

Unit II: From Blitzkrieg to Barbarossa

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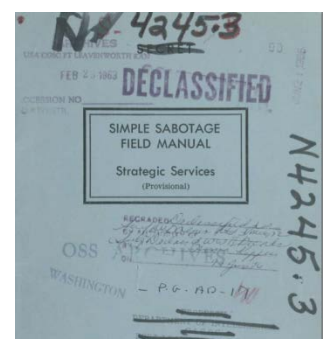
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The Creation of the O.S.S. or the Office of Strategic Services

(Read/Highlight) The **Office of Strategic Services** was a United States intelligence agency formed during World War II and became predecessor of the current CIA. The **O.S.S.** was formed in order to coordinate espionage activities behind enemy lines for the branches of the United States Armed Forces under **Wild Bill Donovan** who was born in South Buffalo, NY. Prior to the formation of the **O.S.S.** American intelligence had been conducted on an ad-hoc basis by the various departments of the executive branch, including the **State, Treasury, Navy, and War Departments**. Individual agencies had no overall direction, coordination, or control. Both the **US Army** and **US Navy** had separate code-breaking departments which may have led to the 'Day of Deceit'. At the time the **British MI-5** was the only country in the world to have an independent espionage branch and throughout the war managed to capture and turn every single German spy in England. Therefore, the U.S. needed an independent Espionage Branch of their own.



Using the article Spy School, the tools of the trade in the Supplemental Packet, and the clips from the movies The Recruit and Spy Game you will write a journal entry on your own spy experience in WWII. Be sure to place any notes below...



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The German Military Invents "Blitzkrieg" or _____

Use the Clips from the Video and Handout provided to answer the following questions...

1. How did the Germans circumvent the **Treaty of Versailles**? List 3 ways.

2. Explain the **Concept of Blitzkrieg** under **Hans Guderian** including 2 Main Keys from your Article. Use the data to compare what **Guderian** believed versus senior German Military personnel about the **Principals of War**.

3. Explain the role of **Both Airpower** specifically the Junker Ju-87 'Stuka Dive Bomber and the **Principal of Mass** in 'Blitzkrieg Attacks'.



Advantages of Blitzkrieg Tactics

1.

2.

3.

Disadvantages of Blitzkrieg Tactics

1.

2.

3.

Use the Space below to sketch the order of a '**Blitzkrieg Maneuver**' on the field of battle.









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Weapons of Blitzkrieg at the Start of WWII

Type of Panzer	Speed	Weapons	Armor & Tech	Designed For?
<i>PK I</i> 				
<i>PK II</i> 				
<i>Panzer III</i> 				
<i>Panzer IV</i> 				
				
<i>Mechanized Units</i> 				
<i>Engineering Corps & Mobile Artillery</i>				

4. How did **German Panzer commanders** believe they should lead? Compare that with their **American** counter parts.

5. Explain how the Panzers used both Radio Gear and Microphones in the tank.

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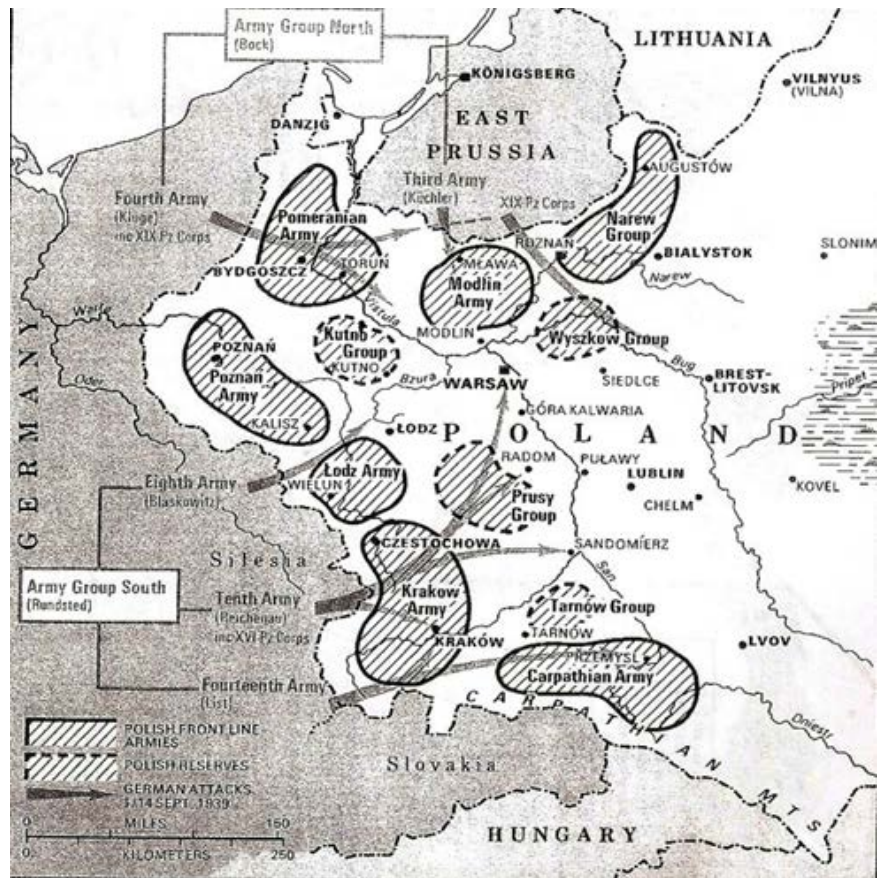
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Invasion of Poland: or "Case White"

September 1-September 27th, 1939

(Read) It is late August 1939 and you are **General Heinz Guderian** commander of the **German Army's XIX Panzer Corp** on the eve of invasion of Poland.

General Rundstedt's Army Group South will lead the main German attack by thrusting out of Silesia and rolling across perfect Tank country to target Poland's Capitol Warsaw while you will spearhead **General Bock's** Army Group North as it advances across river obstacles and marshy terrain to cut through the Polish Corridor denying the Poles assistance from their British Allies. On paper your forces have a numerical advantage in both your Panzer and Luftwaffe divisions but only have a 3-2 advantage in Infantry. The Polish Infantry has a reputation for being tough as nails



Highlight the Following

Brest-Litovsk	Danzig
Lodz	Warsaw
San River	Vistula River
Army Group North	Army Group South

Interactive What Next General: Guderian in Poland 1939

In your **Supplemental Packet** read *Target Poland*. You will be given 3 options which you must determine will work the best. In the space below identify the option and give 2 specific reasons why you believe it is the best option available to you.

_____ Name _____

1.

2.

Historical Results of 'Case White' the Invasion of Poland

(Read) The German Pincer Movement quickly overran Polish defenders on the front. Within 2 days both Army Group North and South were able to link up near Warsaw before surrounding the civilian population bombing the city to oblivion. On September 17th the Soviet Union invades from the East due to the provisions of the Nazi Soviet Non-Aggression Pact causing Poland to capitulate on September 27, 1939. The Nazi's and Soviets will Split Poland land, resources, and wealth putting the world on notice that Blitzkrieg is for real while the Poles lost over 1 Million men.

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Enter: The 'Phony War', the _____, or _____,

Directions: Use the Reading **Cut of the Sickles** under the Phony War to answer the following question. On January 10, 1940 **Major Erich Hoenman** (Pilot) and **Helmuth Reinberg** 'shot' down in neutral **Belgium**. What did they have on their Possession and why is this Item Significant for both the Allies and Germany?

The "Russo-Finish" War

November 30, 1939-March 12, 1940

(Read/Highlight) The Soviet advantage consisted of a population of 200 million versus 4 million Fins. On paper the Soviet's should triumph however the Finns have 3 major advantages including a fierce Patriotism with home field advantage including 1000's of Small Lakes, the coldest Weather in Europe during the past 500 years with temps reaching an average of -40 below zero, and the fact that **Stalin** purged most of his senior General as traitors during the 1930's. The world waited and watched from afar to see how Soviets would do. Did I mention the Fins have Carabobo? Sweet!

Highlight the Following

Gulf of Finland	Helsinki Lake
Karelian Isthmus	Lake Ladoga
Leningrad	Mannerheim Line
Soviet 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , & 13 th Army	



Unfortunately, Not Russian Troops!

Historical Results of the Russo-Fin War

(Read/Highlight) Despite a tremendous effort on March 14th, 1940 Finland is forced to sign an Armistice with the Soviet Union which caused an embarrassed **Stalin** to be expelled from the League of Nations while losing anywhere from 1-3 Million Red Army Soldiers during the War. While the 'Sitzkrieg' raged in the West one **Adolf Hitler** began to wonder if he should fear the Soviets at all. Secretly the Nazi's began a Contingency Plan just 'in case' they decided to invade the Soviet in the future.

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The Invasion of France May 10, 1940

Use the Reading 'Cut of the Sickle' to Answer the following questions.

Case 'Yellow'

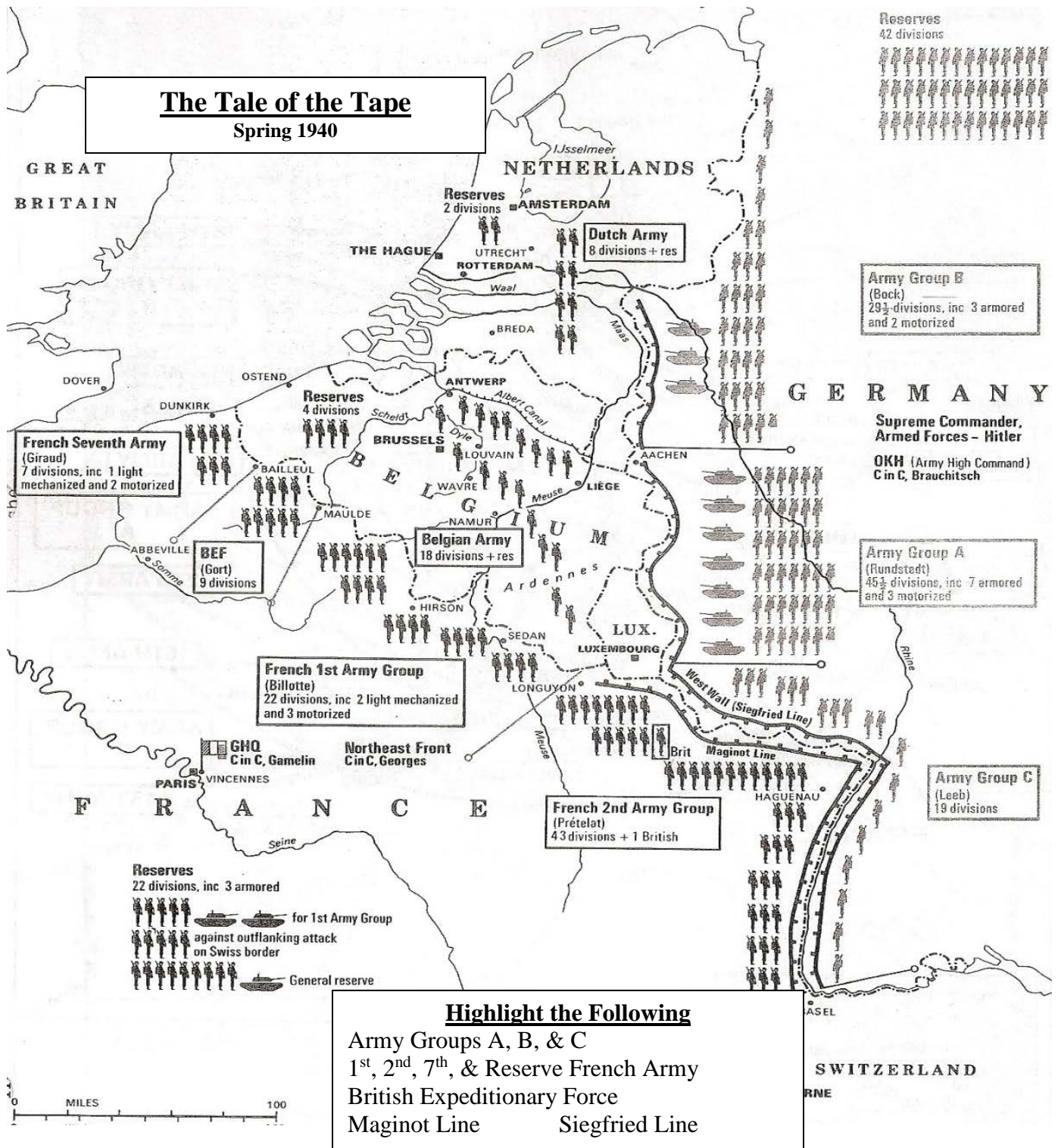
vs.

'Sichelschnitt'

(Review) January 10, 1940 German Major Erich Hoenmans and Helmuth Reinber land in deserted field in Belgium with *Case Yellow* in hand.

What's the Dilemma for France?

What's the Dilemma for Germany?



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The Invasion of France May 10, 1940

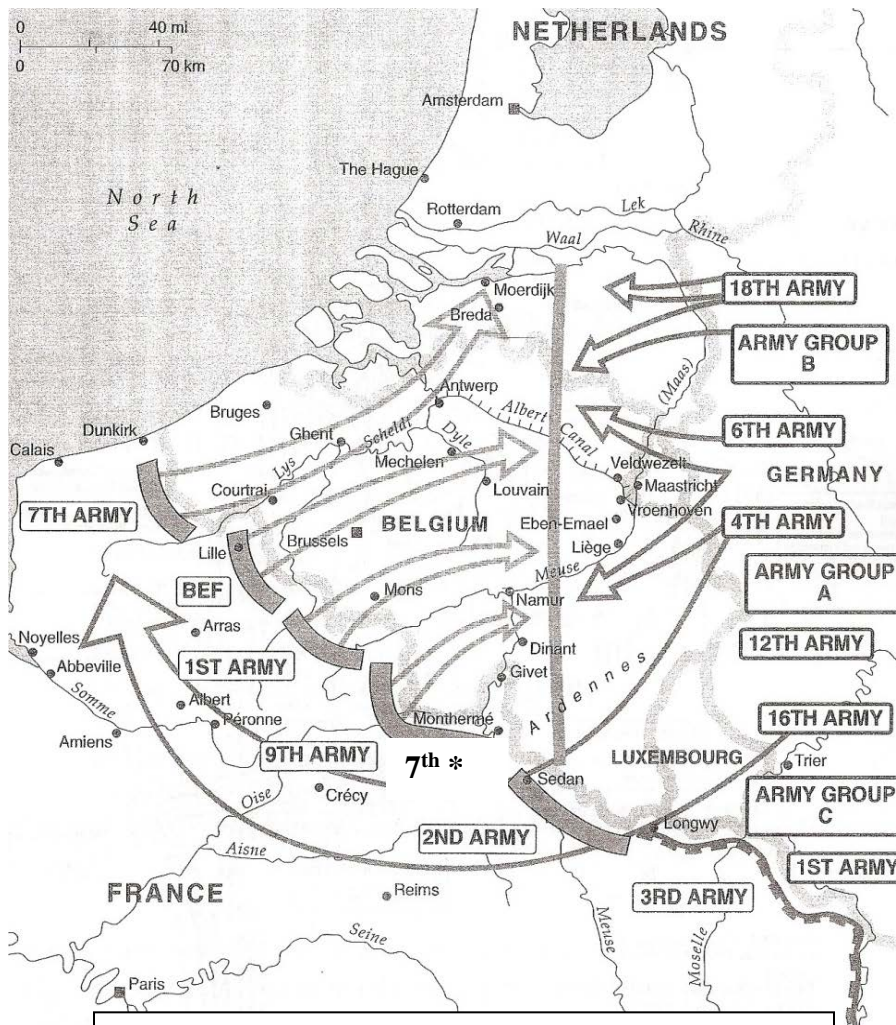
Use the Reading 'Cut of the Sickle' to Answer the following questions.

Fall of France Questions

1. Explain the French contingency 'Plan D' or 'Plan Dyle'. What areas would these Allied units be responsible to defend on the Western Front?

2. According to French General **Alphonse-Joseph Georges** what is the potential problem with 'Massing' the French 7th Reserve Army in Belgium?

3 On February 17, 1940 Lieutenant General **Erich von Manstien** creates a new plan called "**Siechelschnitt**". Explain the changes in the plan. 'Siechelschnitt' or 'Cut of the Sickle' from Case Yellow including why **Hitler** would approve a change to his plan?



Highlight the Following

Albert Canal	Antwerp	Ardennes Forest
Calais	Dunkirk	Dyle River
Eben Emael	Liege	Meuse River
Paris	Sedan	Seine River

* Notice the Original Placement of the 7th Army *

4. Explain the important roles that the architects of 'Blitzkrieg' **Field Marshall Guderian & Reinhardt** had in the new plan?



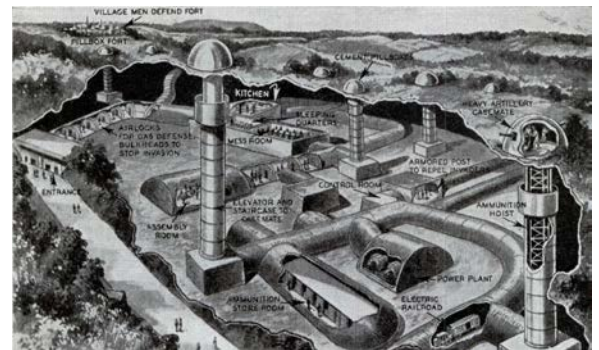
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The French Build the Mighty Maginot Line

(Background) The **Ossuary of Douaumont** situated on a wooden bluff overlooking the city of **Verdun** is a huge cruciform vault, 150 yards of white limestone surrounded by a 150 foot tower resembling an artillery shell honoring the over 1 million British and French soldiers who gave their life during that battle. The interior of the monument houses the bones of over 130,000 unidentified men. Why would this monument lead the French to build the **Maginot Line**?



The Tale of the Tape Fall of France

	X	Germany	Allied Powers	X
Number of Army Divisions:		136 Army (including 19 Calvary) Divisions	144 Army (including 11 British, 22 Belgium, 10Dutch) Divisions. However 36 would remain in the Maginot Line . Hmmm...	
Tanks:		2,500 Mostly Panzer's I & II's	France 2,500 consisting of the Monstrous Char B & light Renault in addition to 300 British Crusaders	
Airpower:		3,270 including both Bombers and Fighters	4,360 French & R.A.F. bombers & fighters	

-According to the "**Tale of the Tape**" who should win on paper? **Explain WHY?**

-Make a list of the potential problems that the facing the **French Military** in the upcoming invasion

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On May 10th, 1940 at 5:35 AM "Cut of the Sickle" Begins

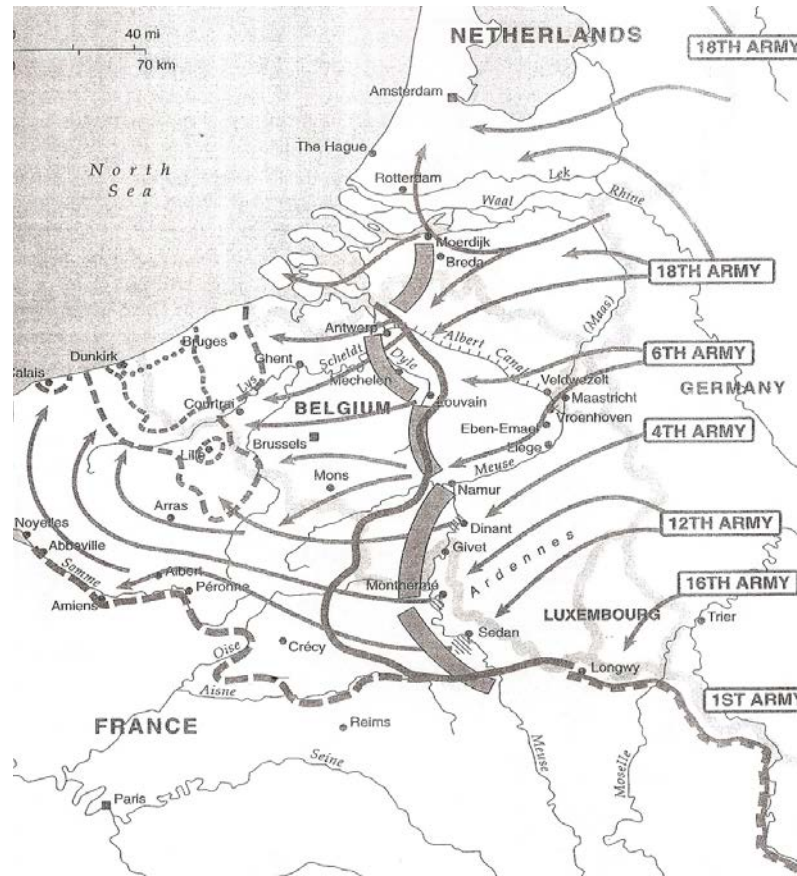
(Read/Highlight) The French commanders march the **1st Army** to **Dyle Line** on May 10th in response to the German invasion. For the next five days the **German 6th Army** 'fails to breach' the **Dyle line** causing French commanders to believe the defenders at the Dyle Line repulsed the attack. Unfortunately, this military assessment was **100% Wrong** as the attack was designed to bait the French causing the French troops to maneuver exactly where Germans wanted them allowing Army Group A (Von Rundstedt) the time to emerge from the Ardennes.

5. During the afternoon of May 12th explain what both **Guderian** and **Rommel** were able to do.

6a. Why Didn't the French Airforce Respond to the German Attacks?

6b. Give 3 reasons why all 3 of **Guderian's** Panzer divisions were able to Cross the Meuse river by May 14th.

(Read) On May 18th the Allied escape is cut off as the strategic **Port of Antwerp** in the Netherlands falls into German hands. Within 2 days the Allied forces are trapped with their backs against the wall in the so-called '**Panzer Corridor**'. Just as the German Panzer's were ready to move toward the English Channel **Hitler** ordered them to halt.



7. Give 2 reasons why didn't **Hitler** allow the Panzers to continue destroying the Allied Army?

8. The Miracle at Dunkirk Allowed the British to rescue over _____ of their men.

Results of the Fall of France: Paris declares itself an Open City, Britain losses _____, France Surrenders in 45 Days, Signs the Treaty of Compiegne which is identical to _____, and Hitler decides to _____?????



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Operation 'Sea Lion': The Invasion of Great Britain

Summer 1940

"We shall go on to the end, we shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our Island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender"

-Winston Churchill

Speech to the House of Commons June 6, 1940



(Read/Highlight) On July 16th the German **Oberkommando der Wehrmacht** or OKH (high command) drafts plans for "**Operation Sea lion**" to coincide with "**Eagle Day**" as a contingency for British refusal to surrender. Grand **Admiral Raeder** head of the **German Kriegsmarine** (Navy) was horrified when he saw the unrealistic German Invasion Plan which would attempt to land **500,000** infantry men without any Air coordination on the target date of August 15, 1940.

Traditionally the **German Luftwaffe** and **Kriegsmarine** refused to work together valuing their own independence, while both unloading time and weather conditions would cause serious problems for an invasion that lacked an amphibious force. Even with luck the Germans would need complete **Air Superiority** by the **Luftwaffe** to have a chance. Within hours the target date for **Operation Sea Lion** was pushed back until September 15th.

What does that say about the plan?

On July 19th **Hitler** demands the colonies lost at Versailles and required Britain to recognize the German dominance of the Continent. What's **Churchill's** response?

Oh yeah, what did the British do on the 3rd of July?



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The Dicta Boelcke: The 'Eight Rules of the Dogfight'

Background: By 1916 after 2 long years of stalemate in WWI Airplane technology has improved to the point where pilot who are no longer using pistol are engaging in a battle of the sky over the trenches below. Though trial and error tactics are invented as the 'Rules' of the Air War are being written down as Gospel. **Oswald Boelcke** of Germany became an **Ace Pilot** (shooting down # _____ enemy planes) winning dogfight after dogfight. Utilizing 8 major tactics the German Air-Force ruled the sky until the Allies adopted the same. Below is the list that every pilot you memorized if they wish to 'win' in the sky.







1. **Try to secure the upper hand before attacking. If possible, keep the sun behind you** (List potential Air Plane Advantages)
2. **Always continue with an attack you have begun** (Why?)
3. **Open fire only at close range, and then only when the opponent is squarely in your sights.** (Why?)
4. **You should always try to keep your eye on your opponent, and never let yourself be deceived by ruses.** (Why?)
5. **In any type of attack, it is essential to assail your opponent from behind.** (Why?)
6. **If your opponent dives on you, do not try to get around his attack, but fly to meet it.** (Huhh...Why? Hmm...This Makes Sense)
7. **When over the enemy's lines, always remember your own line of retreat.** (Duh!!!!)
8. **Tip for Squadrons: In principle, it is better to attack in groups of four or six. Avoid two aircraft attacking the same opponent.** (Why?)

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“Operation Sea Lion”

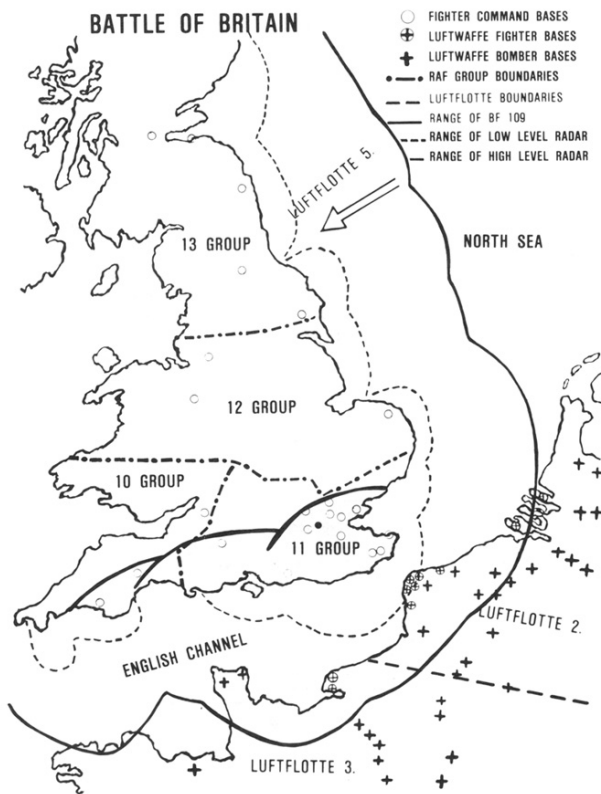
German Bombers Who is Walter Weaver?	Top Range & Speed	Weapons	Any Weakness?
Heinkel He 111 			
Junkers Ju 88 			
Dornier 17Z-2 			
Stuka Dive Bombers 			
German Fighters	Top Range & Speed	Weapons	Any Weakness?
Messerschmitt 109 			
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The British Defense Plans the Dowding System



(Read/Highlight) The **R.A.F. or Royal Air-Force** led by **Air Marshal Hugh Dowding** had only **600 fighter planes** available including the **Hawker Hurricane** and **Spitfire Supreme** which were both outclassed against the German Luftwaffe during the early portion of 1940 and was seriously low on experienced pilots. The British however could produce over **450 planes per month** far surpassing the German capabilities but could only train roughly 200 pilots a month. Therefore, the **R.A.F.** will need to use the most advanced **Early Warning System** in the History of the world to have a chance of stopping the German Air Attack.

Keys of the Dowding System

1. Divide Britain into 4 sectors manned by Fighter Groups #10, #11, #12, & #13 (highlight on the map to the left)
2. An Early Warning Detection System involves **Radio Detection and Ranging** or _____, the **Civilian Corps** which would _____, the **Female Observer Corp** which would _____, and the **Ultra Secret** which could _____.
3. Unknown to the German's America secretly invented a new type of **Fuel with _____% octane** which will improve vehicle performance. For example, a **Spitfire Supreme** with _____% Octane will now have a **Top Speed of _____mph!**
* (See British Fighter Strategy) *
4. Coordinate **Sea Rescue** with the Royal Navy to locate a Rescue downed Pilots.



Hawker Hurricane

Top Speed / Range:

Weapons:

Weakness:

'New' **R.A.F. Strategy:** (See #3)

British Fighter Strategy



Spitfire Supreme

Top Speed / Range:

Weapons:

Weakness:

'New' **R.A.F. Strategy:** (See #3)

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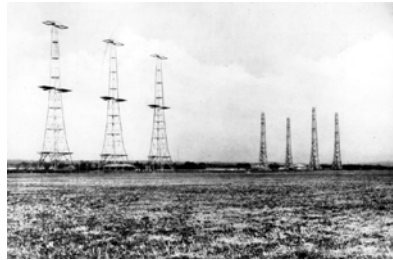
The "Four Phases" of the Battle of Britain

Phase 1: "The Kanalkampf" or the _____

July 10th-August 6th, 1940



Beginning in early July the Germans targeted the English Channel shipping lanes in an attempt to force the British to surrender before an invasion. What will **Churchill** do???



On August 8th the Luftwaffe began to attack the 'Strait of Dover' weakening the British defenses around the potential invasion beaches. On August 12th the Luftwaffe targeted **Radar Stations** however.....

Phase 2: "Eagle Day" or _____ began.

August 13th – September 15th



During the next month the German would conduct over a 1000 Sorties or Missions daily against RAF fighter command in an effort to decimate the British Defenses especially the R.A.F. pilots. Hitler once again postpones Operation "**Sea Lion**" moving the *planed invasion* from August 16 to September 15th. **Huh?? Why??**

On August 20th **Winston Churchill** gives the '**Finest Hour**' Speech

"What General Weygand called the Battle of France is over. I expect that the Battle of Britain is about to begin. Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilization? Upon it depends our own British life, and the long continuity of our institutions and our Empire. The whole fury and might of the enemy must very soon be turned on us. Hitler knows that he will have to break us in this island or lose the war. If we can stand up to him, all Europe may be free and the life of the world may move forward into broad, sunlit uplands. But if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age made more sinister, and perhaps more protracted, by the lights of perverted science. Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say, 'This was their finest hour.'"

Great Speech but the previous 2 weeks the RAF lost _____% of fighter planes. So...

(Trivia) Who is **Douglas Bader**?



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Phase 3: The "London Bombing" or _____

September 7th- October 6th

Using the Video: "Great Blunders" Describe what occurred on the night of August 24th, 1940 despite **Hitler's** guarantee that it would never happen.

Explain **Churchill's** response during the next week & then **Hitler's** response to **Churchill's** during the next three weeks. (**Blunder!!**)



On September 15th, 1940 the **German** amphibious invasion **Sea Lion** ends as quickly as it began. Due to the results of the London Bombing the R.A.F. was given time to rest and regroup. Winning the battle in the Air downing over 180 German Planes and gaining Air Superiority the R.A.F. raced to the Coast near Dover strafing the attacking German Fleet on what the British will now refer to as "**Battle of Britain Day**". Two days later on September 17th 'Operation Sea Lion' was postponed indefinitely however, **Hitler** still believes the Luftwaffe can crush civilian morale so....



Phase 4: "The Blitz" or _____

October 6th-May 10th 1941

Explain what the so called German '**Blitz' of England** was and how British civilians could defend itself against that type of Attack?
In order to calm fears what did the British Government provide its people?

1.

2.

On December 29th, 1940 the Luftwaffe bombed once again this time hitting sacred **St. Paul's Cathedral** with over 20 incendiary bombs. Heroically teenagers repelled down and picked off the bombs saving the building from destruction. Unfortunately, on May 10th, 1941 the kids fell asleep and the **House of Commons** was not so lucky and the **Battle of Britain** would come to a close.



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Results of the "Battle of Britain"

1. Great Britain	Deaths	R.A.F. Losses
London	20,000	Fighters 1,017
Others	20,000	Bombers 118
		Coastal Command 130
Total:	40,000	1,265
2. Germany	Deaths	Luftwaffe Losses
Total:	1,000	1,733



Douglas Bader
‘The Man, the Myth,
the Legend!’



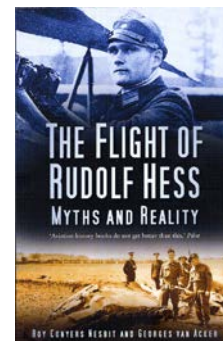
The Sweet **Polish Pilots** who shot down **18%** of the **German Fighters** despite only making up **10%** of the **R.A.F.**

What are the Problems for Germany by the Spring of 1941?

- 1) Need until at least **May 1941** to replace lost Luftwaffe Planes
- 2) Lost **ALL Naval Bases** in both **France** and **Denmark**.
- 3) Still failed to develop a **4-engine bomber** so...
- 4) Proved that **Civilian Bombing** is **ALWAYS Ineffective!!!**



Who is **Rudolf Hess**
& What the heck
Occurred in May 1941?



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Why Did Hitler Invade the Soviet Union in 1941? (C 10)

50 AMERICAN DESTROYERS
FOR BRITAIN

Empire Bases in Exchange

LEASES IN WEST INDIES, BERMUDA
AND NEWFOUNDLAND

"These Outposts of Security"

The United States is to transfer to Britain 50 "average" destroyers. In return Britain is to lease to the United States naval and air bases in the West Indies and in other outposts of security in the Atlantic, Bermuda and Newfoundland. The bases are to be leased to the United States on a lease of 99 years. The bases will be available to the United States for the duration of the war.

THE PRESIDENT
The President has announced the deal of destroyers in exchange for the bases in the West Indies, Bermuda and Newfoundland. The deal is a great one for the United States. It will give us a great many bases in the Atlantic and in the Caribbean. It will also give us a great many bases in the West Indies, Bermuda and Newfoundland. The deal is a great one for the United States. It will give us a great many bases in the Atlantic and in the Caribbean. It will also give us a great many bases in the West Indies, Bermuda and Newfoundland.

THE VICE PRESIDENT
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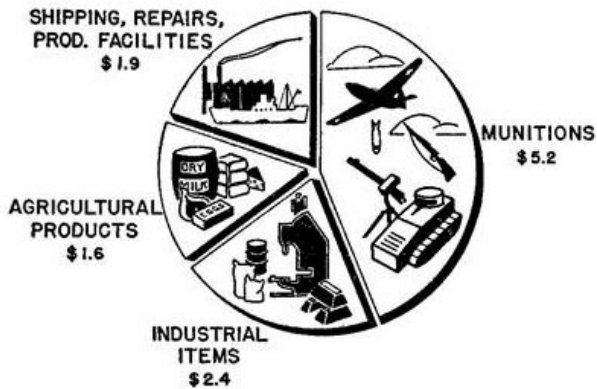
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Look, I paid the cash - you can
do the carrying



TOTAL LEND-LEASE AID
\$ 11.1 BILLION TO APR. 30, 1943



The 'Arsenal of Democracy' Theory

(Read) The United States gave Britain tremendous Economic Support during both the German Invasion of Europe and the Battle of Britain by following methods...

- In 1940 the US gave Britain _____ **Outdated WWI Destroyers** for _____?
- The **Cash & Carry** Policy allowed **Britain...**
- During the **1940 Presidential Race** who is re-elected for a 3rd Term?
- In March 1941 the **Lend/Lease Act** is passed by Congress which...

Signing of the 'Tripartite Agreement' Theory

(Read) Germany, Italy, and Japan signed a mutual Economic Pact in September 1940 which would divide the world into 'Spheres of Influence' based on Oceans once Hitler conquered all of Europe. The German ambassador asked the Soviet Union to join and accept the _____ Ocean but **Stalin** refused.

Since Slavic people such as Stalin culturally are '**Untermenschen**' or _____ which **Hitler** despises and now realizes that he can never trust the Soviet people and decides that he...



VS.



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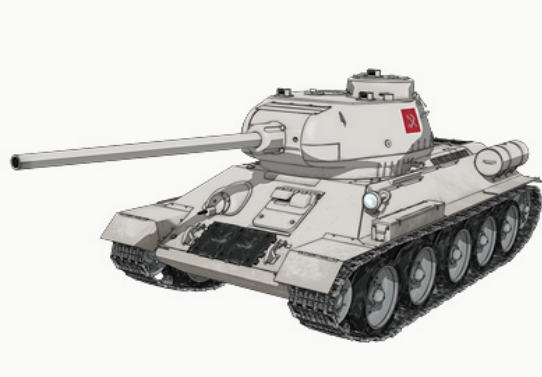
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The 'Eastern Front' Tale of the Tape

June 1941

Key: (D=Divisions, I =Infantry, C=Calvary, A=Armor, M=Mechanized)

	X	Soviet Union	Germany	X
Number of Army Divisions:		240 D, 170 I, 33 C, 46 A or 3.5 Million Men (Plus ½ Million on Japanese Border)	145 D, 102 I, 19 A, 14 M Or 1.5-2.0 Million Men	
Tanks:		Between 10,000-24,000 unfortunately... However..Shh..the T-34 & KV	2,500 Panzer 's consisting of a mix of I, II, III, & IV 's	
Airpower:		12,000 Planes unfortunately...	2,800 Combat planes including over 1000 Bombers	
Intangibles		a. 'General Winter ' b. Stalin 's 'Motivation ' c. Vast Distance to Cover	a. Long Supply Lines including over 600,000 Horses and 200 different types of Cars b. Great Blitzkrieg Generals	



T-34 Tank

Top Speed / Range:

Weapons:

Advantages:



KV-1 Heavy Tank

Top Speed / Range:

Weapons:

Advantages:

-According to the **"Tale of the Tape"** who should win on paper? **Explain WHY?**

-Make a list of the potential problems facing both the German and Soviet **Militaries** during the upcoming invasion.

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Nazi Plan for Operation Code Name: "Barbarossa"

- 1) Completely Destroy the **Red Army**.
- 2) Need to Hit the **Moscow Rail Center**.
- 3) **Three-Prong Attack** using three army groups to complete **ALL** objectives in only 6-8 weeks

Why?

Why?

Why?

German Army Group North

(Von Leeb) ↘

Infantry Divisions _____

Panzer Divisions _____

German Objective ?

German Army Group Center

(Von Bock) →

Infantry Divisions _____

Panzer Divisions _____

German Objective ?

German Army Group South

(Von Rundstedt) →

Infantry Divisions _____

Panzer Divisions _____

German Objective ?



Highlight the Following

Kiev Memel Pripet Marshes
3 Red Army Defensive Fronts (Boxes)

Why will an Absolute German Victory over the Soviet Union need to be completed within a total of 17 Weeks or 4 Months?

Small Problem: Invasion delayed from May 15th to June 22nd because of Yugoslavia Revolts.

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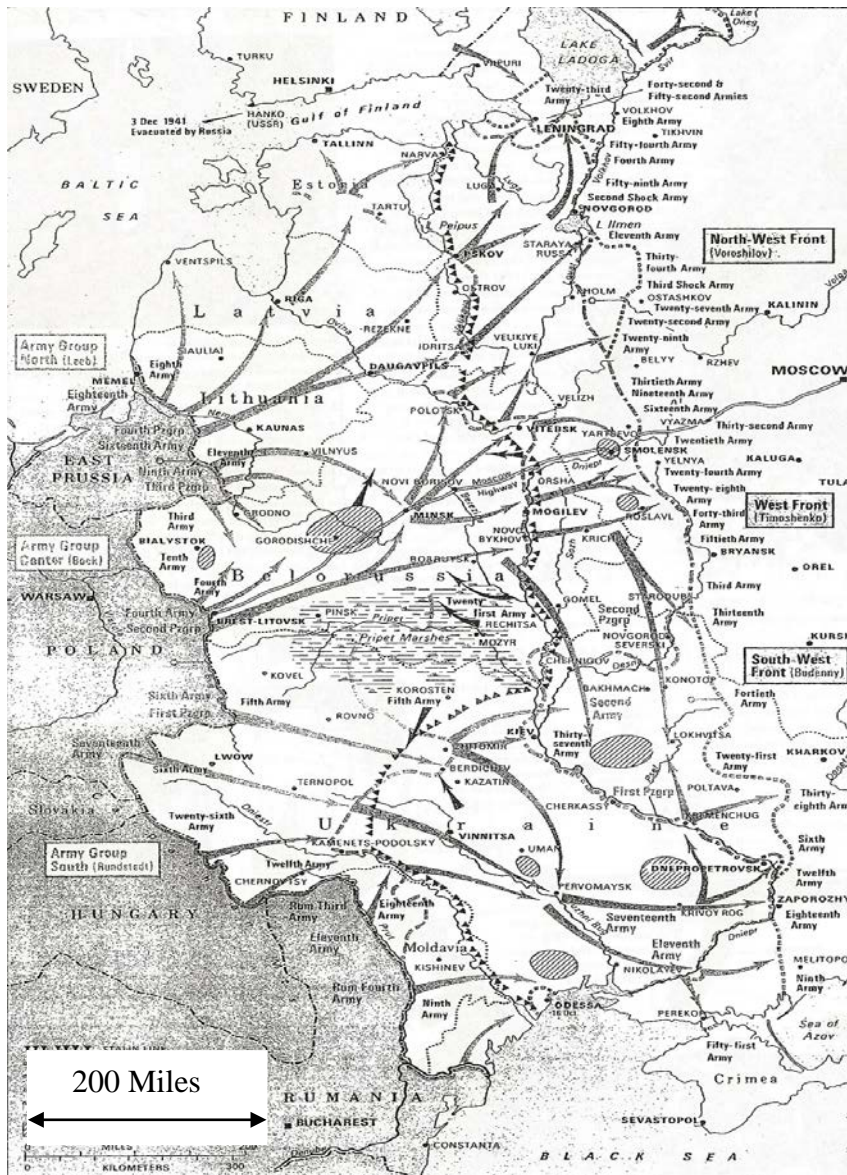
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The Soviet Intelligence Failure

(Read) On Saturday June 21st 2:40 AM: **Major General V.E. Klimovskikh** on the Eastern Poland reported he heard a large massing of vehicle in the woods. Upon sending a request to Moscow to investigate he receive a telegram *stating "BOSS Knows, OK"* so...he gave his soldiers a weekend pass. **British 'Ultra' Reports** confirmed the suspicion but due to the fact 'Ultra' was a Top secret the **Churchill** only told Stalin of the 'rumor' of an invasion. Lastly German Communist **Richard Sorge** stationed in a Political office located in Tokyo overheard a conversation between 2 high ranking Japanese officials about a German attack on June 22nd. **Sorge** cabled the Soviet offices at the **Kremlin** but was quickly dismissed.

Why Did Stalin Ignore All Three Warnings?



(Read) On Sunday June 22nd at 3:15 AM **Operation Barbarossa** begins exploiting Soviet Blunders and the best weather in over 10 years. Within hours the German Blitzkrieg overcome both the numerous **Soviet River Valleys** and destroying over 70% of the Soviet Air force?

In response to the German Invasion what Does Stalin Do?

Nazi Movement 1st Month of Barbarossa

Read to yourself and Measure/Trace on Your Map

Army Group North under the command of **Leeb** is able to drive over 155 miles cruising into both Latvia and Lithuania. By **July 10th** AGN is already within 80 miles of the primary objective the city of **Leningrad**.

Army Group Center under the command of **Bock** begins to take on the Red Army's formidable defensive line. However, using a strategic 'Pincer Move' **Field Marshalls Hoth & Guderian** executes the **Minsk trap** encircling huge numbers of Soviets. On **July 22nd** AGC executes a 2nd Pincer trap at the city of **Smolensk** capturing over 3 million prisoners, destroyed 12,000 tanks, and 8000 aircraft. Despite these huge gains AGC still be over 200 miles East of prime objective **Moscow**.

Army Group South under the command **Rundstedt** had the toughest objective attempting to drive Mechanized units through the '**Pripat Marshes**' while encountering Soviet 'Super Tanks' the **T-34** and **KV-1**. By **July 11th** AGS halted 10 miles outside of **Kiev** short of the **Ukraine** and **Caucus Oil Fields**.

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Operation Barbarossa Blunder

July 22nd- August 21st

(Read) The German High military command becomes indecisive and changes some of the original objectives. Operation Barbarossa is now becoming more of an Economic War. **Army Group Center's** drive to **Moscow** is halted which will divide those units in half sending **Hoth's** Army to the **Siege of Leningrad** while **Guderian's** army will reinforce the stalled Army Group South at **Kiev**.



Stalin will never again leave Moscow and will promote a belief in the **"Great Patriotic War"** but during the 1st 3 months the Soviet losses are staggering

Infantry	Was	4.5 Mill	Now
Tanks	Was	15,000	Now
Airpower	Was	5,300	Now
Additionally	the Nazi's captured _____million prisoners while the Red Army lost _____ divisions under _____ days		



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"Siege of Leningrad" 900 Days of Hell

Use the reading "*One of the saddest Chapters of WWII history*" to answer the following based on the 1st Year of the Siege of Leningrad.

1. (Page 36-37) On August 13th the Germans capture **Novgorod** and on the 25th capture **Shlisselburg**. What does this effectively do to the city of Leningrad?
2. Describe the "**Peoples Defenses of Leningrad**". How did they divide the city?
3. During the fall of 1941 the Russian government learned it could only feed 3.5 million people for _____ days. List 4 food reforms issued by the government.
4. (Page 38) General **Georgi Zhukov** arrived and began to 'motivate the troops'. How did he accomplish this task?
5. During the winter of 1941 the Germans under **Von Leeb** responded to the **Russian Morale** boost by?
6. (Page 39) Describe completely life in **Leningrad** (food, rationing, and housing) by November 11th.
7. What was the problem with **Ration Cards**?
8. How did the use of **Lake Ladoga** help? What was the disadvantage?
9. (Page 40) What did the **Soviet Union** do with the bodies? (No not eat them!!!)
10. (Page 41) By April 1942 how many people remained alive?

Remember: Only 2 more years to go!!!!!!

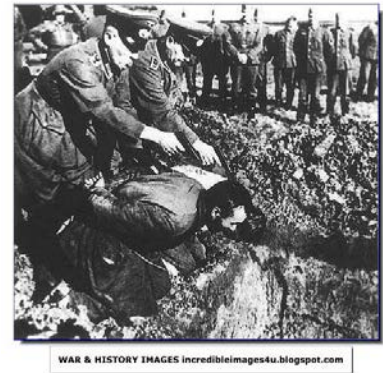
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The German "Siege of Kiev" September 26th

1. The German Encircle over _____ troops of the Red Army at **Kiev** causing **Hitler** to exclaim...
2. Unfortunately for the local population over 5 million Jews live in this region. Therefore, in order to achieve the German goal of **Lebensraum** these unwanted Soviets need to be removed. Explain what an **Einsatzgruppen Unit** is designed for, what Professions the Germans recruited these 'soldiers' from, and how these units conducted their missions?



The Drive to Moscow is Back On: "Operation Typhoon"

September 30th, 1941

pg 126-128

(Read/Highlight) On October 1st **Von Bock** and Army Group Center are only 70 miles from Moscow. However, the problems of moving a Million men, the primitive road system, and increased partisan resistance prove too much for the German doctrine of 'Blitzkrieg'. The Slow movement only gets worse as the Heavy Rain season begins on October 18th. (Think less movement than WWI) In the meantime **Stalin** 'motivates' the citizens of Moscow giving them offers they can't refuse to defend the Motherland.

On November 6th the Russian 'Roads' freeze over hardening the mud allowing the German Military to go on the move once again the day before the 24th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution. On the 7th Stalin provides a **Victory Parade** giving his famous '**Extermination Speech**' to a large crowd ensuring the swift victory while sending raw recruits to their immediate death. Within a week Moscow is surrounded and by the end of the Month the German are only 10 miles from the **Kremlin Building**. Behind the scenes Soviet Ambassadors work diligently working a secret **Non-Aggression Pact** with Japan on December 2nd, 1941 which both Germany and the United States are unaware of. Hmmm!

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(Read/Highlight) German Communist and double **Agent Richard Sorge** (Remember him?) frantically cables **Stalin** from Tokyo on December 5th assuring **Stalin** that he can safely remove all Far Eastern troops from the Manchurian border to reinforce his Moscow defense since Japan will be focused elsewhere. **Stalin** actually appeals to the 'Intel' ordering the Red Army to finally Counter Attack the Germans as '**General Winter**' roars into the battlefield introducing the Germans to an average temperatures of -25F.

Hitler an avid student of History orders the '**Hold Fast Policy**' in order to not repeat the same mistakes as **Napoleon**. As the Soviet Counter Attack increases **Hitler** will privately tell his Staff that "**Victory Can Not be Achieved**" as he watches his Army fight a war that becomes a '**Slogging Match**' or a **War of Attrition**. Whole units are wiped out in hours as food and supplies become scarce plummeting moral as the Soviets continue to hold the line. By March 1942 the Germans face a stalemate and more importantly a dreaded _____ - _____ war.



Results of Operation: Barbarossa March 1942

(Read/Highlight) German command is decimated as **Von Rundstedt** takes the fall for the Failure of Army Group South in the Ukraine and Resigns. The Architects of Blitzkrieg both **Guderian** & **Hopner** are dismissed by **Hitler** for their failure to capture the Kremlin, the Moscow Train Depot, and most importantly **Lenin's** Body. **Von Bock** contracts walking Phenomena as he continues his Siege in Leningrad as temperatures plummet to -40 and **Von Loeb** is eventually forced to resign.

Therefore, Germany needs a new commander. **Guess Who??????????**



That's Scary!!!!