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June 1941 Germans invade Russia

- Disaster for Germany
- Russia ruins and destroys German army
- Hitler had planned to launch invasion in April but doesn't launch until June
 - o 6 week postponement ruins army
- Russian army retreats in face of German army
 - o Keeps falling back
 - o Lengthens German lines for supplies
 - o Russian Terrain has great open areas
 - o Delays German army and Russian winter is coming
 - Gets to be -30 in Russian winter
 - Germans came prepared for summer war and falling temperatures have soldiers getting cold
 - People and animals freeze to death (Horse, oxen, mules)
 - Oil in vehicles freeze and explodes
 - People willing to risk lives to get in buildings in Moscow and Stalingrad
 - o 500,000 German soldiers are captured at Stalingrad
 - Large portion captured without fighting
 - Out of supplies
 - Beginning of the end for the German army

US lands in North Africa in 1942

- Takes US time to get acclimated for war

- Push Germans out of North Africa and take Germans as Prisoners
 - o Set up Prisoner of War camps in the south
 - o Lake Sumter Community college previously POW Nazi camp
 - o Nazi POW put to work doing menial labor for low wages
 - Have lunch at local diners while African American Soldiers were prohibited from dining in their uniforms
 - On Troop Trains Whites got a car, Nazis got a car, and Blacks were forced in freight cars
 - Preference to Nazis over Blacks

June of 1944 we reach Italy

- June 6, 1944 Allied troops landed
 - o John Kennedy says that "Life is unfair" about D-Day
 - What happens at your beach is a random spin
 - May be no one there, may be some, may be everyone there
 - When soldiers stepped off boat that was stopped on sandbar they would drown because they had +100 lbs of stuff
 - People jumping out of planes had stuff on ankles that prevented a safe landing and they would break their legs as they landed

At most decisive moment of WW2 they let Hitler sleep and bulk of German army remains behind German lines and don't enter battle.

- Germans ravaged Russian towns as they went through
 - o only 5,000 of 50,000 German soldiers captured earlier manage to live

- o Russians won't give up because Germans ravaged towns and want revenge,
Germans know they won't be treated well by Russians and attempt to move to ES
where they will be treated better

Germans think that if they have 1 more year they can finish weather testing and push allies out

- Battle of the Bulge fails and shortens war
- Weather was poor and Hitler was counting on weather keeping planes downed
 - o Weather cleared and US bombs Germans

March 1945 Allies cross into Germany

- Russian leader in Conference thinks that US is delaying attack on France, going to sign a separate peace with Hitler, and use his troops as cannon fire as well
 - o Wants Russian force to take Berlin
 - o American troops are held back from taking Berlin
 - War lasts couple of extra months so Russia can take Berlin
 - Roosevelt's agreement leads to millions being ruled by Communism

May 1945 Hitler kills himself

- A few days later Germans surrender and war ends

Roosevelt launches secret Manhattan Project to build a bomb of our own

- Takes about 10 years to get it going

Even though Japan attacked us we focused on Germany

After Pearl Harbor sailors were trapped in flipped ships and left for dead because US focused on attacking Germany

- 15,000 American soldiers abandoned in Bataan and surrendered
- Force marched through the Jungle