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WORLD AT WAR

#WorldWar2 key events and their timeline with visual references.

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November 11, 1918

WORLD WAR I ENDS

Britain, France, the US, and other allies defeat Germany, bringing an end to World War I, billed as “the war to end all wars.”



January 30, 1933
HITLER APPOINTED GERMAN LEADER

Adolf Hitler becomes chancellor of Germany and later assumes dictatorial powers. German rearmament takes off.



September 1, 1939
WORLD WAR II BEGINS

Germany invades Poland, inciting Poland’s allies Britain and France to declare war on Germany.



September 17, 1939
SOVIET UNION INVADES POLAND

Working in concert with Hitler, Soviet leader Joseph Stalin orders the invasion of Poland, securing a share of Polish territory.



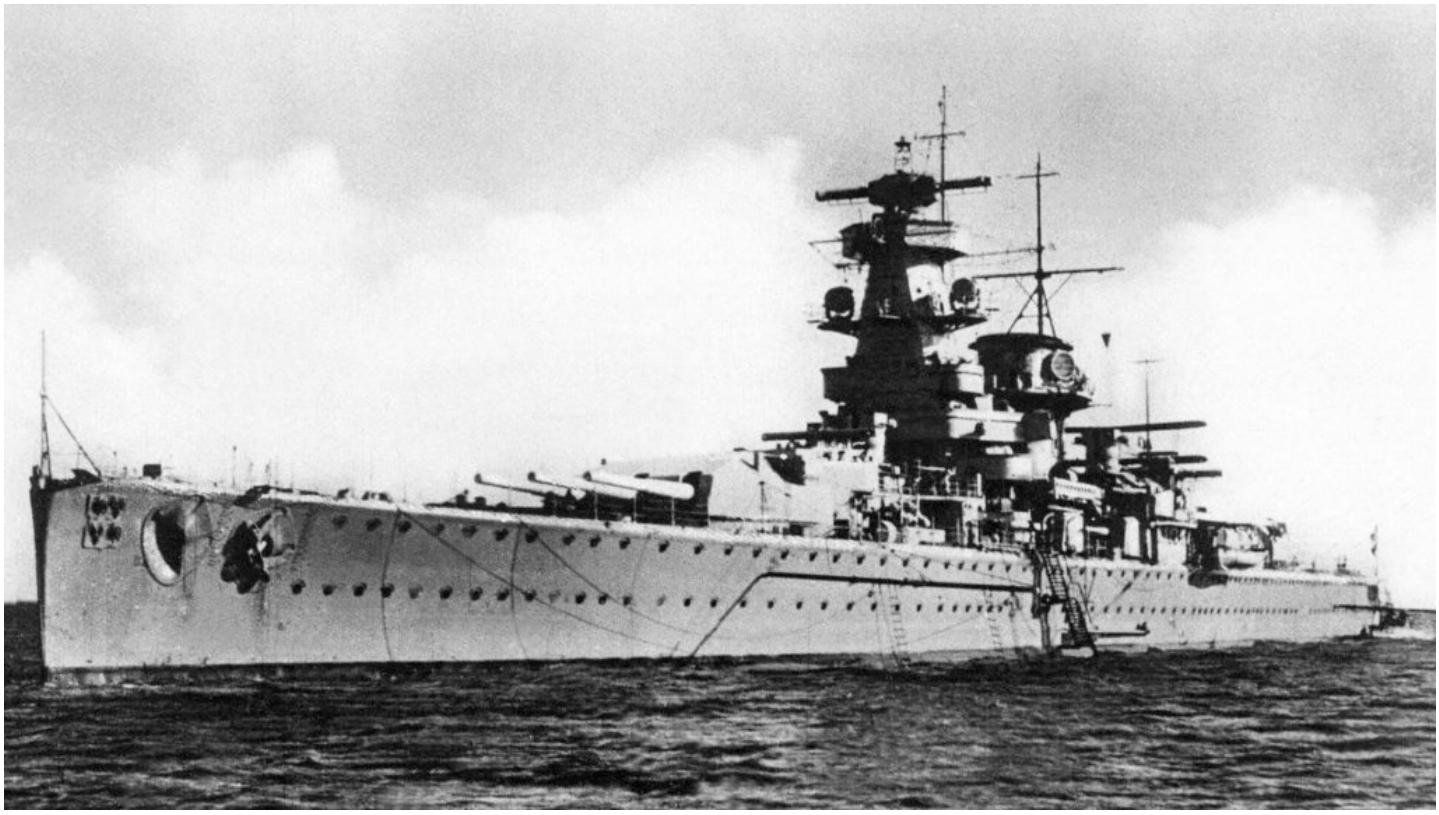
September 27, 1939
WARSAW CAPTURED

Warsaw surrenders to German troops. Poland holds out for another 9 days before capitulating.



December 13, 1939
UK WINS WAR’S FIRST SEA BATTLE

British cruisers defeat a German pocket battleship at the Battle of the River Plate, the first major naval engagement of World War II.



April 8, 1940
NORWAY INVADED

Germany invades Norway, ending a 6-month period of limited land operations called the “Phony War.”



May 10, 1940
CHURCHILL BECOMES PRIME MINISTER

Winston Churchill replaces Neville Chamberlain as British Prime Minister. The same day, Germany invades Belgium.



May 26-June 4, 1940
MIRACLE OF DUNKIRK

The trapped British army evacuates to England from Dunkirk, France, surviving to fight another day.



June 14, 1940
PARIS FALLS TO NAZIS

Paris falls to German forces. France capitulates 11 days later.



July 10-October 31, 1940
BRITAIN FIGHTS FOR ITS LIFE

The Battle of Britain pits German bombers against British fighters in a thwarted German prelude to invasion.



December 7, 1941
U.S. PLUNGED INTO WAR

Japan attacks Pearl Harbor, starting a war with the US. Sensing weakness, Hitler declares war on America 4 days later.



June 4, 1942
THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY

USA defeated the Japanese navy at the Battle of Midway. Following this victory, the US navy was able to push the Japanese back.



Oct 23, 1942
BATTLE OF EL ALAMEIN

Montgomery attacked the German-Italian army in North Africa with a massive bombardment followed by an armoured attack. He then proceeded to chase the routed enemy some 1500 miles across the desert.



Nov, 1942
BATTLE OF STALINGRAD

The Russians won their first victory against Germany at the Battle of Stalingrad.



May 12 1943
AXIS SURRENDER NORTH AFRICA

The British and American forces managed to defeat the Axis forces in North Africa.



September 3, 1943
ITALY SURRENDERS

Italy surrenders to the Allies, however, Germany helps Mussolini to escape and set up a government in Northern Italy.



ELMIRA STAR-GAZETTE

ITALY SURRENDERS

Military Armistice Granted Five Days After Invasion

Associated Press

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower announced today the unconditional surrender of Italy. The commander of the Allied forces said he had granted a military armistice.

Italy ordered its armed forces to resist the Nazis if they should try to interfere with the surrender.

Nazis Admit Capture Of Stalino By Russians

--And Now for the Next Smash

GERMANY
POLAND
FRANCE
HUNGARY
ITALY
GREECE

'Eisenhower's Story, Let Him Tell It,' Says FDR

Badoglio's Proclamation

President to Open Loan Drive Tonight

North Italy Looms as Battlefield

Eisenhower's Statement

Italians Urged To Block Nazi Trains, Ships

Airborne Guns Rake Japs

June 6, 1944
D-DAY

Allied forces invade France from Normandy and push back the Germans.



Aug 25, 1944
PARIS LIBERATED

The French capital of Paris was liberated from the Germans.



December 16, 1944
BATTLE OF BULGE

The Germans launch a large attack in the Battle of the Bulge. They lose to the Allies sealing the fate of the German army.



February 19, 1945
INVASION OF IWO JIMA

US Marines invade the island of Iwo Jima. After a fierce battle they capture the island.



March, 1945
ALLIES CROSS THE RHINE

The Allies crossed the Rhine while Soviet forces were approaching Berlin from the East.



April 12, 1945
DEATH OF ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt died. He was succeeded by President Truman.


The New York Times.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS DEAD;
TRUMAN TO CONTINUE POLICIES;
9TH CROSSES ELBE, NEARS BERLIN

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

April 30, 1945
HITLER COMMITS SUICIDE

The German leader, Adolf Hitler committed suicide in his bombproof shelter together with his mistress, Eva Braun, who he had, at the last minute, made his wife.

PARIS EDITION

EXTRA **THE STARS AND STRIPES** EXTRA

Daily Newspaper of U.S. Armed Forces in the European Theater of Operations

Vol. 1—No. 279 11 Fr. 11 Fr. Wednesday, May 2, 1945

HITLER DEAD

Fuehrer Fell at CP, German Radio Says; Doenitz at Helm, Vows War Will Continue

German radio announced last night that Adolf Hitler had died [illegible] Karl Doenitz, former commander-in-chief of the German Navy, has succeeded him as ruler of the Reich, the radio announcer went said.

Doenitz made a radio speech immediately after the announcement, Reuter said, and declared that Germany would continue to wage war. His statement upheld peace rumors which had been prevalent for more than a week in all world capitals.

The announcement did not give any details of how the Reich fuehrer died. The announcement was broadcast after solemn Wagnerian music, including the "Twilight of the Gods," was played.

"Attention, attention," a voice said. "In a few minutes you will hear a serious and important message to the German people. We are now going to play a movement of Bruckner's Seventh Symphony." Finally, the report of Hitler's death was given.

Hitler's death came three days after he [illegible] dictator, Benito Mussolini of Italy, was killed by Italian partisans near the village of Dongo on Lake Como.

Doenitz, in his speech, said that Hitler "died [illegible] at his command post," while Flensburg radio said that he died in the Reich Chancellery in Berlin yesterday afternoon. Red Army troops fighting in Ber-

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Churchill Hints Peace Is at Hand



May 7, 1945

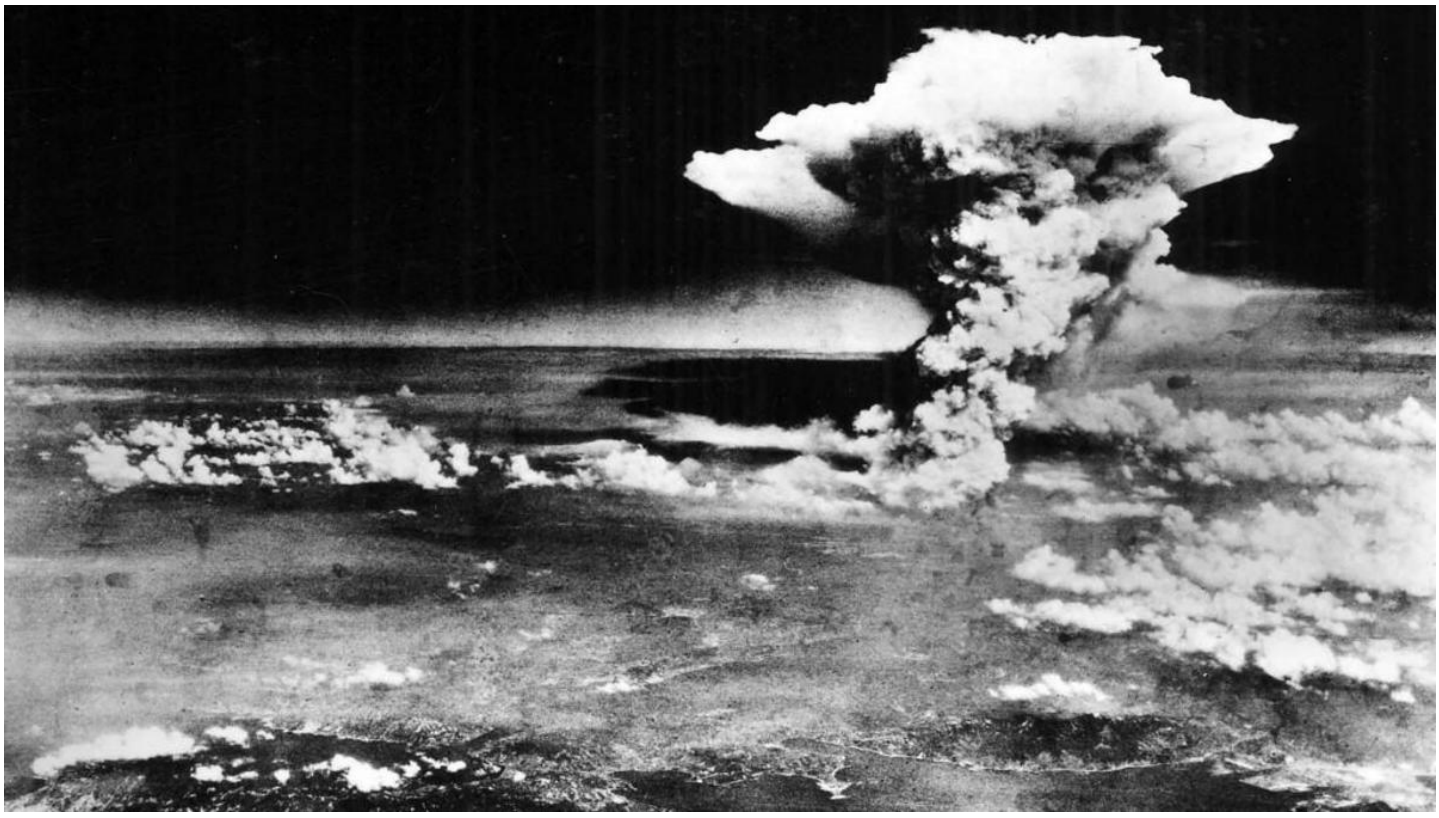
GERMANY SURRENDERS

Germany surrenders to the Allies.



Aug 6, 1945
ATOMIC BOMB DROPPED ON HIROSHIMA

The Japanese generals refused to surrender. The US dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima.



Aug 8, 1945
RUSSIA DECLARES WAR ON JAPAN

Russia declared war on Japan and invaded Japanese-ruled Manchuria.



Aug 9, 1945
ATOMIC BOMB DROPPED ON NAGASAKI

The US dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Nagasaki as the Japanese had not surrendered following Hiroshima.



Sept 2, 1945
JAPANESE SURRENDER

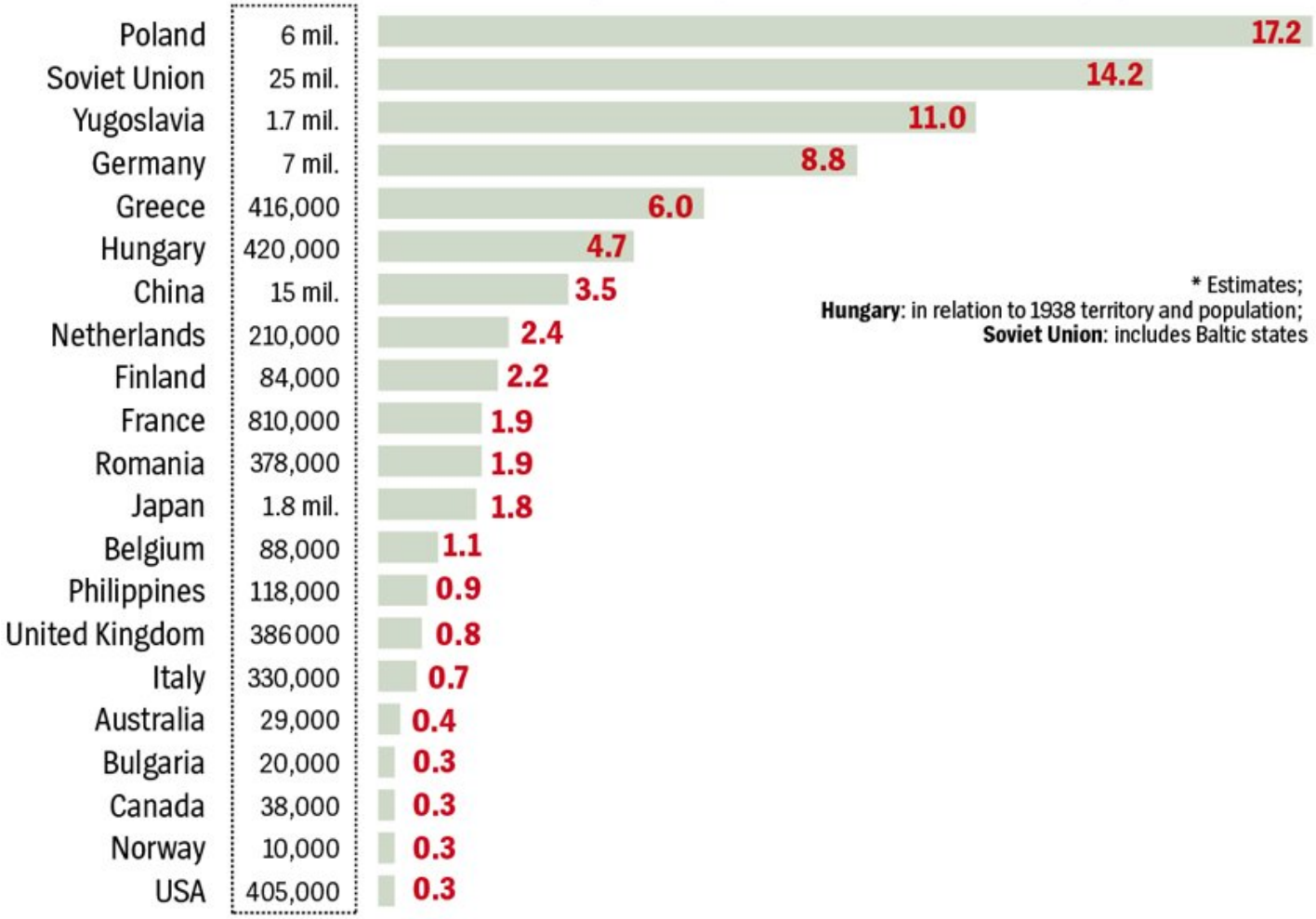
The Japanese unconditionally surrendered to the allies. US General, Douglas MacArthur, accepted Japan’s surrender thus formally ending the second world war.



More than 75 million people died in World War II, including about 20 million military personnel and 40 million civilians, many of whom died because of deliberate genocide, massacres, mass-bombings, disease, and starvation.

World War II Casualties

Death toll as a percentage of each country's 1939 population*



* Estimates;
Hungary: in relation to 1938 territory and population;
Soviet Union: includes Baltic states