

## Comprehensive Info #5 Second World War

1938	March April Sept Nov	German annexation of Austria ( <i>Anschluss</i> ) Start of systematic "Aryanization" of Jewish businesses Munich Conference gives Sudetenland to Germany Mass pogroms: "Night of Broken Glass" ( <i>Kristallnacht</i> ) against Jews
1939	March  April Aug Sept  Oct Nov	Germany annexes Czech lands (Bohemia & Moravia), sets up rump Slovakia Germany annexes the Memel region (Klaipeda) from Lithuania Italian invasion and occupation of Albania Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact German invasion of Poland precipitates World War II Soviet occupation of eastern Poland (western Belorussia & Ukraine) German decree subjects Poles to "compulsory public labor" Soviet invasion of Finland initiates "Winter War"
1940	March April May June  Aug Oct Dec	Finnish surrender to Soviets at Vyborg after formidable resistance German invasion & occupation of Denmark & Norway Germans launch attack against France, enter Paris in June Italy enters the war on Germany's side USSR annexes Baltic states, Bessarabia & Bukovina Germans begin bombing Britain, initiating "Battle of Britain" (until Nov) Unsuccessful Italian invasion of Greece Hitler issues orders for preparation of Operation Barbarossa (against USSR)
1941	Jan March  April June Aug Oct Nov Dec  (End)	Romanian General Antonescu crushes fascist Iron Guard; later joins attack on USSR US initiates Lend-Lease (supply of materials to friendly nations) Creation of <i>Einsatzgruppen</i> for murder of communists, Jews, etc. German invasion of the Balkans (Yugoslavia & Greece) to bail out Mussolini German invasion of USSR Atlantic Charter between Roosevelt & Churchill Beginning of deportation of German Jews to ghettos further east First Soviet counteroffensive recaptures Rostov-on-the-Don Soviet General Zhukov counterattacks Germans just outside Moscow Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor brings US into war Permanent killing centers established for Jews & other "subhumans"
1942	Jan  March July Nov	Wannsee conference articulates idea of mass extermination of European Jews Military agreement signed between Germany, Italy & Japan Slovakia begins deportation of vast majority of Jews Beginning of the clearing of Polish ghettos (mostly completed by December) Germans reach Stalingrad, initiating Battle of Stalingrad Allied landing in North Africa, campaign against Rommel (Operation TORCH)
1943	Jan Feb April July	Allies agree to policy of unconditional surrender at Casablanca German forces, under Field Marshal Paulus, surrender at Stalingrad Uprising in the Warsaw ghetto (about 50,000 Jews killed) Allied invasion of Italy; Hitler rushes to reinforce Italians

1943	July	Massive tank battle—and Soviet victory—at Kursk (USSR)
	Sept	Mussolini deposed and arrested; Italy signs armistice with Allies in Sept
	Nov	Teheran Conference: Western allies agree to open 2nd front on 1 May 1944 Josip Broz Tito sets up provisional Yugoslav partisan government at Jajce (Bosnia)
1944	March	Nazis invade Hungary
	June	Allies open second front in West with D-Day invasion of Normandy
	July	Opening of Bretton Woods conference (leads to IMF & World Bank) Attempted assassination of Hitler by conservative German generals
	Aug	Beginning of Polish Warsaw uprising against Nazis; Warsaw leveled by Nazis (Oct) Romania switches sides, arrests German forces in the country
	Sept	Soviet troops begin advance into Yugoslavia & Hungary Nazis replace Horthy with Hungarian fascist regime (Arrow Cross)
	Dec	German counterattack in West leads to Battle of the Bulge
1945	Feb	Yalta conference, starring Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin
	April	Soviet & American soldiers meet on the Elbe river Mussolini captured by partisans and hung
	May	Unconditional German surrender to Allied forces in West and East US abruptly cuts off lend-lease aid to USSR
	July	Potsdam conference, starring Truman, Attlee, & Stalin

### European Regimes & Leaders Allied with Nazi Germany:

Benito Mussolini (Italy)	Marshal Philippe Pétain (Vichy France)
Vidkun Quisling (Norway)	General Antonescu (Romania)
Admiral Miklos Horthy (Hungary)	Father Joseph Tiso (Slovakia)
Ante Pavlevic, <i>Ustasha</i> movement (Croatia)	

### Approximate Numbers of Jews Murdered (by country)

Norway	700	Netherlands	104.000
Italy	8500	Germany	160.000
Belgium	25.000	Czechoslovakia	270.000
Yugoslavia	55.000	Hungary	300.000
Greece	57.000	Romania	400.000
Austria	58.000	USSR	1,500.000
France	60.000	Poland	2,500.000

### Terms, People, Places Worth Knowing:

<i>Blitzkrieg</i>	"Phony War"	Operation Barbarossa
<i>Vernichtungskrieg</i>	"Final Solution"	Vichy France
<i>Generalgouvernement</i>	<i>Einsatzgruppen</i>	Siege of Leningrad
Ustasha (Croatia)		