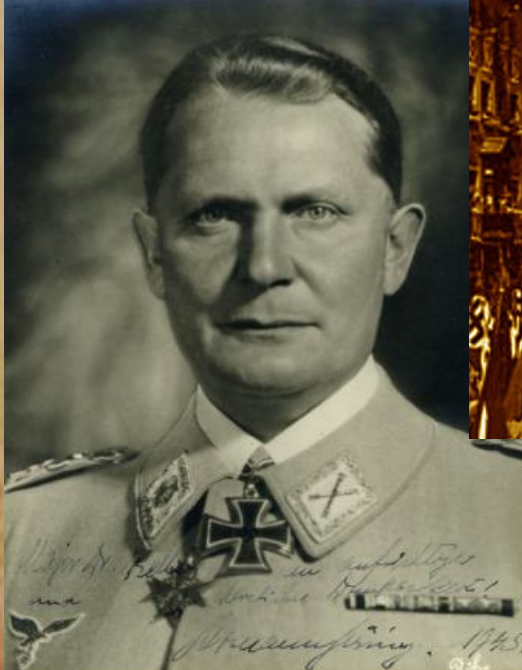


The End of the War



By late 1943, most of the German high command could see that the writing was on the wall, and that Germany would eventually lose the war

Unfortunately, Nazi fanatics still cling to hope



Together, these men
plunged Germany into
the abyss...





After victory at Stalingrad, the Soviet Red Army never looked back, fighting a brutal campaign to beat German forces all the way back to Berlin



The North Africa/ Italian Campaign

Why Italy?

“The soft underbelly of
Europe”





Legend:

- The Axis
- Allied with the Axis
- Occupied by the Axis

Farthest Axis advance
Nov. 1942

Farthest Axis advance
Dec. 1941

Axis advance
halted, 1942

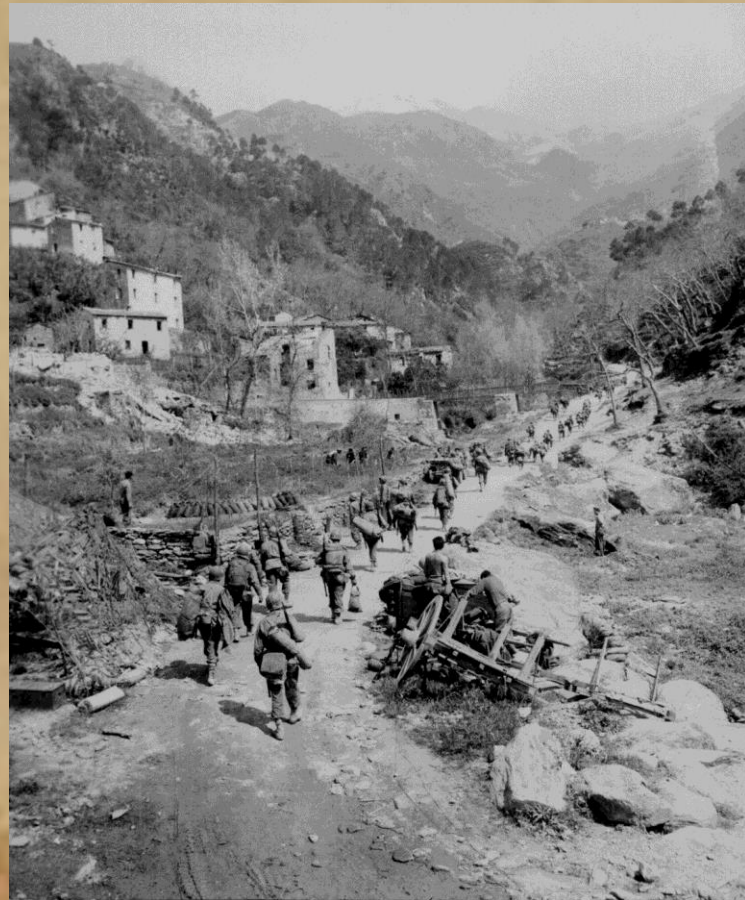
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Churchill was right...for a little while



German soldiers & Italian Mountains Spell Trouble



- *Canadian troops played a key role in the overall success of the Italian campaign.*



D-Day

Canadians again play a key role, this time in D-Day and the eventual liberation of Western Europe





The Battle of Berlin

This was the final major battle in Europe. It was fought between Germany and the Soviet Union



Pictures like this show how desperate the situation was for Germany







Hitler still refuses to give up, and would rather send every last German man, woman, and child to their death than surrender.

Soviet losses are high

- *80,000 killed*
- *280,000 sick or wounded*



But German losses are even higher...

- *As much as 500,000 soldiers killed and another 500,000 captured*
- *125,000 civilians killed*



With Soviet forces only a few hundred metres away, Hitler commits suicide on 30 April 1945

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HITLER DEAD

Doenitz, new Fuehrer, says: We fight on

WEHRMACHT ORDERED TO MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE

HITLER IS DEAD—THE SECOND DICTATOR TO DIE WITHIN THREE DAYS. HIS DEATH WAS ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT BY BANGING BARRICADES IN A PROCLAMATION BY ADOLF DOENITZ, WHO NOW SUCCEEDS THE NEW FUERHER. THIS IS THE TEXT OF THE PROCLAMATION.

"It is reported from the Fuehrer's Headquarters that our Fuehrer, Adolf Hitler, has fallen this afternoon at his command post in the Reich Chancellery, fighting to the last breath against Bolshevism and its GERMANS. On April 30 the Fuehrer appointed Grand Admiral Doenitz as his successor. Our new Fuehrer will speak to the German people."

Adolf Goebbels has been the strongest in Germany that the battle will go on. These are his words:

"Germany men and women, members of the German Wehrmacht, and Fuehrer Adolf Hitler, has fallen. In his last order and testament the German people have. He requested the German people to continue to an early date and dedicated his testament to this struggle."

"The end of him, his struggle and his testament, through pain of life is marked by his name shall be the symbol of the Reich."

"FIGHT AGAINST BOLSHEVISM"

"The Reich has been made possible by Germany. We will be fighting against the Bolshevism which was created by the Reich and the entire civilized world."

The Fuehrer has appointed the Grand Admiral Doenitz as his successor. I am taking over the leadership of the German people in this great hour of their history."

SOVIETS TABLE PLAN FOR NAZI CAPITULATION—AP, report

All the generals must surrender

SAF FRANCISCO, Tuesday

A PLAN by Soviet commanders, according to the AP report, is to table a demand for the German generals to surrender. The plan includes the following points:

1. The demand will be made in the afternoon and will be the result of the German surrender to the Soviet Union.

2. The demand will be made in the name of the Soviet Union.

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FOOD GOING TO DUTCH BY SEA, AIR, ROAD

Pratt reported

The man who now leads the Third Reich



Germany surrenders on 7 May 1945



In the Pacific, the war drags on until August 1945. But more on that later...





Food for thought....

German casualties on the Eastern Front:

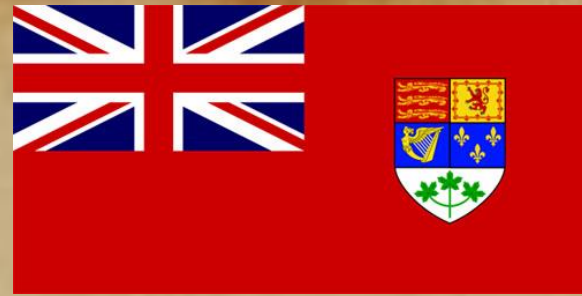
- 3 million killed
- 3 million POW. 1 million of these never make it back to Germany



German casualties at the Battle of Berlin

- Up to 500,000 killed*





German casualties on the Western Front:

- 340,000 killed
- 7.6 million POW. Of these around 50,000 never make it back to Germany

Allied Casualties

- Soviet Union: 10 million soldiers and around 20 million civilians killed
- Britain and United States: both over 300,000 killed
- Canada: 35,000 killed

What does this tell you?

