



# World History since 1500



Wayne E. Sirmon

HI 104 – World History



# Yom HaShoah

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sunset, April 17-18, 2023



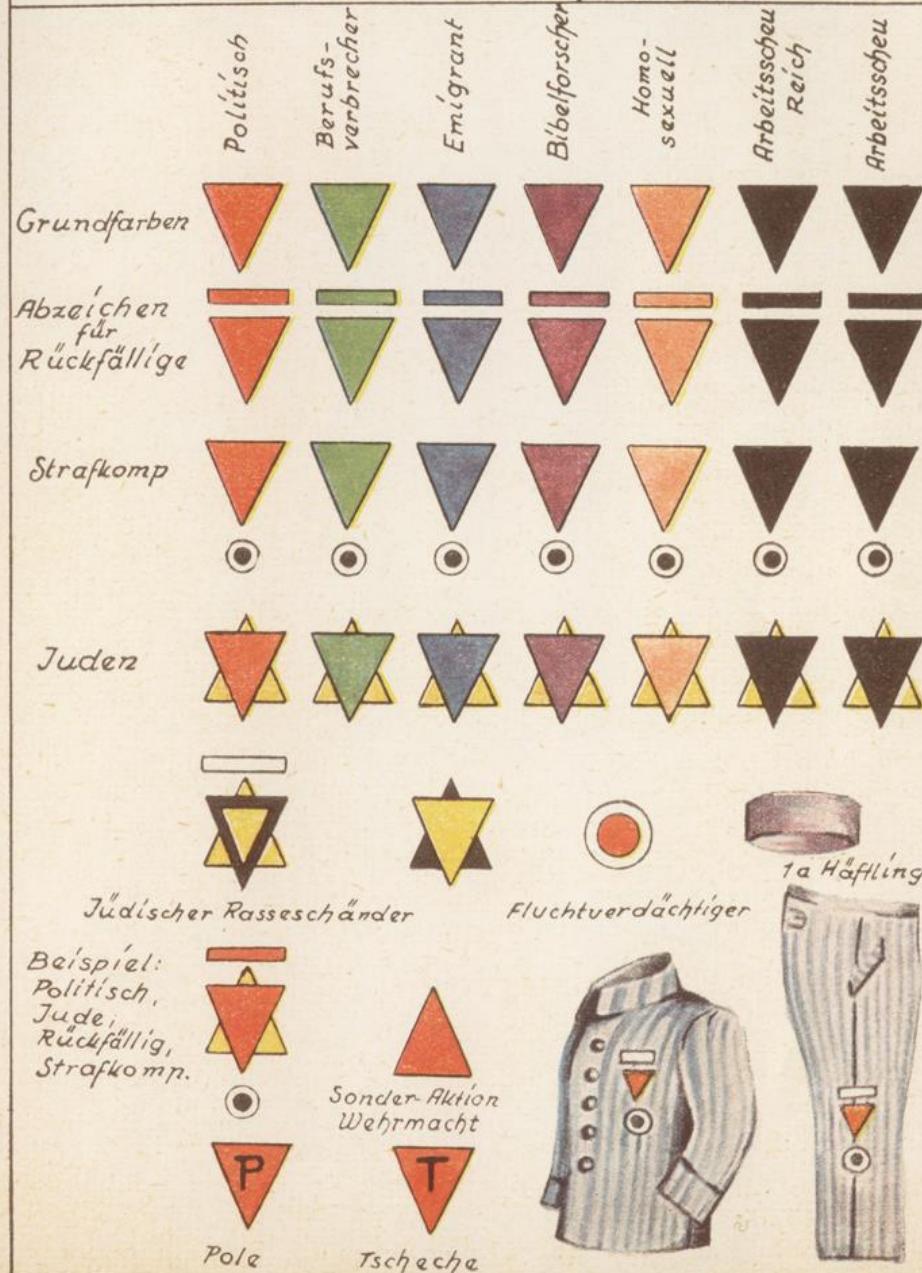
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## BY WILEY





# Kennzeichen für Schutzhäftlinge in den Konzentrationslagern



**Red – Political, Liberals, Masons**  
**Green – Habitual Criminals**  
**Blue – Foreign**  
**Pink – homosexual**  
**Purple – Jehovah's Witnesses**  
**Black – asocial**  
**Brown – Gypsies**

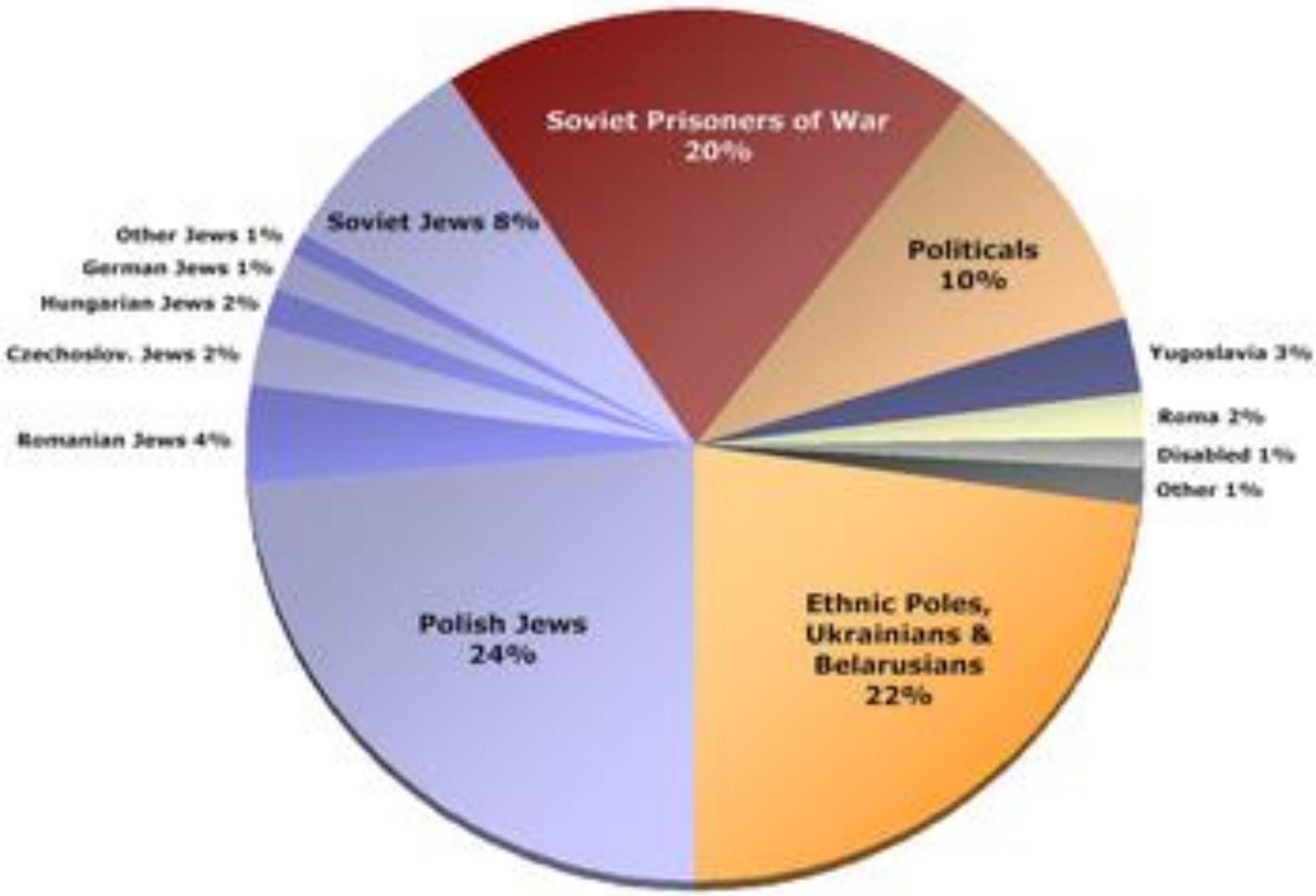
**Yellow - Jew**



# The Holocaust

Victims	Killed
Jews	5.9 million
Soviet POWs	2-3 million
Ethnic Poles	1.8-2 million
Romani (Gypsies)	220,000-1,500,000
Disabled	200,000-250,000
Freemasons	80,000
Homosexuals	5,000-15,000
Jehovah's Witnesses	2,500-5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.2 – 12.2 million</b>

# Holocaust Deaths



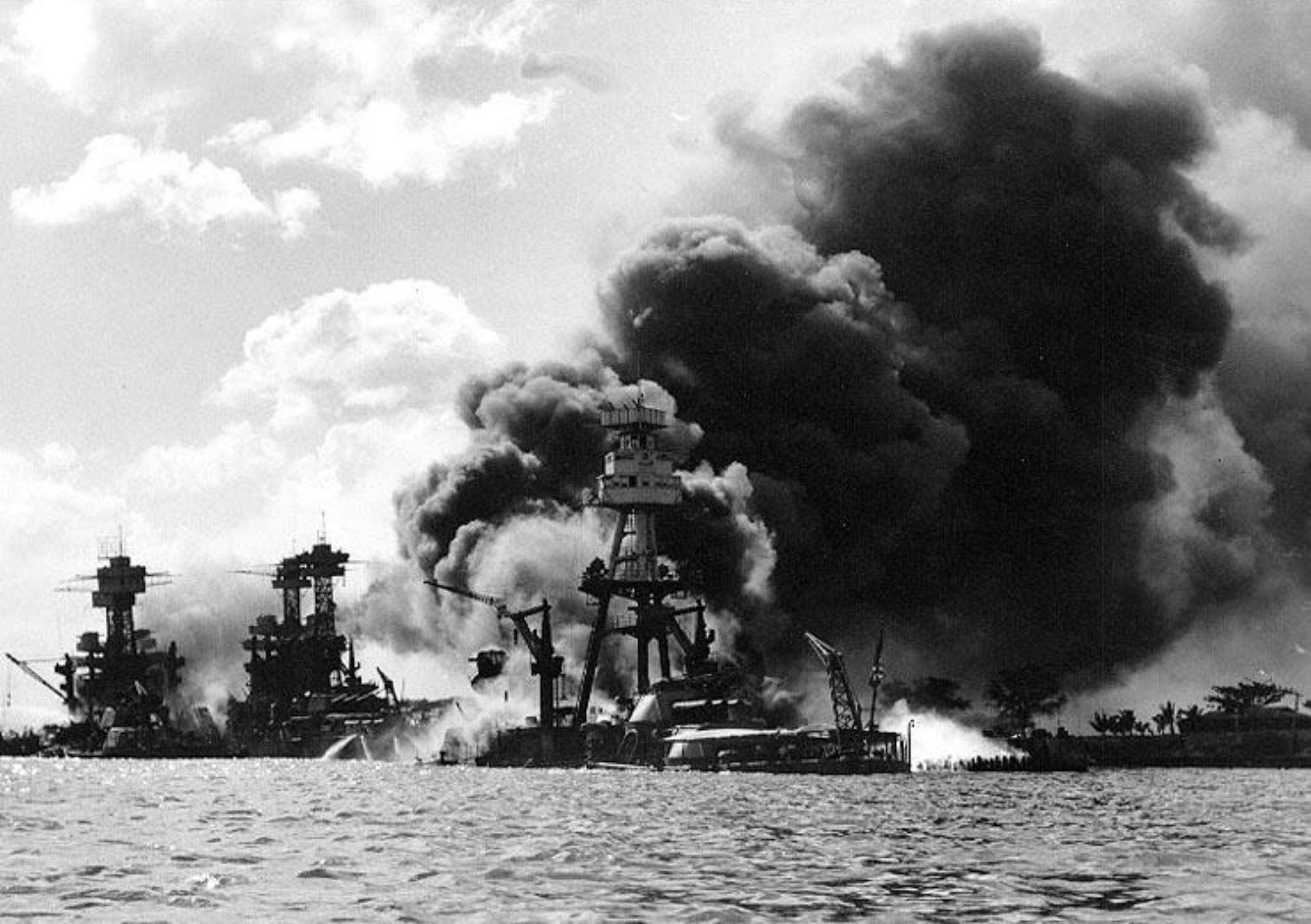


# The Global War, 1942-45



***Now, you when and made me mad!***

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

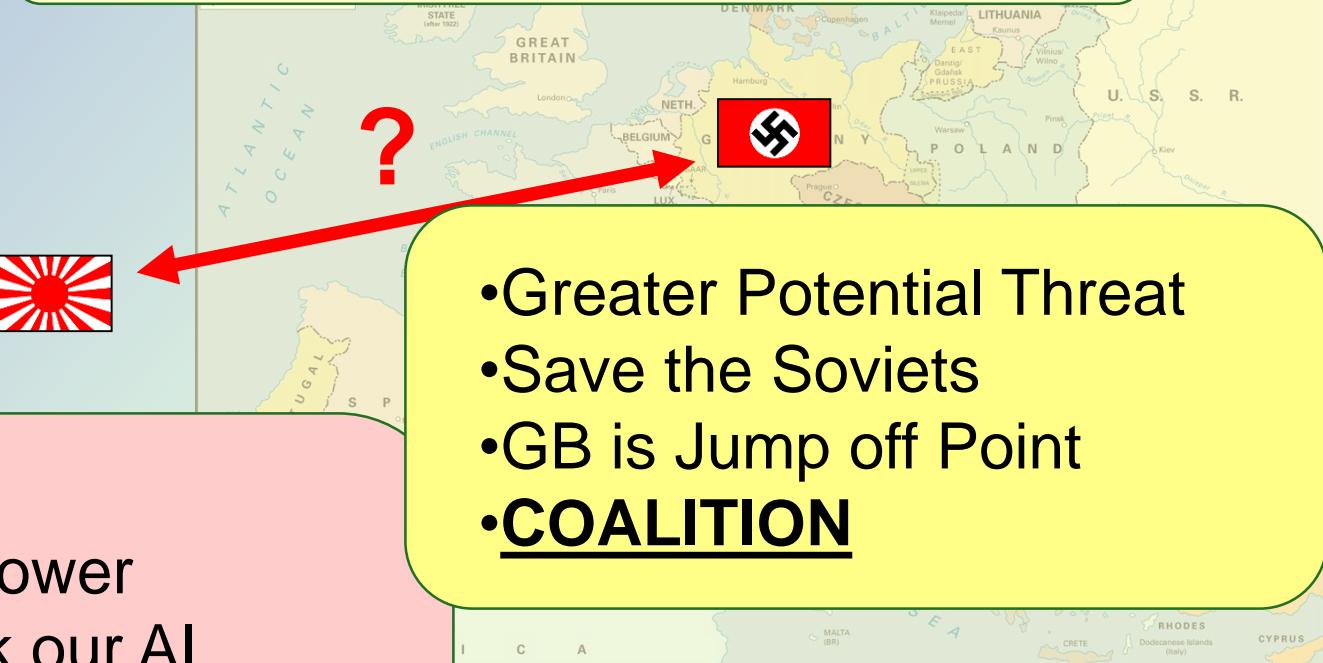


# US Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, 1940





# 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 1<sup>st</sup>
- #3 Coalition with UK

# **Expansion of the U. S. Military**

	<b>1939</b>	<b>1941</b>	<b>1943</b>	<b>1945</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.363</b>	<b>2.142</b>	<b>10.539</b>	<b>12.220</b>

\* Strength x million

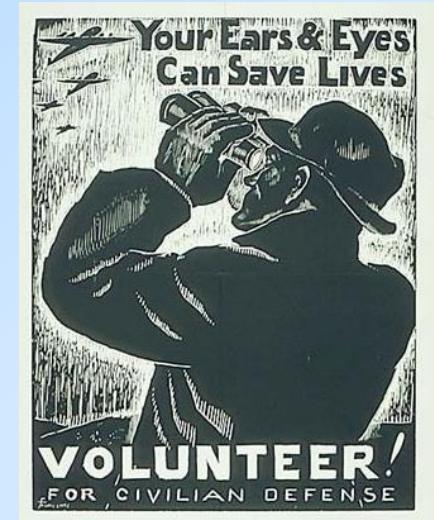
# Call out the National Guard

**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

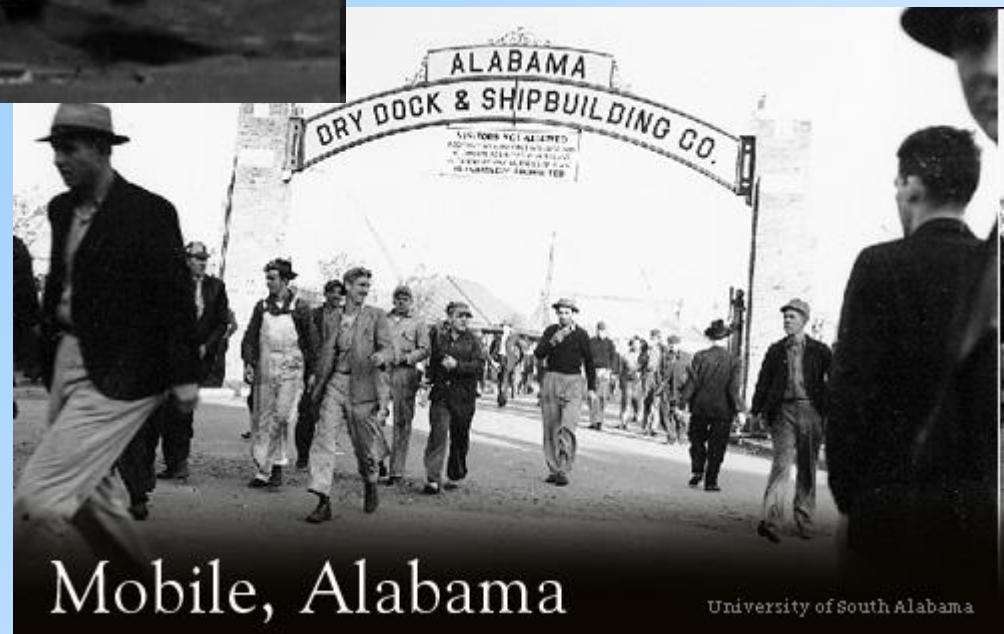


Certificate of Appointment  
To all who shall see these presents, greetings:  
Know Ye, that because of demonstrated patriotism, fidelity, and abilities,  
**Wayne E. Sirmon**  
has been appointed to the position of  
Local Board Member of the State of Alabama,

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

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)	ORDER NUMBER
T 118	WILLIAM Joseph Sirmon (First) (Middle) (Last)	T 12494
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)	1570 Orange St., Mobile, Ala. (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)	[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... (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)	
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS	6. PLACE OF BIRTH
Belmont 2289 (Exchange)	39 (Number) (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	Mobile, Ala. (Town or county)
DATE OF BIRTH		
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	Portage Department, Mobile, Ala. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)	
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42)		★ GPO 16-21630-1 William Joseph Sirmon (Registrant's signature)

# Mobile's War Effort



WWII on the Homefront:  
War Town Mobile, 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

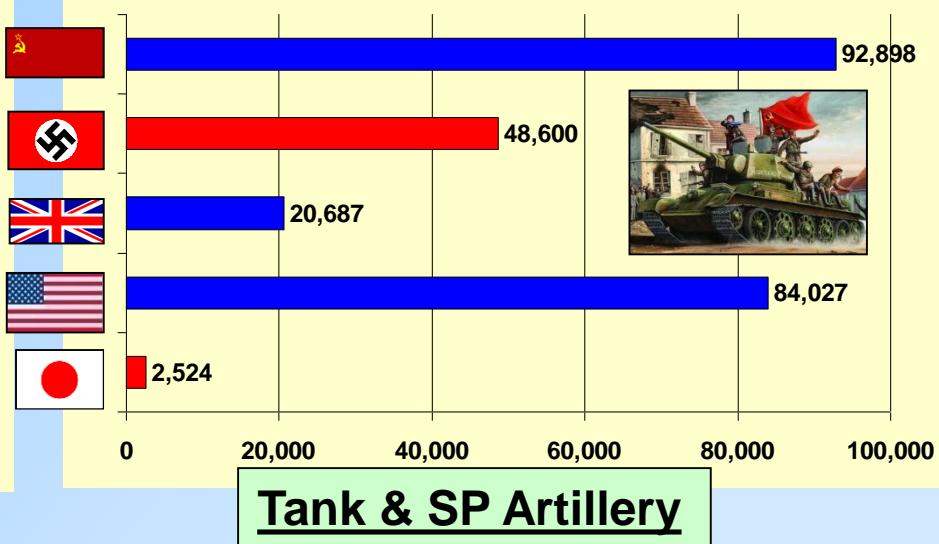
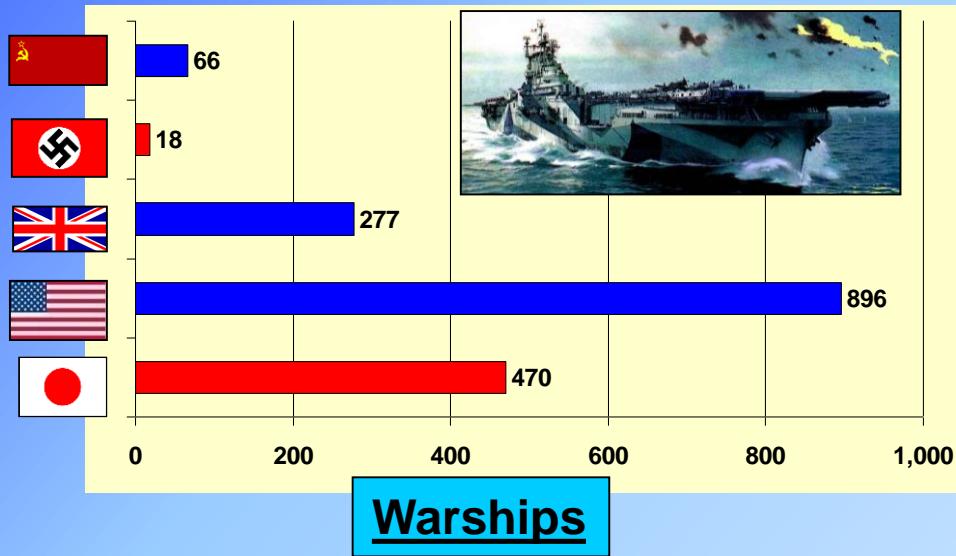
# Naval Construction

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

\* Canada

\*\* Canada & Commonwealth

# Comparison of War Production, 1942-1945



# U.S. Ammunition Output

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

# The Role of Air Power

## B-17

range 2,000 mi  
payload 4,500 lbs

12,731 built (1936-1945)



## B-29

Range 3,250 mi  
Payload 12,000 lbs.  
High altitude: 5,000 lbs.

3,970 built (1943-1946)



## B-24

range 2,100 mi  
payload 5,000 lbs

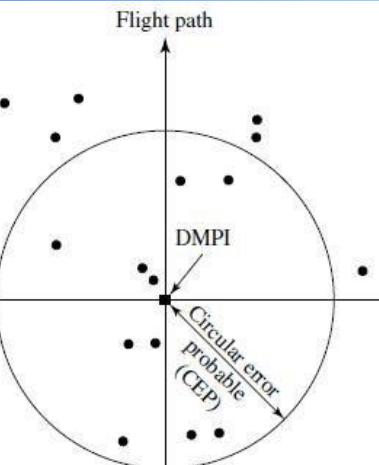
18,188 built (1940-1945)



# **“Drop a bomb in a Pickle Barrel at 20,000 feet”**



**Norden Bomb Sight**



**Combat:**  
**1,200 ft. @ 20,000 ft**

If you want a 90% probability of at least 1 bomb hitting a target 1/3 the size of a football field, you must drop 9,000 bombs.

Note: • = impact point

**Circular Error Probable**  
**50% of the bombs**  
**will hit with the circle**



# The Role of Air Power

P-40

13,738 Warhawk



P-47

15,660 Thundebolt



P-51

14,855 Mustang



# The Costs

- 29,000 U.S. airmen, 8,200 bombers lost.
- About 600,000(?) civilian casualties.
- Firestorms:

Hamburg:

July, 1943

Dresden:

Feb., 1945





# Turning Points of the War: Western Front

- **Operation Torch (1943)**
  - Allied victory in North Africa and invasion of Italy.
- **D-Day: Operation Overlord**
  - The Allied needed to establish a second front.
  - General Dwight Eisenhower launched an invasion of Normandy on **June 6, 1944**.
  - An invasion fleet of some 4,000 ships and 150,000 men (57,000 U.S.)
  - Invasion successful. 5,000 killed and wounded Allied troops.
  - It allowed them to gain a foothold on the continent from which they could push Germany back.

# Race to Berlin



- D-Day was the turning point of the western front. Stalingrad was the turning point of the eastern front.
- The British, U.S., and Free French armies began to press into western Germany as the Soviets invaded eastern Germany.
- Both sides raced to Berlin.

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# Victory in Europe

- Mussolini was captured and killed by Italian partisans and Hitler committed suicide in April 1945, as the Russian troops took Berlin.
- **Germany surrendered unconditionally on May 7, 1945 (V-E Day).**
- Fighting in the Pacific would continue until August.





# ***“World’s Greatest Murderer”***



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**Joseph  
Stalin**



**43,000,000 deaths while leading the USSR...**



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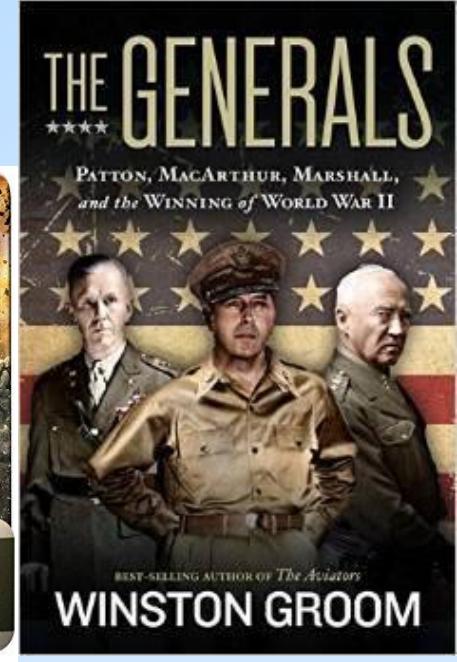
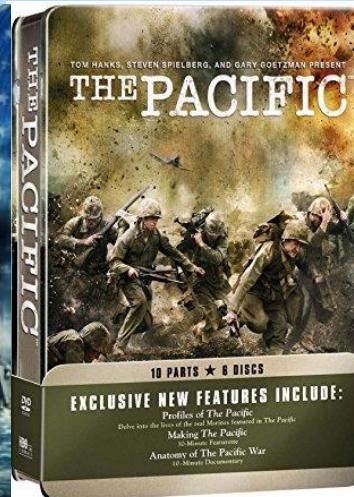
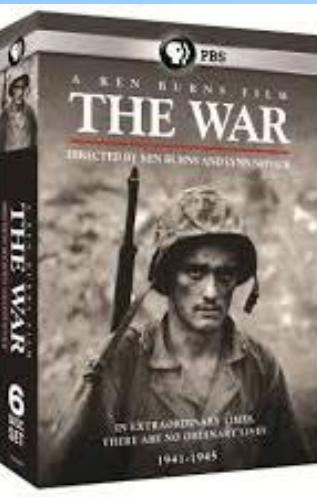
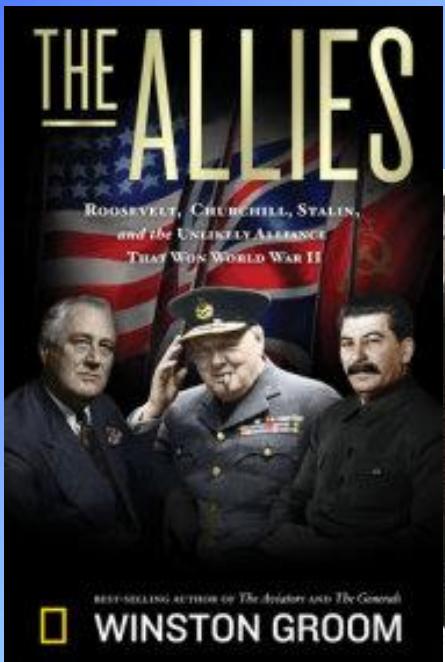
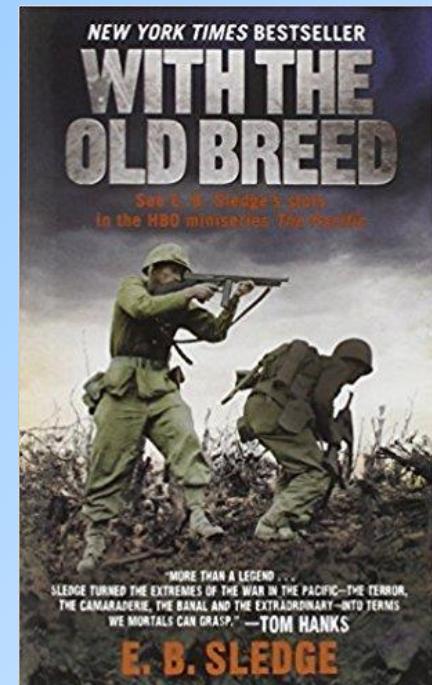
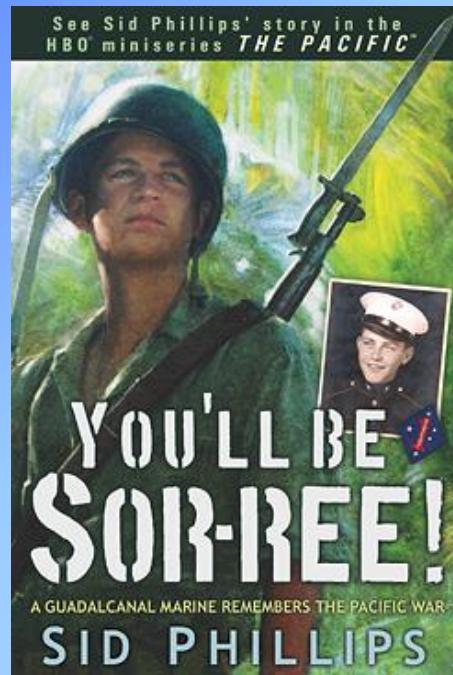
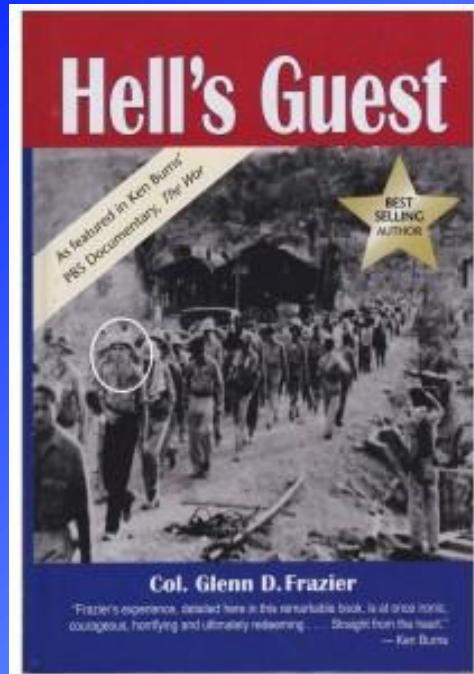
Churchill out

Clement Attlee in

Roosevelt dies

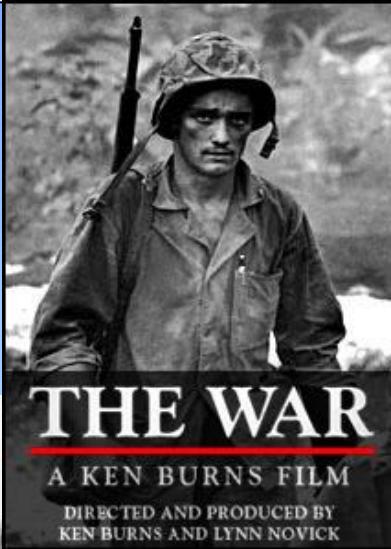
Truman in





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**World War II  
The Pacific War**



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