

WWII Before the United States Enters the War

1921

July 29 - Adolf Hitler becomes leader of National Socialist (Nazi) Party.

1925

July 18 - Hitler's book "Mein Kampf" published.

1933

March 12 - First concentration camp opened at Oranienburg outside Berlin.

In June - Nazis open Dachau concentration camp.

July 14 - Nazi Party declared Germany's only political party.

1934

August 19 - Adolf Hitler becomes Führer of Germany.

1935

September 15 - German Jews stripped of rights by Nuremberg Race Laws.

1939

January 30, 1939 - Hitler threatens Jews during Reichstag speech.

August 31, 1939 - British fleet mobilizes; Civilian evacuations begin from London.

September 1, 1939 - Nazis invade Poland.

September 3, 1939 - Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand declare war on Germany.

September 5, 1939 - United States proclaims its neutrality

September 10, 1939 - Canada declares war on Germany

1940

April 9, 1940 - Nazis invade Denmark and Norway.

May 10, 1940 - Nazis invade France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands

June 10, 1940 - Italy declares war on Britain and France.

August 23/24 - First German air raids on Central London.

August 25/26 - First British air raid on Berlin.

September 13, 1940 - Italians invade Egypt.

September 16, 1940 - United States military conscription bill passed.

September 27, 1940 - Tripartite (Axis) Pact signed by Germany, Italy and Japan.

October 7, 1940 - German troops enter Romania.

October 28, 1940 - Italy invades Greece.

1941

March 11, 1941 - President Roosevelt signs the Lend-Lease Act.

April 6, 1941 - Nazis invade Greece and Yugoslavia.

June 14, 1941 - United States freezes German and Italian assets in America.

July 26, 1941 - Roosevelt freezes Japanese assets in United States and suspends relations.

August 1, 1941 - United States announces an oil embargo against aggressor states.

August 14, 1941 - Roosevelt and Churchill announce the Atlantic Charter.

September 1, 1941 - Nazis order Jews to wear yellow stars.

September 29, 1941 - Nazis murder 33,771 Jews at Kiev.

December 7, 1941 - Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor

December 8, 1941 - United States and Britain declare war on Japan.

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