

WORLD WAR II

- 3. Sept. 1, 1939, Germany invades Poland 
 - WWII begins in Europe
- 1940, Axis Powers formed 
 - Germany, Italy and Japan
 - Blitzkrieg 
- German aggression---1940 to 41 
 - Battle of Britain: Aug. to Oct. of 1940 
 - Hitler invades Soviet Union: June 1941 
- US Response: Neutrality to war 
 - Lend Lease to England in 1940 
 - US becomes the “arsenal of democracy”
 - Aug. 1941, Atlantic Charter: War goals 

- **Japan Attacks Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941** 
 - **Day of Infamy**
 - **Dec. 8, 1941---**US declares on Japan
 - **Germany and Italy declare war on U.S.**
 - **Doolittle's Raid on Japan---**April 18, 1942 

Danzig and the Polish Corridor

- After the Czechoslovakia, Hitler wanted Poland. Why?
 - Danzig, a seaport city that was 90% German
 - Germany lost this after WWI so that Poland would have access to the sea.
- If Hitler invaded Poland, Great Britain and France would declare war on Germany.
- Hitler prepared to invade and started to negotiate with the USSR;













WWII BEGINS **IN EUROPE**

- **SEPT. 1, 1939, GERMANY INVADES POLAND.....**
- **THIS BEGINS WWII...**
- **GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE DECLARE WAR ON GERMANY!**

NON-AGGRESSION PACT



- If he had to fight the British and French he did not want to fight the Soviets, too.
- Hitler and Stalin sign a non-aggression pact and divide Poland.

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|  | Germany in 1933 |  | Annexed, September 1939 |
|  | Plebiscite joins Germany in 1935 |  | Occupied by Germany, September 1939 |
|  | Remilitarized in 1936 |  | Annexed by Soviet Union, September 1939 |
|  | Annexed, 1938–1939 |  | Annexed by Hungary, March 1939 |
|  | Satellite states, March 1939 |  | International boundaries, 1936 |





- September 17, 1939- Russia invades Eastern Poland.

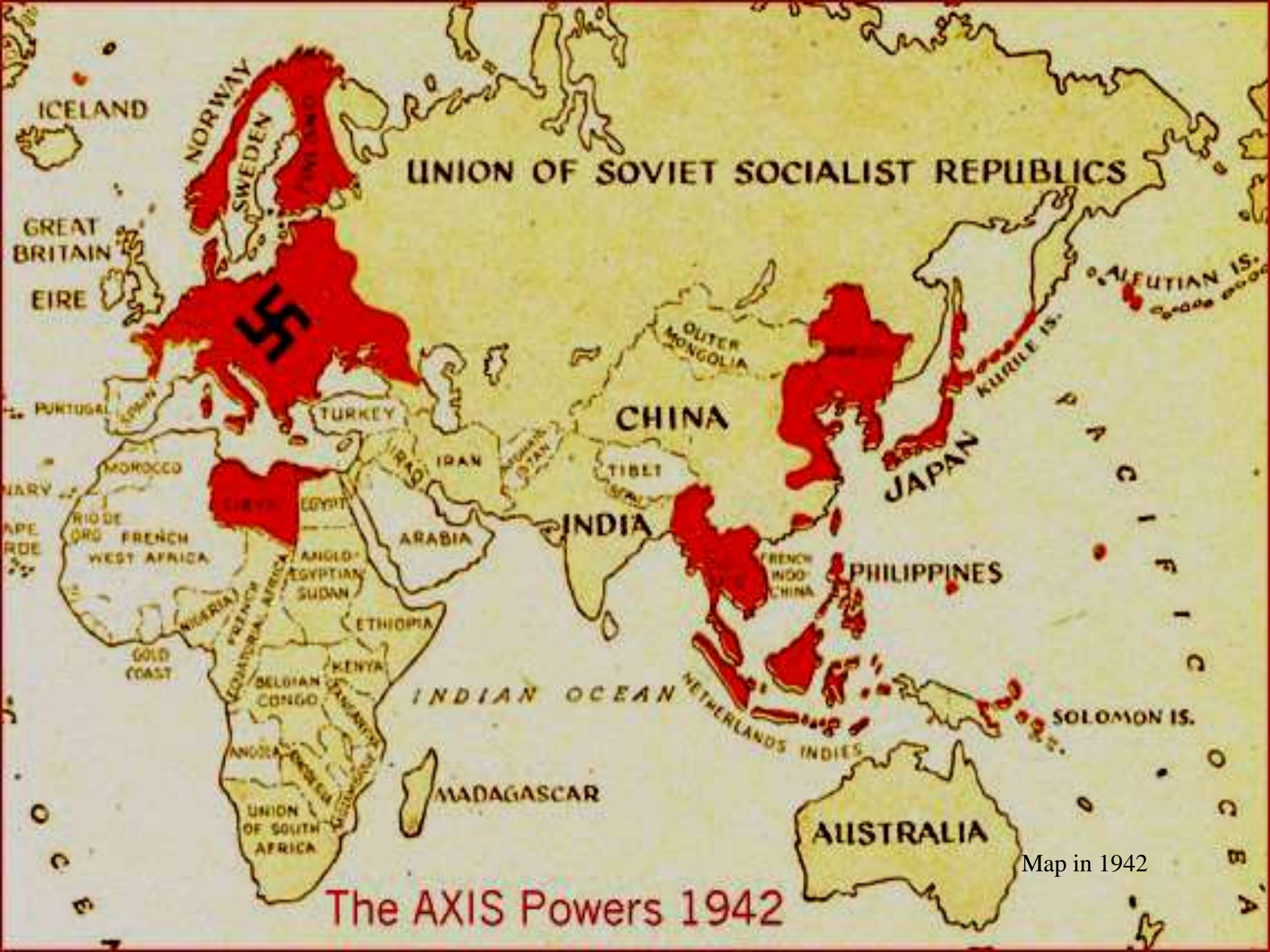
- Polish officers are slaughtered by Stalin's NKVD (KGB) in 1940, Katyn Forest Massacre.

- September & October, 1939- Soviet troops occupy Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Finland resists Stalin's demands.

- November 1939- The Soviet Union attacks Finland. Finland holds out at first, but

- Outnumbered 5 to 1 they surrender in March. Finland keeps its independence, but gives up territory to Stalin.





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CHINA

INDIA

JAPAN

PHILIPPINES

AUSTRALIA

The AXIS Powers 1942

Map in 1942

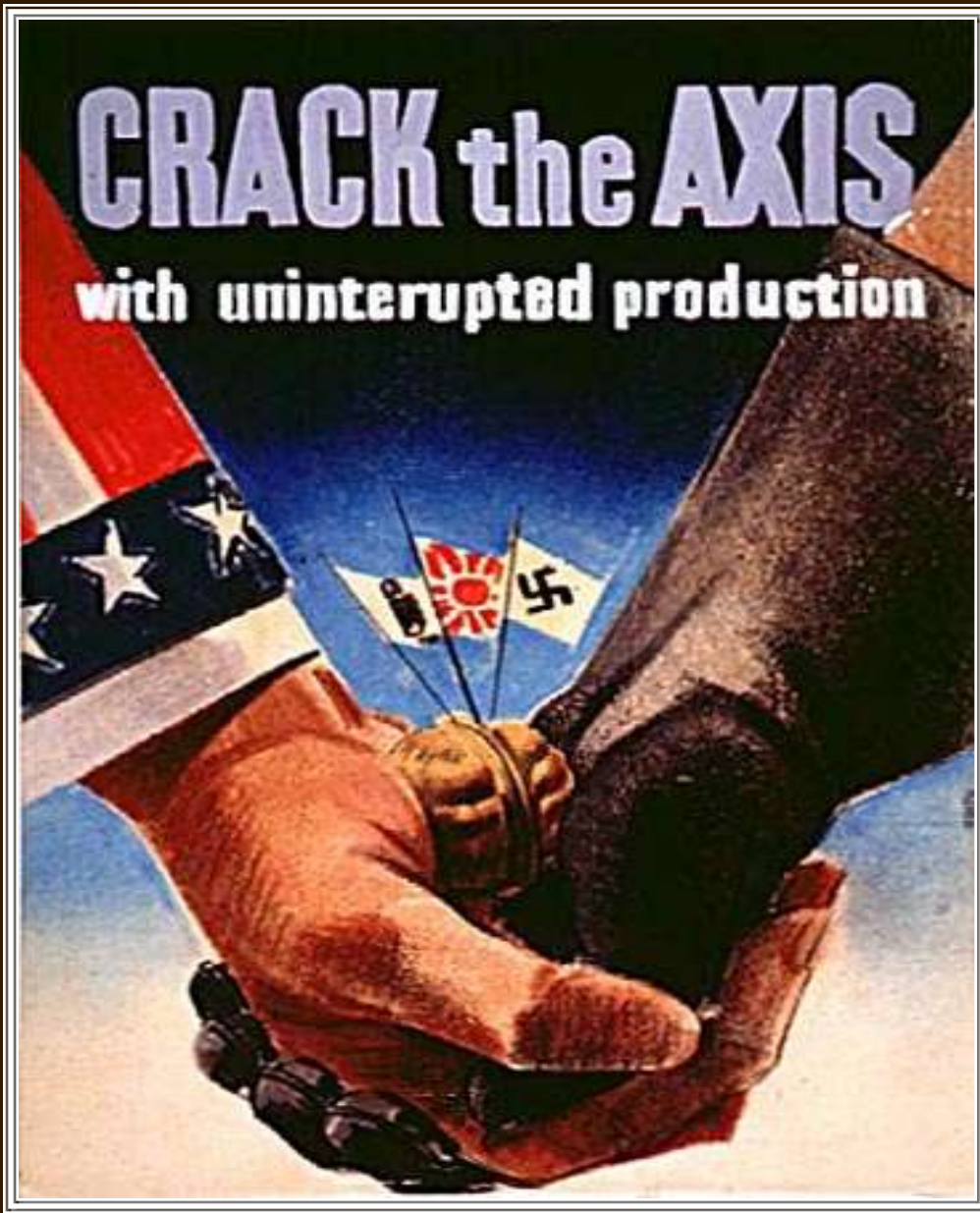


AXIS POWERS BY 1942

Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Axis: The Tripartite Pact--Sept., 1940



AXIS POWERS



The goal of the Axis Powers was to rule the world.....

The world would “rotate” around them.

The Axis believed democratic nations were weak.

And they would conquer them as a “knife slices through butter”.



BLITZKRIEG

- **GERMAN MILITARY TACTICS OR
“LIGHTING WAR”**

- **The key to blitzkrieg is ... SURPRISE!**

- **It is designed to attack many different targets with overwhelming numbers so as to simply devastate the enemy.**

BLITZKRIEG

Step One

- **Attack with the Luftwaffe (Airforce)**
 - **Fighters (air superiority)**
 - **Stuka (Dive bombers)**
 - **Bombers**
- **Destroy Communications (radio...)**
- **Destroy Transportation (bridges, RR)**
- **Destroy Military Targets (bases, supply)**

BLITZKRIEG

Step Two

- Next come the **PANZERS** (tanks)
- Hitler's military designers had developed extremely advanced tanks.
- Their tanks were light years ahead.
- Advance very quickly, and destroy any remaining targets that the Luftwaffe had left behind. (Comm, Trans, Military)

BLITZKRIEG

Step Three

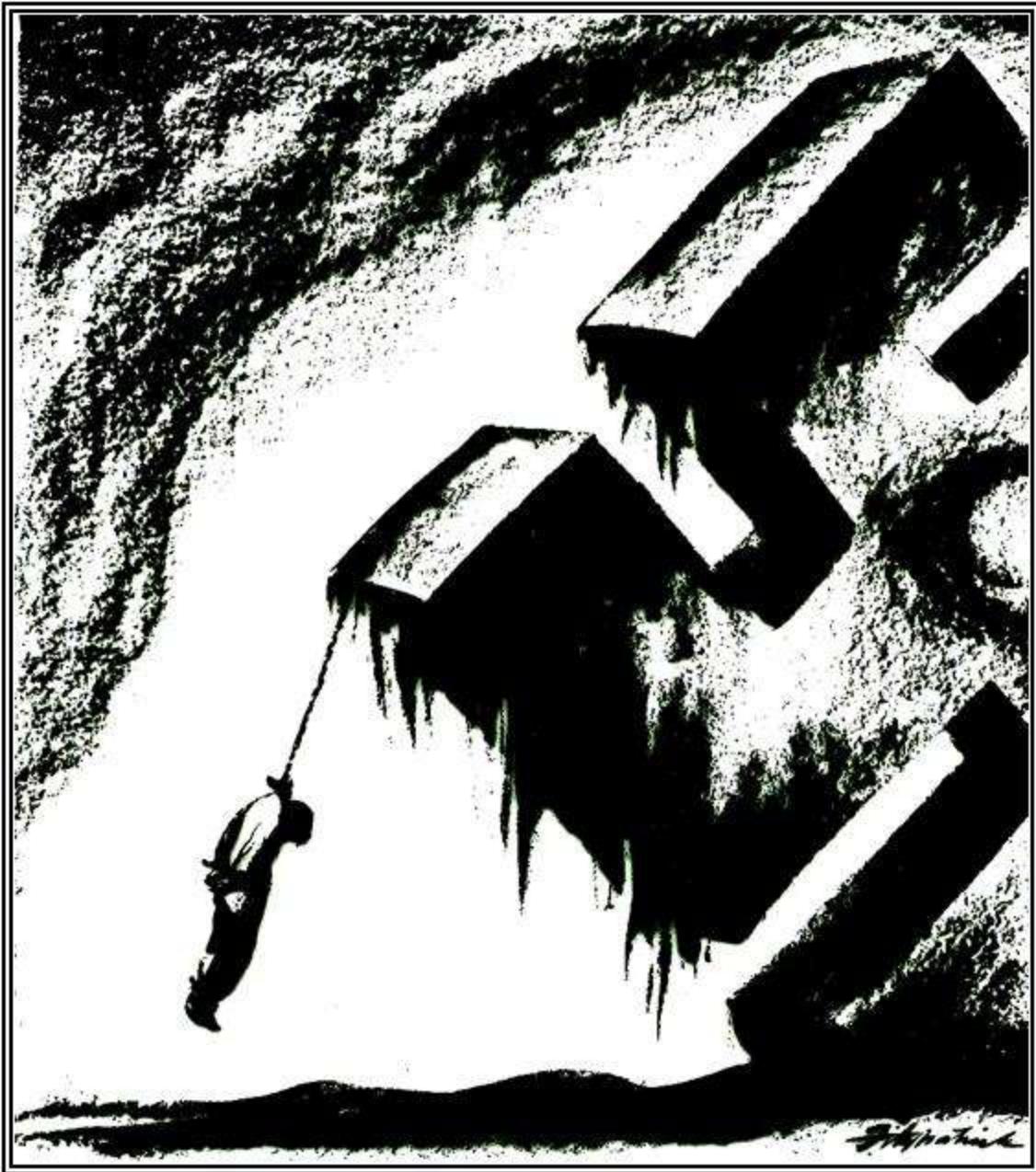
- Finally come the **infantry**
- They had been training for several years and these troops were **VERY** ready.
- Hitler's troops were already battle experienced b/c of the Spanish Civil War.
- Their job was to **MOP UP** anything left.

BLITZKRIEG

Conclusion

- The **Blitzkrieg** was a style of battle, that had never been seen before.
- It was extremely successful, it was so overwhelming that no one had a defense to it.
- When other nations saw this attack they were not sure if Hitler was **THAT** good, or was Poland **THAT** bad.....

HITLER OVERRUNS EUROPE



- Cartoonist shows how Hitler walked through Europe unopposed.
- Hitler's “blitzkrieg” military tactics made his armies near impossible to stop.





1940: Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Netherlands and France

THE BATTLE FOR BRITAIN

Britain

- Hitler crushes France in June 1940

- Hitler's *last enemy was Great Britain*, who along with France had been defeated at the battle of Dunkirk

- *Battle of Britain*, largest air battle ever fought in the history of warfare.

- July to November 1940 and was won by the *Royal Air Force* (*RAF or British Air Force*).

- First major German loss in WWII and forced Hitler to change his strategy

- British people fought for their country and a possible Nazi invasion (*Operation Sea Lion*).

- Hitler wanted to gain air supremacy.

Now Britain Is All Alone!

- **Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister of Great Britain.**
- **The "Lion of England"**



THE BATTLE FOR BRITAIN

Britain



WINSTON CHURCHILL
JUNE 18 1940
FROM HIS "FINEST
HOUR" SPEECH

"What General Weygand called the Battle of France is over. 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 institution and our Empire."



THE BATTLE FOR BRITAIN

Britain



WINSTON CHURCHILL
JUNE 18 1940
FROM HIS "FINEST
HOUR" SPEECH

**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.**

THE BATTLE FOR BRITAIN

Britain



WINSTON CHURCHILL
JUNE 18 1940
FROM HIS "FINEST
HOUR" SPEECH

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.

THE BATTLE FOR BRITAIN

Britain

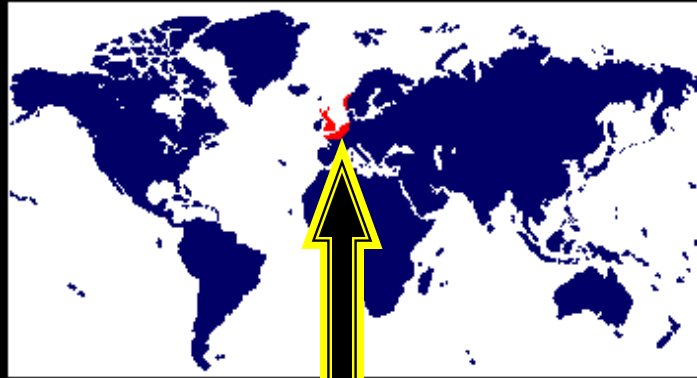


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FROM HIS "FINEST
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Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say,

"This was their finest hour."

BATTLE OF BRITAIN





Battle of Britain - the "Blitz"



The London "Tube": Air Raid Shelters during the *Blitz*



The Royal Air Force







THE BATTLE FOR BRITAIN

Britain



London's Casualties

43,000 Killed

51,000 Seriously injured

88,000 Slightly injured



- Nearly 500 (**RAF**) pilots and aircrew had been killed, 500 wounded and 915 aircraft were destroyed.
- The once undefeated **Luftwaffe** (**Nazis**) had been beaten and lost 1733 aircraft and crews in the process.
- Their **immortality** (RAF) was guaranteed when Churchill in a speech made on the 20th August said **"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few"**.

