
Armed Forces Expeditionary
Vietnam Service
Vietnam Gallantry Cross
UN Korean Service
Vietnam Campaign
R.O.K. War Service

USS Fort Marion (LSD-22)

Launched, 22 May 1945, at Gulf Shipbuilding Corp, Chickasaw, AL



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**SS J.L.M. Curry (hull #1)
Delivered 15 May 1942**

11 kts. 9,140 tons of cargo

America's War Effort

787 Minesweepers
173 C-2 Cargo Ships
2,761 Liberty Ships
536 T-2 Tankers
40 Landing Ship Dock



T-2 Tanker "Arickaree"
15 kts. 6 million gallons

Military Production

	Allies (-USA)	USA	Germany
Tanks	138,825	88,410	46,857
Artillery	657,292	257,390	159,147
Machineguns	2,064,644	2,679,840	674,280
Trucks	678,043	2,382,311	345,914
Aircraft	308,322	324,750	189,307
Crude Oil (millions of tons)	210	833	62

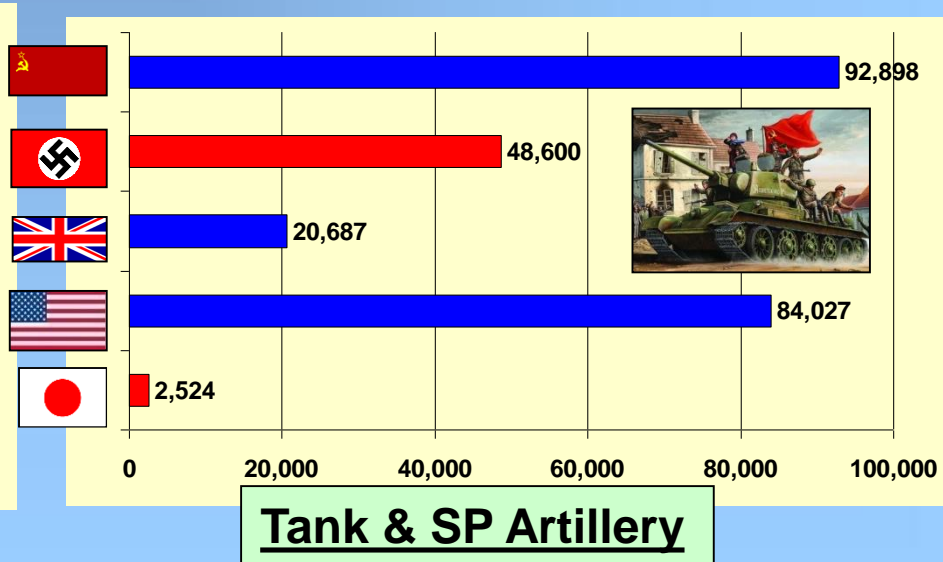
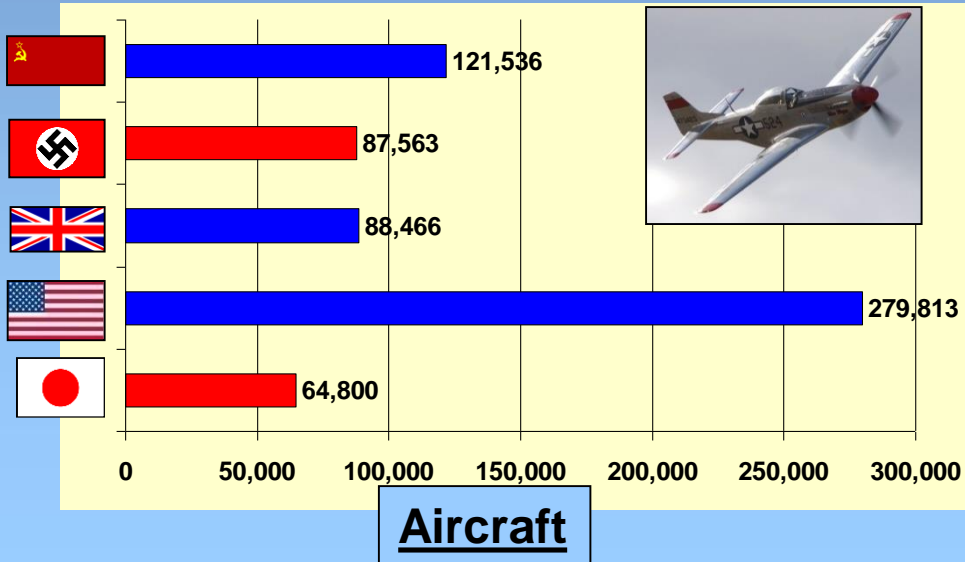
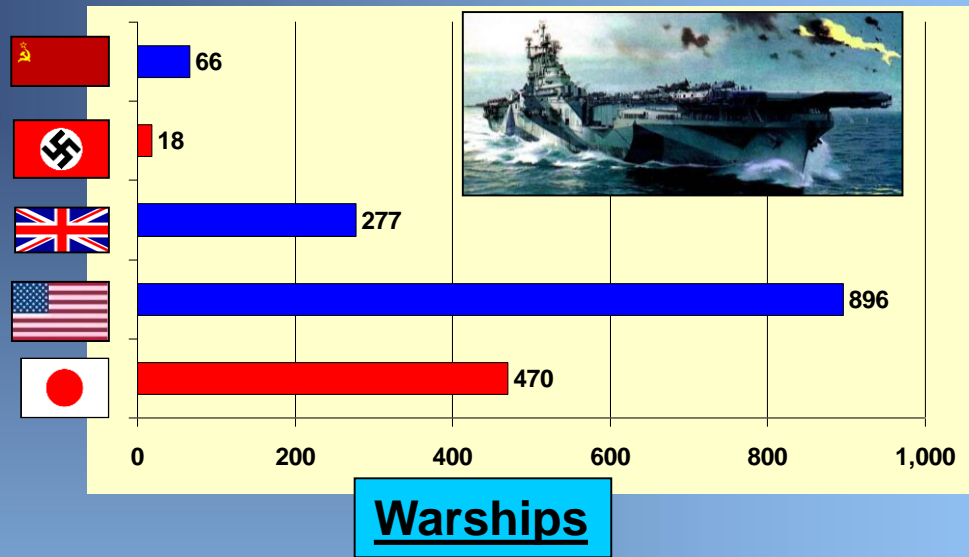
Naval Construction

	USA	UK	USSR	Italy	Japan	Germany
Carriers	22	14	-	-	16	-
Escort Carriers	141	-	-	-	-	-
Battleships	8	5	-	3	2	2
Cruisers	48	32	2	6	9	-
Destroyers	349	240	25	6	63	17
Convoy Escorts	420	413/191*	-	-	-	23
Submarines	422	167	52	28	167	1,337
Merchant (x 1,000 tons)	33,993	6,379 / 6,445**	-	470	4,152	-

* Canada

** Canada & Commonwealth

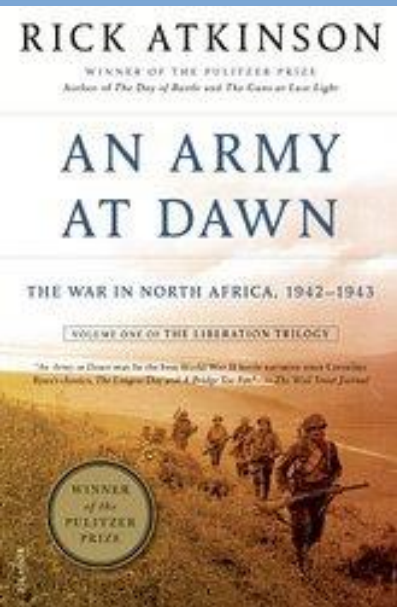
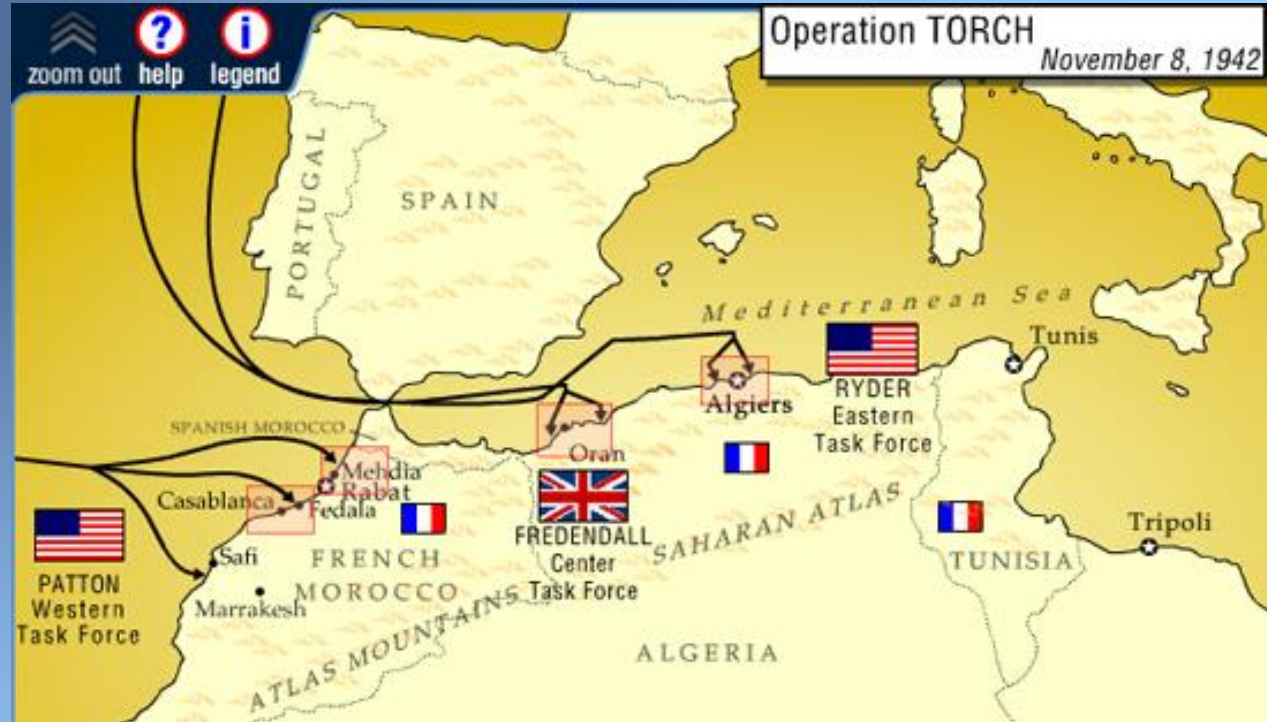
Comparison of War Production, 1942-1945



U.S. Ammunition Output

Aircraft Bombs	531,000,000 tons
Depth Charges	529,000
Torpedoes	54,000
Artillery rounds	47,000,000 tons
Small arms rounds	44,000,000,000

More than “Sideshow”



Gets US into the war in European Theater

Open Suez Canal – greatly shorten supply lines

Eliminate Vichy French military

Establish base of operation to advance on Sicily and Italy

More than “Sideshow”

UK favors peripheral strategy to gradually weaken Germany

Knock Italy out of war

Secure Mediterranean Sea lines of communication

Establish airbases for bomber offensive operations



RICK ATKINSON

WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE
Author of *An Army at Dawn* and *The Guns at Last Light*

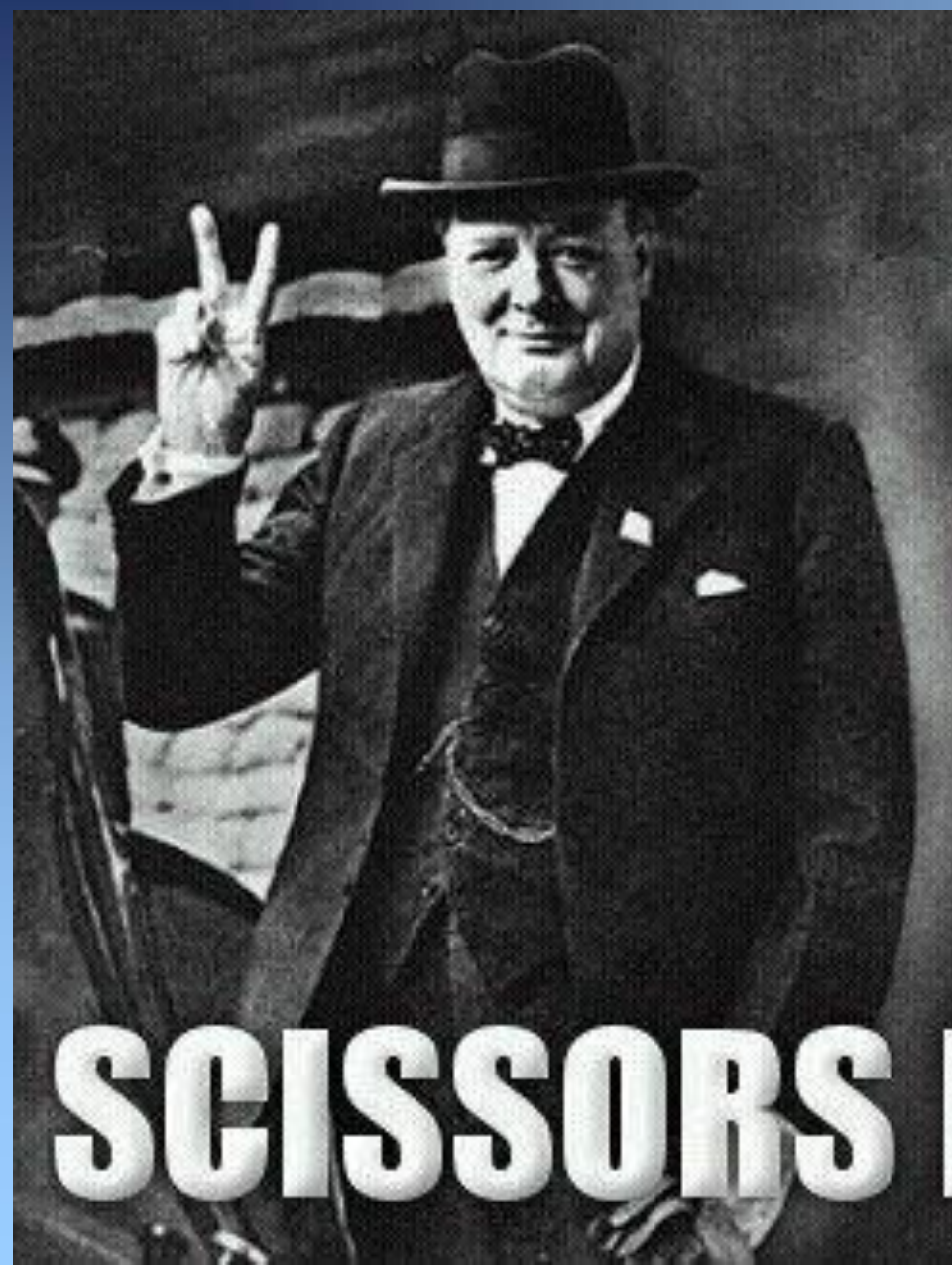
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D-Day to VE**
Chapter 25-C

