








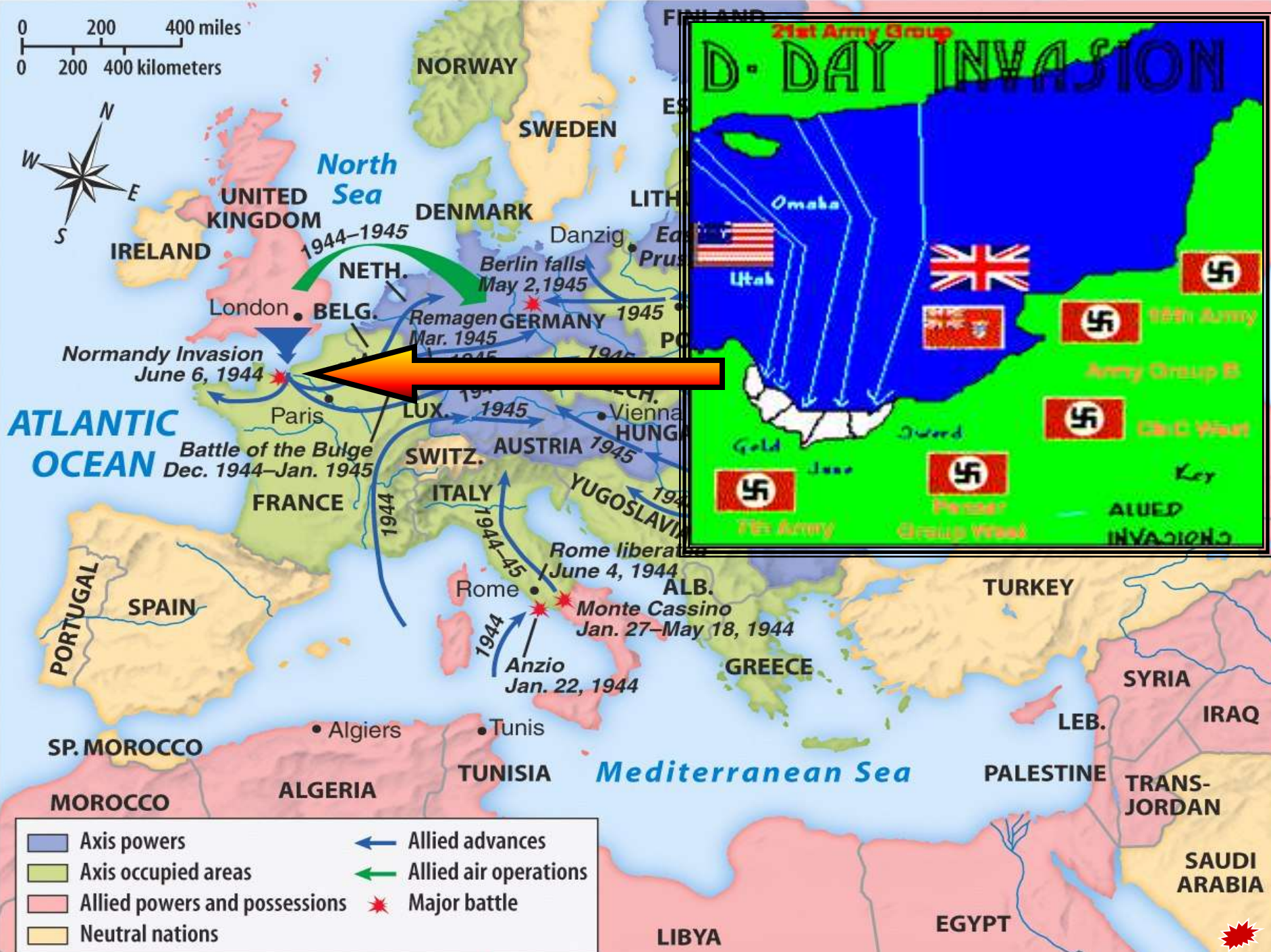


WORLD WAR II

1. WWII IN EUROPE-----Allies vs Axis Powers

- Principles we fought for 
- **Big 3 and Military leaders** 
- Strategy: 
 - Get Hitler First
 - Stalin's 2nd Front
 - Unconditional surrender
- Turning point battles---1942 to 1945 
 - Invasion of North Africa
 - El Alamein
 - Stalingrad
 - Invasion of Sicily and Italy 
 - D-Day invasion----June 6, 1944 
 - Battle of the Bulge 
 - Yalta Conference----Feb. 1945 
- Three world leaders die in April of 1945 
- WWII ends in Europe with the Battle for Berlin 
 - Germany surrenders, May 2, 1945
 - Victory in Europe or VE Day---

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0 200 400 kilometers



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| Axis powers | Allied advances |
| Axis occupied areas | Allied air operations |
| Allied powers and possessions | Major battle |
| Neutral nations | |

D-DAY INVASION

- ❖ D-Day, the decision day or H-day... Stalin's 2nd front.... Largest military invasion in world history to defeat Hitler.
- ❖ The 5000-vessel armada stretched as far as the eye could see, transporting over 150,000 men and nearly 30,000 vehicles across the channel to the French beaches.
- ❖ Six parachute regiments -- over 13,000 men -- were flown from nine British airfields in over 800 planes.
- ❖ More than 300 planes dropped 13,000 bombs over coastal Normandy immediately in advance of the invasion.
- ❖ War planners had projected that 5,000 tons of gasoline would be needed daily for the first 20 days after the initial assault.
- ❖ By nightfall on June 6, more than 9,000 Allied soldiers were dead or wounded, but more than 100,000 had made it ashore, securing French coastal villages.
- ❖ Within weeks, supplies were being unloaded at UTAH and OMAHA beachheads at the rate of over 20,000 tons per day.

D-DAY INVASION

- ❖ LCD: landing craft devices---carried 36 men.....Higgins boat---built by individual who made boats to run on the bayou....20,000 made for the D-Day
- ❖ To get through the barbed war, soldiers had to blast through with 10' pipes filled with TNT.
- ❖ Two portable harbors were built and transported across the English channel and setup on 1 of the British beaches and 1 with the Americans.
- ❖ To get fuel from England to France, an underwater pipeline was laid which connected with the portable harbors to get fuel to the front..
- ❖ To fool the Germans to believing the invasion was at Calais, the Allies dropped dummy parachute soldiers.....



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25 mi

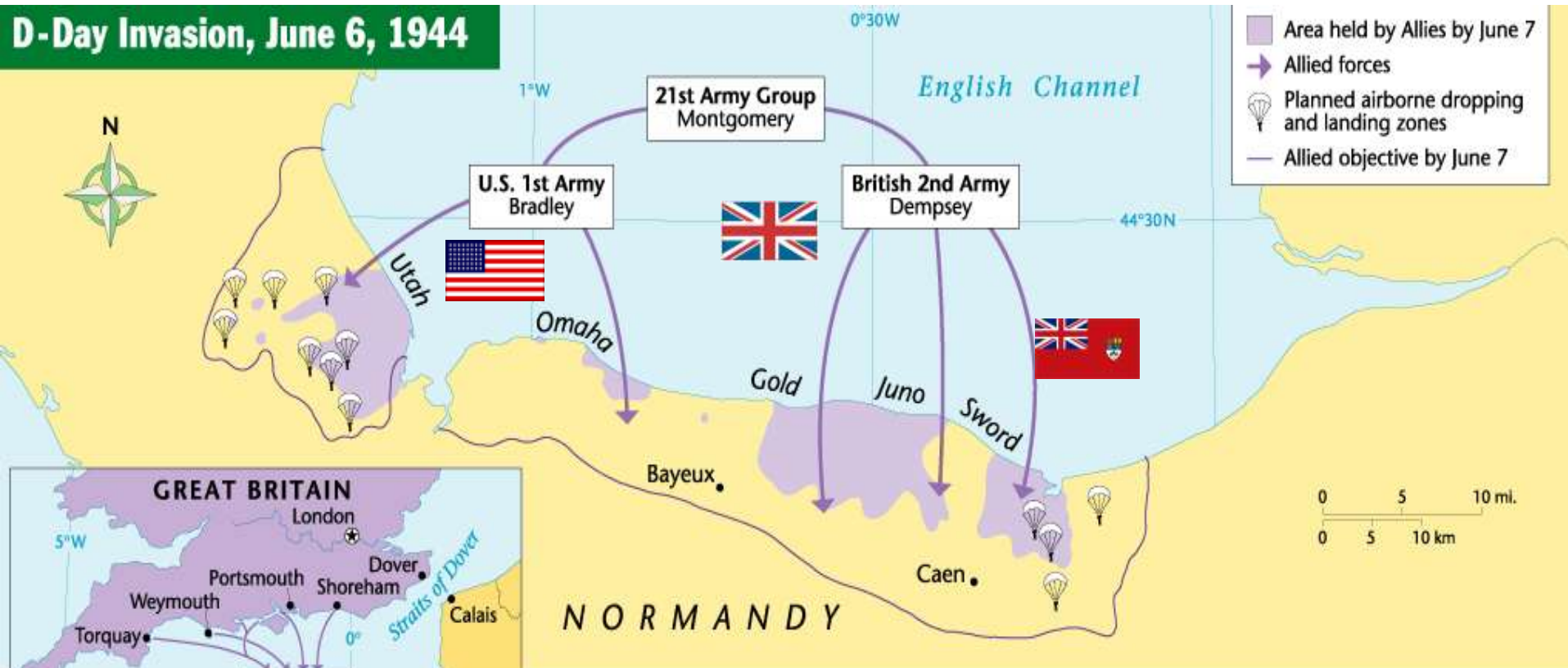
■ Allied area ■ Axis-occupied area

Gen. Eisenhower Gives the Orders for D-Day ["Operation Overlord"]



US General Dwight Eisenhower was chosen by the **Big 3** at the **Tehran Conference** (Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 1943) as the **Supreme Allied Commander** and was responsible for the D-Day Invasion.

D-Day Invasion, June 6, 1944



= Canadian



= Great Britain



= United States









Normandy Beach today

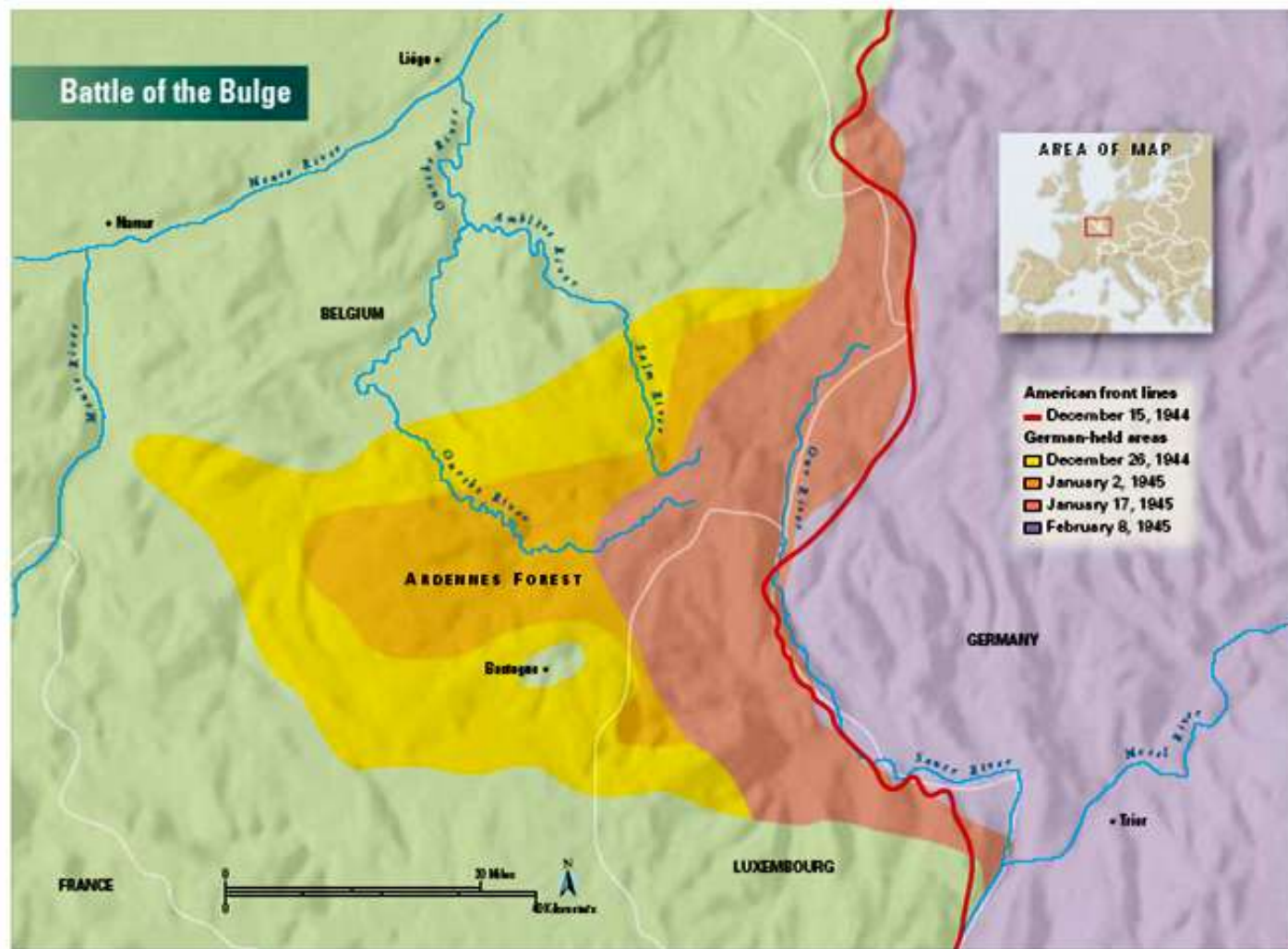




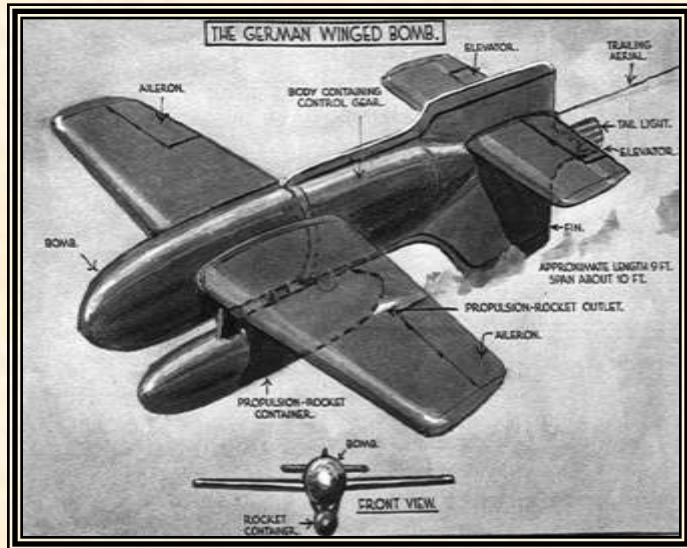


The Battle of the Bulge: Hitler's Last Offensive

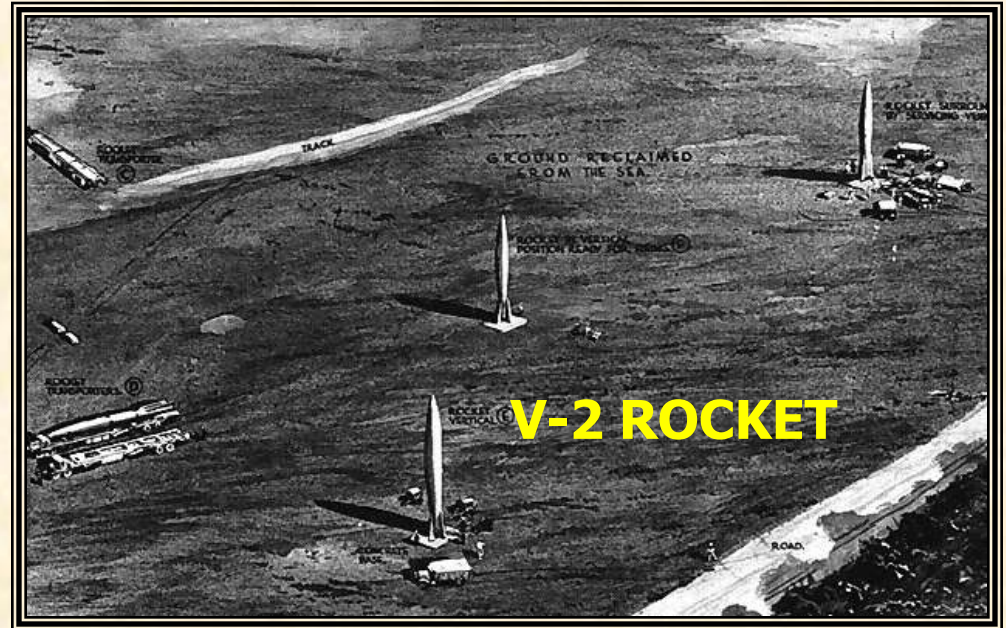
Dec. 16,
1944 to
Jan. 28,
1945



HITLER'S TECHNOLOGY



V-1 ROCKET



V-2 ROCKET



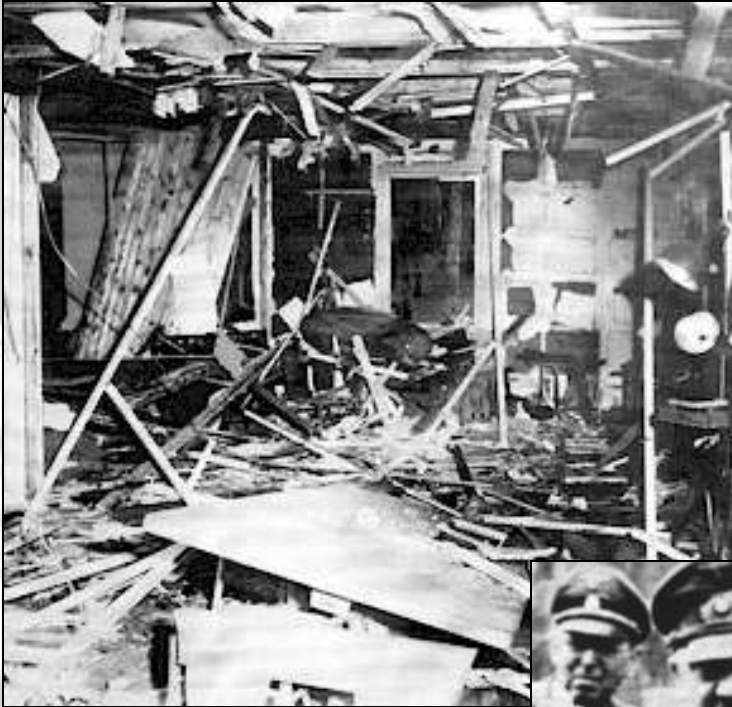
ATOM BOMB



ME-262 FIGHTER JET



July 20, 1944 Assassination Plot



- Major Claus von Stauffenberg tried to kill Hitler.
- Believed Hitler was evil.





Yalta: February, 1945

- FDR wants quick Soviet entry into Pacific war.
- FDR & Churchill concede Stalin needs buffer **(Poland)**, FDR & Stalin want spheres of influence and a weak Germany.
- Churchill wants strong Germany as buffer against Stalin.
- FDR argues for a 'United Nations'.



YALTA CONFERENCE



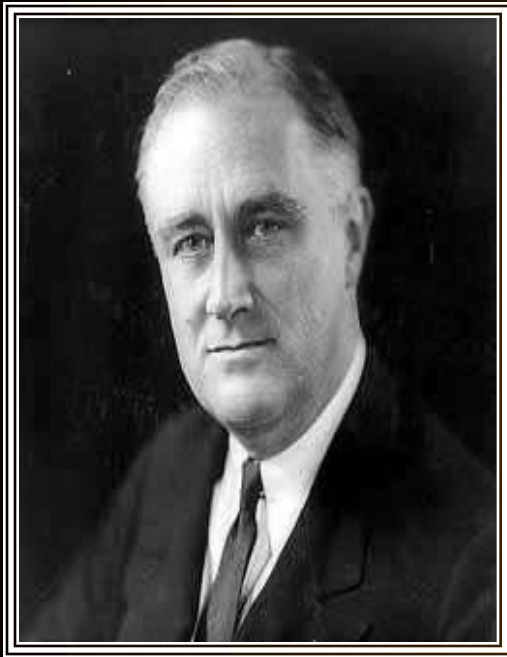
The decisions at the Yalta Conference shaped the post WWII world. Many agreements were made but the lasting effect was: “You cannot trust the words of a dictator”.



DECISIONS MADE AT YALTA

- Created a United Nations to promote world peace.
- Germany and Berlin would be divided into 4 zones controlled by the US, British, France and Soviet Union ★
- Eastern European countries under Soviet control would have “free elections”
- Stalin agreed but kept Eastern Europe under Soviet control after WWII leading to the Cold War..... ★

THREE WORLD LEADERS DIE



**FDR dies in
Warm Springs,
Georgia on April
12, 1945**



**Mussolini is
executed by his
own people on
April 28, 1945**



**Hitler realizing that
Berlin was about to
fall, married his
mistress, Eva Braun
and both commit
suicide on April 30,
1945.**

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**A saddened
nation mourns
the passing of
their President....
April 12, 1945**



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- **The President's body was transported via train from Georgia to Washington, D.C.**
- **Later from the Capitol to New York state for the funeral services and buried at Hyde Park, New York.**





BATTLE FOR BERLIN









GERMANY SURRENDERS; WAR IN EUROPE ENDS

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Official Announcement from Allied Capitals Awaited After Unconditional Capitulation Is Effected in Historic Meeting at Reims, France, With Nazi Chief of Staff

READY IN U. S. CAPITAL

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ENEMY UNDERSTANDS CRITERIA

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HEIL, HITLER

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BY ORDER OF DOENITZ

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ASKS WORLD TO DROP ITS HATRED

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AWAIT THE WORD

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**Nazi swastika blown up by US troops
at the end of the war---VE Day**

Photo # USA C-2337 Senior Allied delegates celebrate after Germany had surrendered, 7 May 1945







United Nations

- Allied Powers became the **United Nations**.
- Germans surrender to the **United Nations** to end the war in Europe