

- Feb. 29—MacArthur invades Admiralty group.
June 15—Invasion of Marianas begins (Saipan).
June 20—Japanese routed in Battle of Philippine Sea.
July 21—Guam invaded; Tinian on 24th.
Oct. 20—MacArthur lands on Leyte, Philippines.
Oct. 25—Ending of Battle of Leyte Gulf; removal of Imperial Fleet threat.
Nov. 24—B-29's from Saipan bomb Tokyo.

1945

- Jan. 9—Americans land on Luzon; reach Manila in 26 days.
Feb. 19—Iwo Jima invaded.
Apr. 1—Okinawa invaded.
July 26—Potsdam ultimatum to Japan.
Aug. 6—Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.
Aug. 9—Russia declares war on Japan, invades Manchuria; atomic bomb strikes Nagasaki.
Aug. 10—Japan offers to surrender.
Sept. 1—Surrender signed aboard the *U.S.S. Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.

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A Calendar of the War in Europe

1939

- Sept. 1—Germany invades Poland.
Sept. 3—France and Great Britain declare war on Germany.
Sept. 28—Poland surrenders.
Nov. 30—Russia invades Finland.

1940

- Mar. 12—Russia and Finland sign peace.
Apr. 9—Germany occupies Denmark and invades Norway.
May 10—Germany invades the Low Countries; Churchill becomes Prime Minister.
June 2—Four-fifths of British Army evacuated at Dunkerque.
June 10—Italy declares war against Allies.
June 22—French sign German armistice.
Aug. 15—German planes bomb London, beginning "blitz."
Oct. 28—Italy invades Greece.

1941

- Apr. 6—Germany invades Yugoslavia and Greece.
June 22—Germany invades Russia.
July 14—Roosevelt and Churchill announce Atlantic Charter.
Dec. 11—U.S. declares war on Germany and Italy.

1942

- Aug. 19—Commandos raid Dieppe.
- Nov. 3—Rommel beaten near Alamein.
- Nov. 8—Allies land in North Africa.

1943

- Jan. 24—Roosevelt and Churchill at Casablanca; demand "unconditional surrender."
- Feb. 2—Stalingrad won by Russians.
- May 12—African campaign ends in Tunisia.
- July 10—Allies invade Sicily.
- July 25—Mussolini ousted.
- Sept. 3—Italy surrenders unconditionally; Allies land in Italy.
- Nov. 28—Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin, meet at Teheran.

1944

- June 4—Rome falls.
- June 6—Allies land in Normandy.
- June 15—German robot bomb attacks begin on England.
- Aug. 25—Paris liberated.
- Dec. 16—Germans begin abortive "Battle of the Bulge" to delay Allies.

1945

- Mar. 7-31—Allied armies cross Rhine.
- Apr. 12—President Roosevelt dies.
- Apr. 28—Mussolini killed by Partisans.
- May 1—Hitler's death announced.
- May 2—Berlin falls to Russians.
- May 7—German land, sea, and air forces surrender unconditionally.

A Calendar of the War in the Pacific

1937

- July 7—Japan begins the "China incident."

1941

- Dec. 7—Japan attacks Pearl Harbor.
- Dec. 8—U.S. declares war on Japan.
- Dec. 12—Guam falls to Japanese.
- Dec. 24—Wake Island surrenders.

1942

- Jan. 2—Manila falls.
- Feb. 15—Singapore falls.
- Apr. 9—Japanese capture Bataan.
- Apr. 18—Doolittle bombs Tokyo.
- May 6—Corregidor surrenders.
- May 7—Battle of Coral Sea ends.
- June 3—Battle of Midway decisive American victory.
- June 12—Japanese land in Aleutians.
- Aug. 7—Marines land on Guadalcanal.

1943

- Feb. 8—Guadalcanal finally cleared.
- Mar. 4—Japanese convoy routed in Battle of Bismarck Sea.
- Aug. 15—Allied forces retake Kiska.
- Nov. 20—Invasion of Gilbert Islands (Tarawa).

1944

- Jan. 31—Americans land on Kwajalein, Marshall Islands.