

AMERICA AND WORLD WAR II

1941-1945



Franklin Roosevelt was
the first president to
select a woman for his
cabinet, Labor Secretary
Frances Perkins.

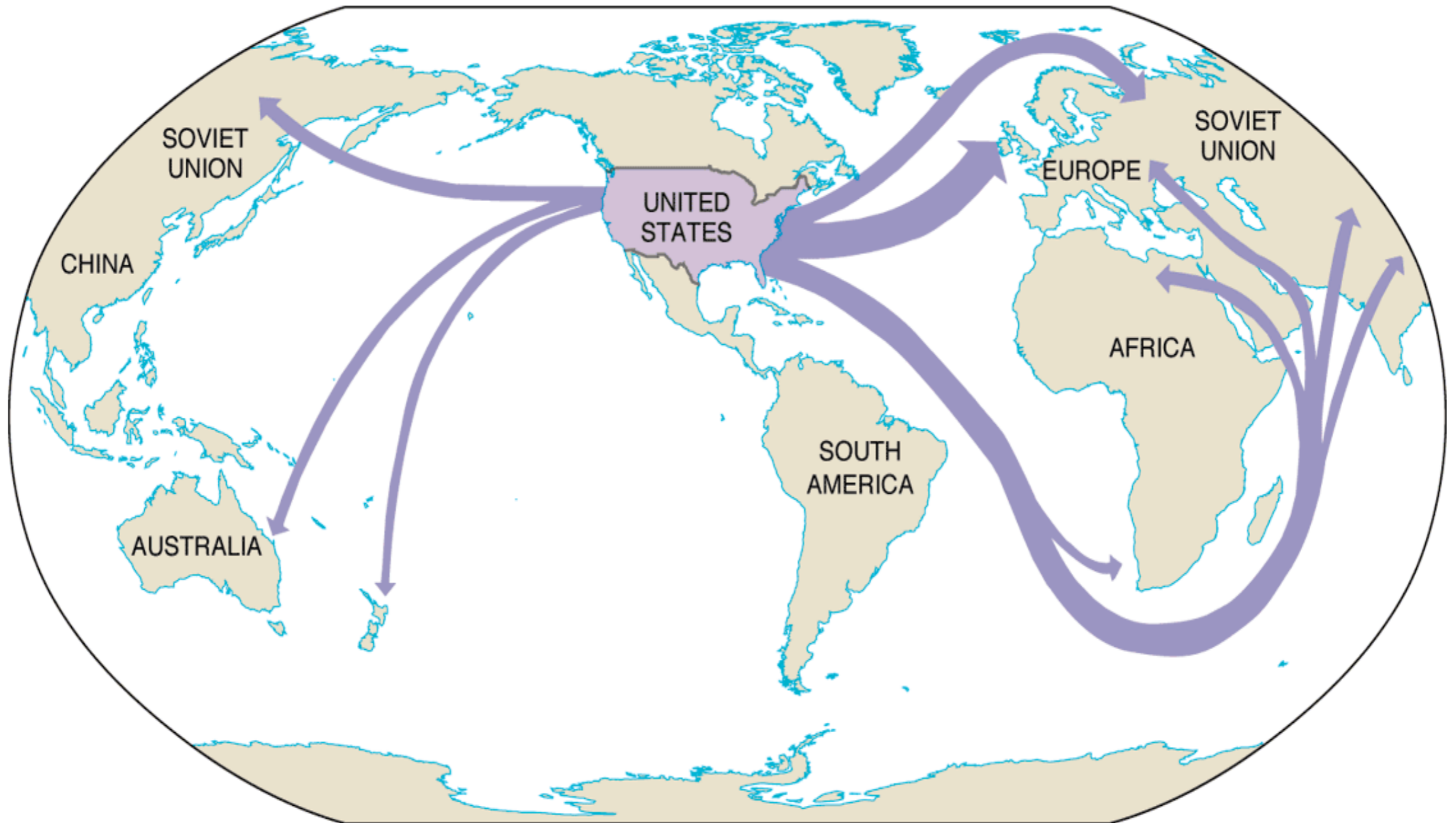
LEND-LEASE (1941)

- U.S. LENDS AND LEASES BILLIONS IN WEAPONRY
 - AID TO BRITAIN
 - SHIPS, PLANES, GUNS
- ISOLATIONISTS AGAIN OUTRAGED (R. TAFT)

“ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY”

- AMERICA PLEDGES TO STOP THE AXIS POWERS
 - BUT NOT TO FIGHT
- HUGE INCREASE IN MANUFACTURING/PRODUCTION
 - NOW PREPARED

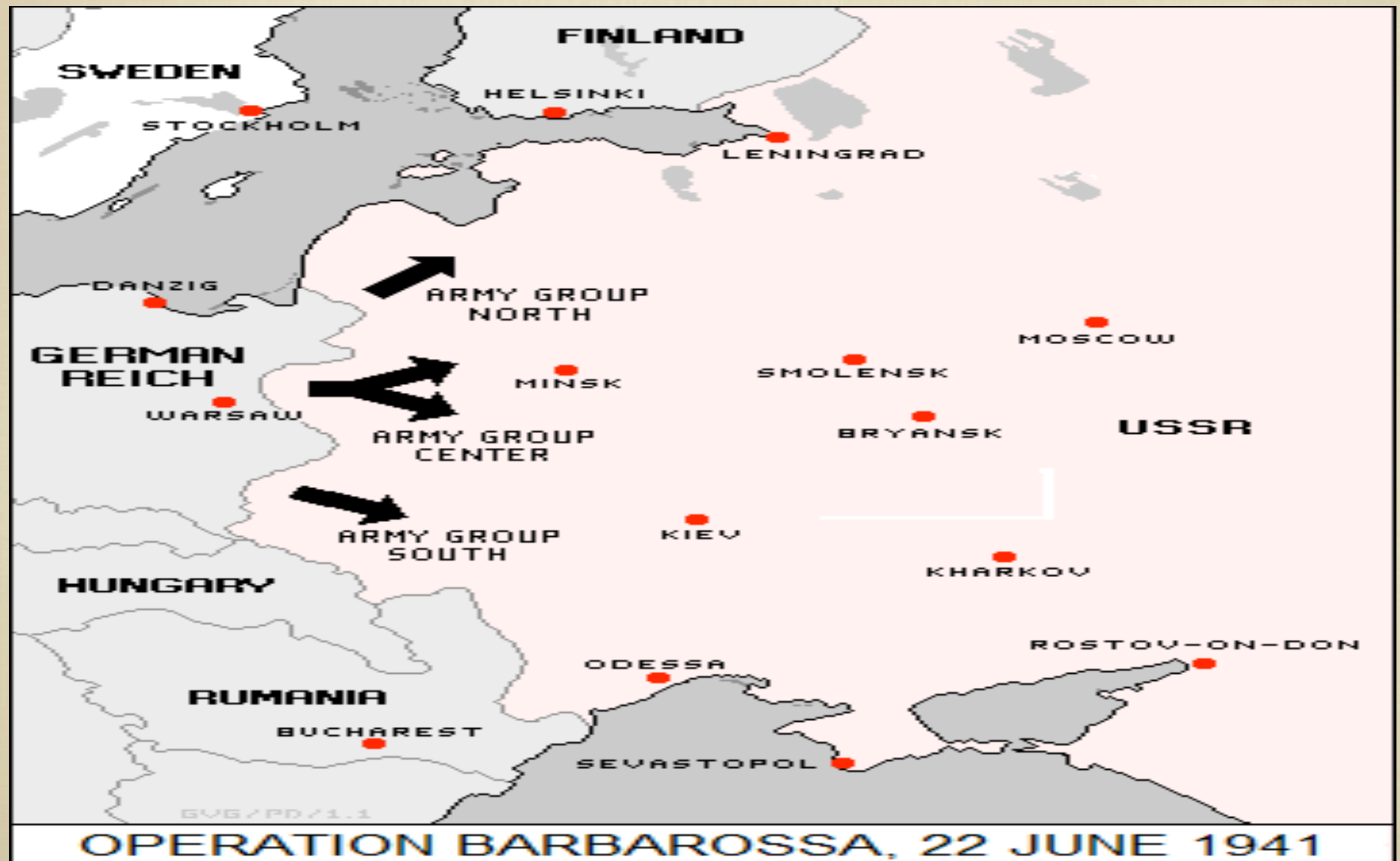
MAIN FLOW OF LEND-LEASE



ATLANTIC CHARTER

- HITLER INVADES SOVIET UNION (JUNE '41)
- ATLANTIC CONFERENCE HELD (AUG '41)
 - EIGHT-POINT PLAN
 - OUTLINE FOR DEMOCRACY AND DISARMAMENT
 - GOALS AFTER THE WAR

OPERATION BARBAROSSA





Atlantic Charter

GERMANS SINK U.S. SHIPS

- CARRYING SUPPLIES TO BRITAIN

- NEUTRALITY ACTS REVOKED

- AMERICAN WARSHIPS NOW ON THE PROWL

JAPAN

- JAPAN BOGGED DOWN IN CHINA (SINCE '37)
- STILL RECEIVING OIL, STEEL, COAL FROM U.S.
- U.S. EMBARGOES OIL/GAS, FREEZES ASSETS
- NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE THROUGH DEC '41

WHY ATTACK PEARL?

- JAPAN CAN'T FIGHT WITHOUT U.S. RAW MATERIALS
- U.S. KNOWS ATTACK IS COMING, NOT WHERE
- JAPAN GOES FOR IT ALL AT PEARL HARBOR
 - DECEMBER 7TH, 1941
 - 2,400 DEAD

Photo # 80-G-182874 Pearl Harbor, looking southwest, 30 October 1941



BATTLESHIP ROW, PEARL HARBOR





USS ARIZONA (1,100 DEAD)



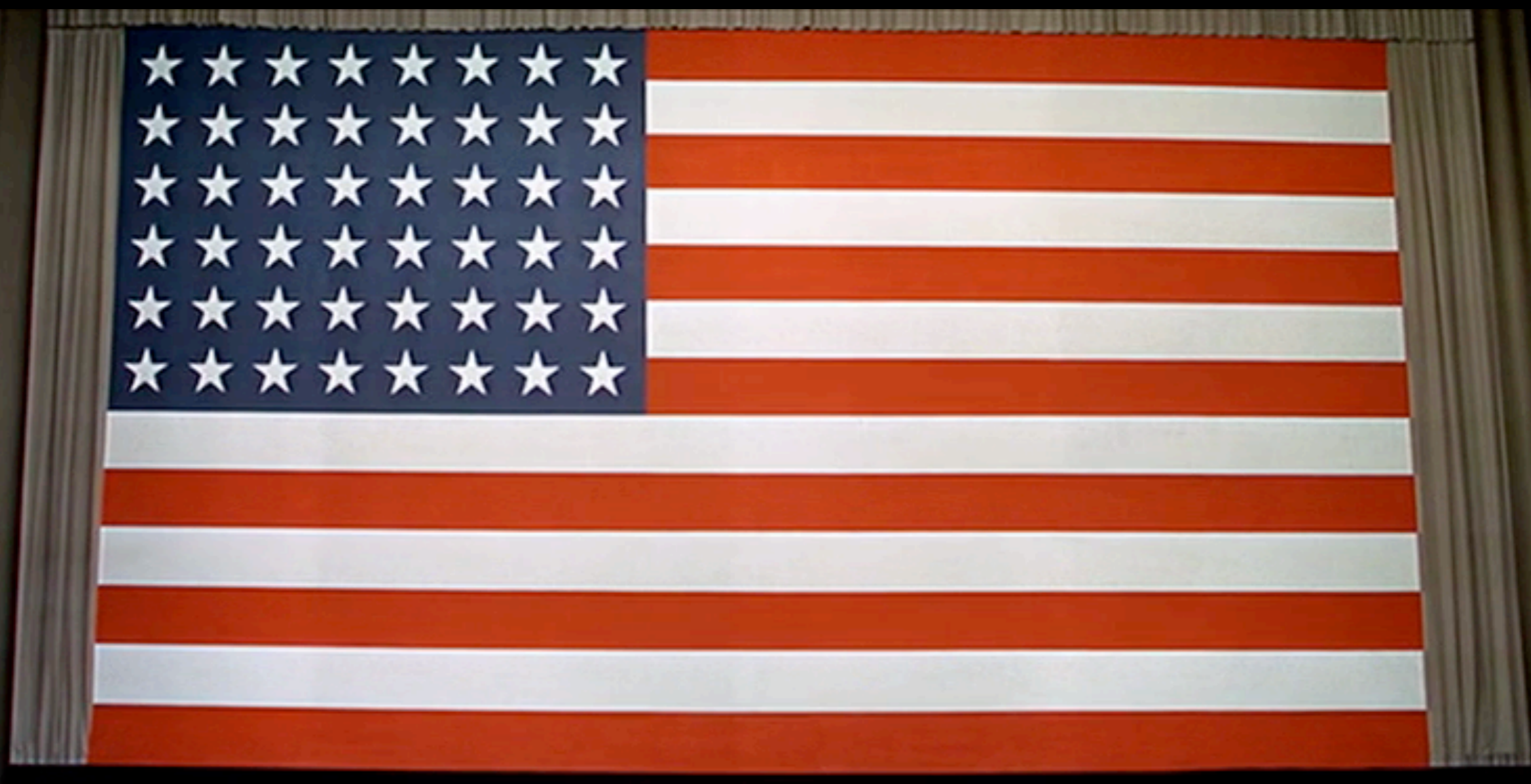
WAR IN EUROPE

- FIGHT GERMANS IN NORTH AFRICA

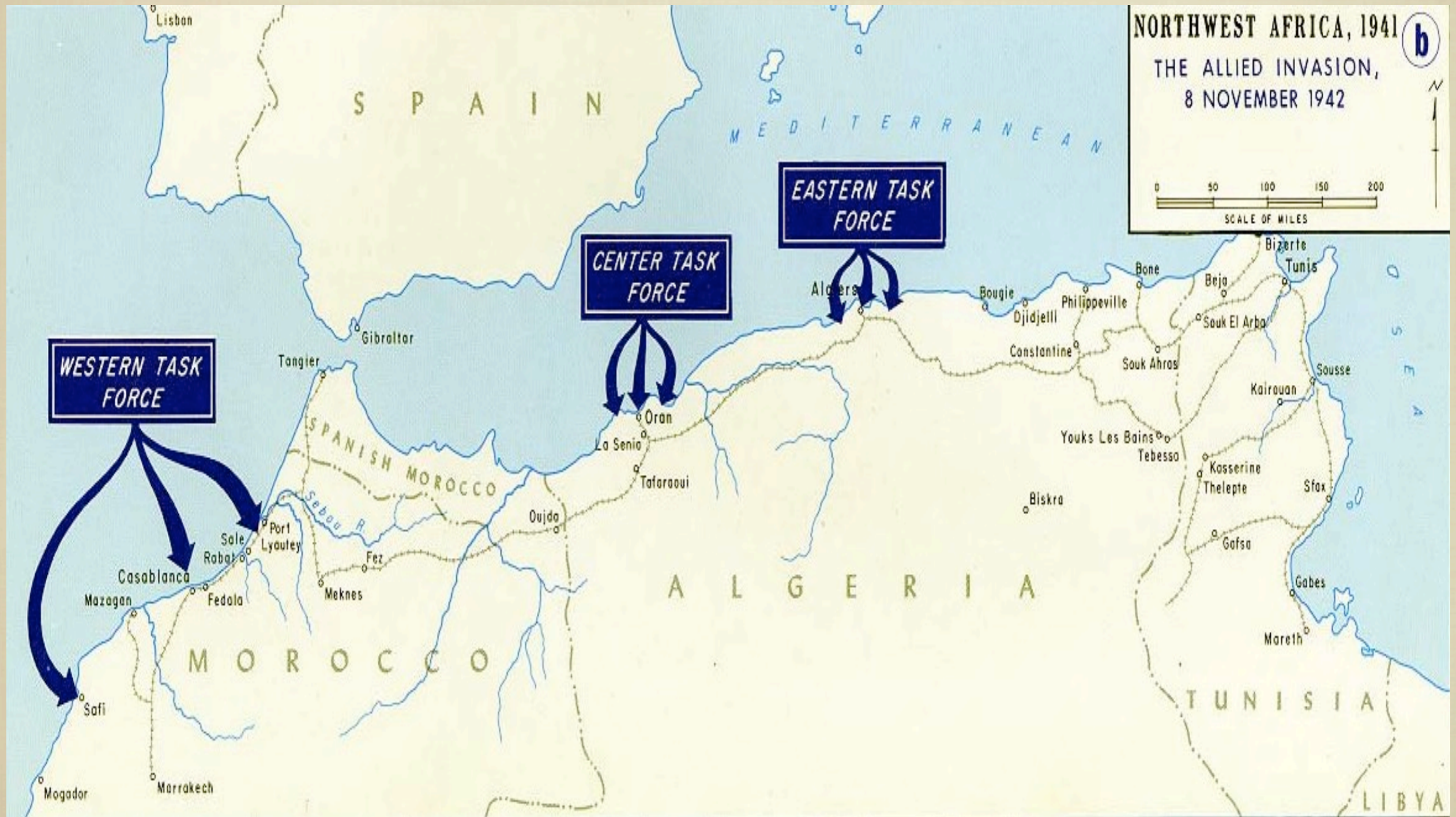
 - OPERATION TORCH

- EISENHOWER AND MONTGOMERY

- TAKE SICILY (SEPT 1943)



OPERATION TORCH



OPERATION OVERLORD (D-DAY)

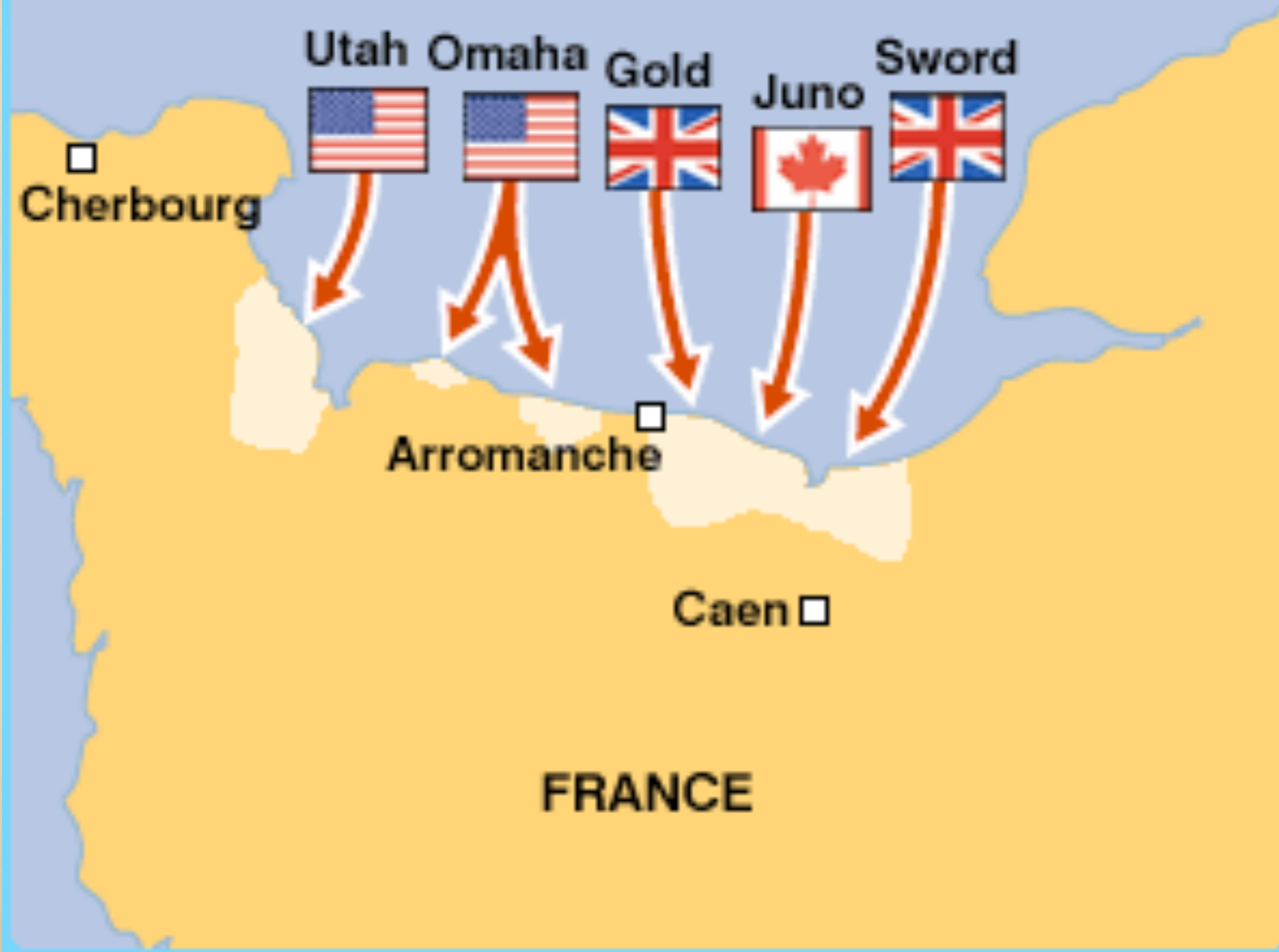
- **JUNE 6, 1944**
- **ALLIES LAUNCH MASSIVE INVASION IN FRANCE**
- **150,000 TROOPS, 10,000 DIE**



THE D-DAY LANDINGS

Click on the flags to find out more

English Channel







BATTLE OF THE BULGE

- DECEMBER 1944

- GERMANS FINAL STAND IN BELGIUM

- DEFEATED

- ALLIES MARCH TOWARD GERMANY

Battle in the Ardennes, 1944



The massive German offensive in the Ardennes Forest of Luxembourg and Belgium lasted from Dec. 16, 1944, until Jan. 28, 1945. Its target was Antwerp, Belgium.



GERMANY SURRENDERS

- **HITLER COMMITS SUICIDE (APRIL 1945)**

- **V-E DAY (5/7/45)**

THE WAR IN EUROPE IS ENDED! SURRENDER IS UNCONDITIONAL; V-E WILL BE PROCLAIMED TODAY; OUR TROOPS ON OKINAWA GAIN

ISLAND-WIDE DRIVE

Marines Reach Village a Mile From Naha and Army Lines Advance

7 MORE SHIPS SUNK

Search Planes Again Hit Japan's Life Line—Kyushu Bombed

By WARREN BROWN... ISLAND-WIDE DRIVE... MARINES REACH VILLAGE A MILE FROM NAHA AND ARMY LINES ADVANCE... 7 MORE SHIPS SUNK... SEARCH PLANES AGAIN HIT JAPAN'S LIFE LINE—KYUSHU BOMBED...

The Pulitzer Awards For 1944 Announced

The Pulitzer Prize awards announced yesterday by the trustees of Columbia University include three distinguished prizes in "The Pulitzer Prizes" by John Howard... THE PULITZER AWARDS FOR 1944 ANNOUNCED...

MOLOTOFF HAILS BASIC 'UNANIMITY'

He Stresses The Points in World Charter, but His View on One Is Questioned

By JAMES H. MOSELEY... MOLOTOFF HAILS BASIC 'UNANIMITY'... HE STRESSES THE POINTS IN WORLD CHARTER, BUT HIS VIEW ON ONE IS QUESTIONED...

GERMANY SURRENDERS; NEW YORKERS MASSES UNDER SYMBOL OF LIBERTY



Thousands of New Yorkers gathered in Times Square to celebrate the German surrender.

PRAGUE SAYS FOES ACCEPT SURRENDER

Czechoslovak Radio Reports All Fighting in Bohemia Will Be Ended Today

Wild Crowds Greet News In City While Others Pray

By FRANK A. SHEAF... WILD CROWDS GREET NEWS IN CITY WHILE OTHERS PRAY... THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE reported in this dispatch...

SHAEF BAN ON AP LIFTED IN 6 HOURS

Action Comes After Protest From Newspapers and Public—Writer Still Barred

GERMANS CAPITULATE ON ALL FRONTS

American, Russian and French Generals Accept Surrender in Eisenhower Headquarters, a Reims School

REICH CHIEF OF STAFF ASKS FOR MERCY

Doenitz Orders All Military Forces of Germany To Drop Arms—Troops in Norway Give Up—Churchill and Truman on Radio Today

By EDWARD KENNEDY

REIMS, France, May 7—Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Western Allies and the Soviet Union at 9:41 A. M. French time today. [This was at 8:41 P. M. Eastern War-time Sunday.]

The surrender took place at a 300-ft red schoolhouse that is the headquarters of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. The surrender, which brought the war in Europe to a formal end after five years, eight months and six days of bloodshed and destruction, was signed for Germany by Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl, General Jodl is the new Chief of Staff of the German Army.

The surrender was signed for the Supreme Allied Command by Lieut. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, Chief of Staff for General Eisenhower. It was also signed by Gen. Ivan Stepanovitch for the Soviet Union and by Gen. Francois Sevez for France.

Germany Say They Understand Terms

They were asked sternly if they understood the surrender terms imposed upon Germany and if they would be carried out by Germany. They answered Yes. Germany, which began the war with a ruthless attack upon Poland, followed by successive aggression and brutality to international camps, surrendered with an appeal to the victors for mercy toward the German people and armed forces.

Summary of News of the War and German Surrender

TELEGRAM, MAY 8, 1945. The war ended in Europe yesterday when the German High Command announced its unconditional surrender to the Western Allies and the Soviet Union. The German High Command announced that it was ready to accept the terms of the Potsdam Declaration and to surrender unconditionally to the Western Allies and the Soviet Union.

Leopold Rescued By 7th Army Troops

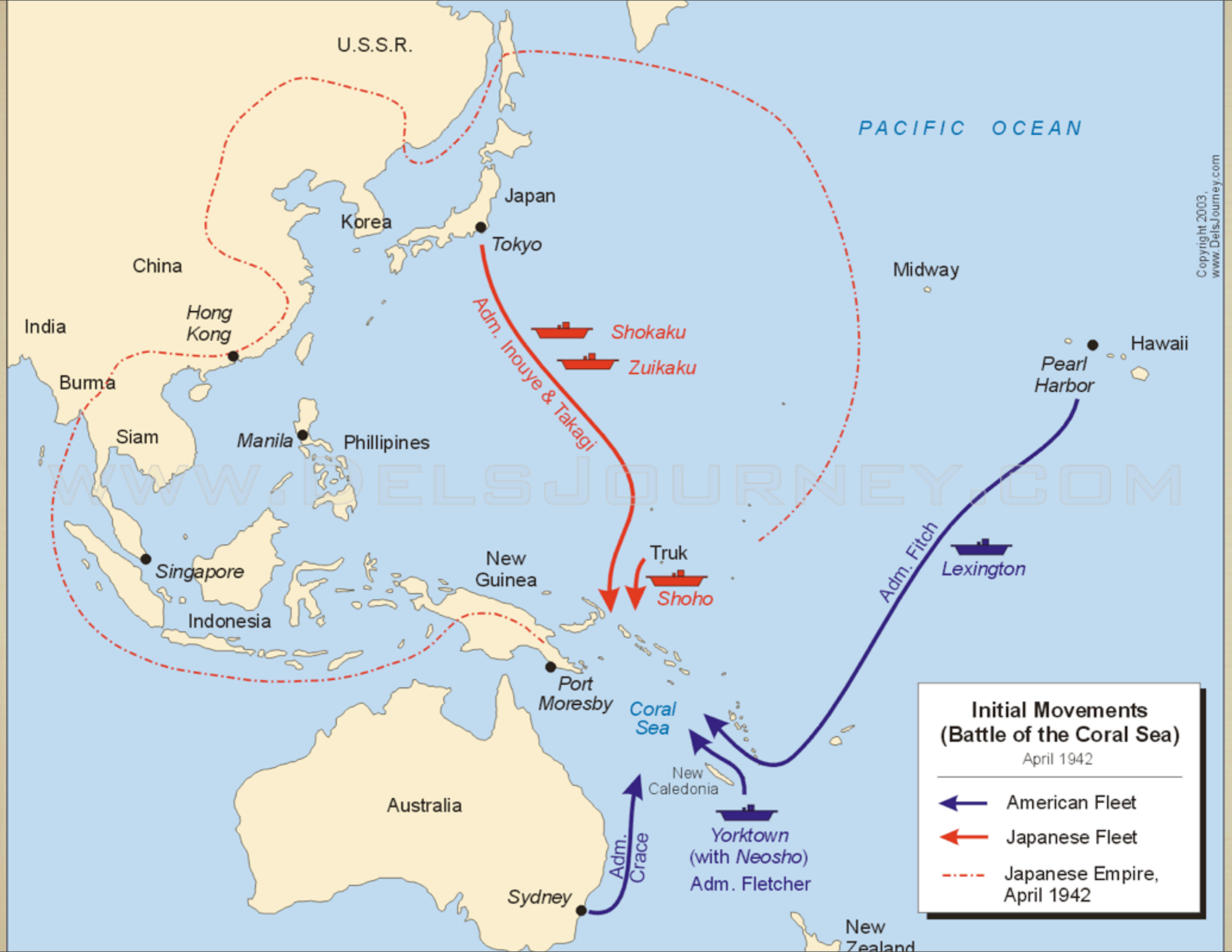
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS... LEOPOLD RESCUED BY 7TH ARMY TROOPS... A GERMAN PRISONER OF WAR, LEOPOLD, WAS RESCUED BY THE 7TH ARMY TROOPS...

WAR IN THE PACIFIC




- **BATTLE OF CORAL SEA**

- **STOPPED JAPANESE ADVANCE**

- **PREVENTED INVASION OF AUSTRALIA**

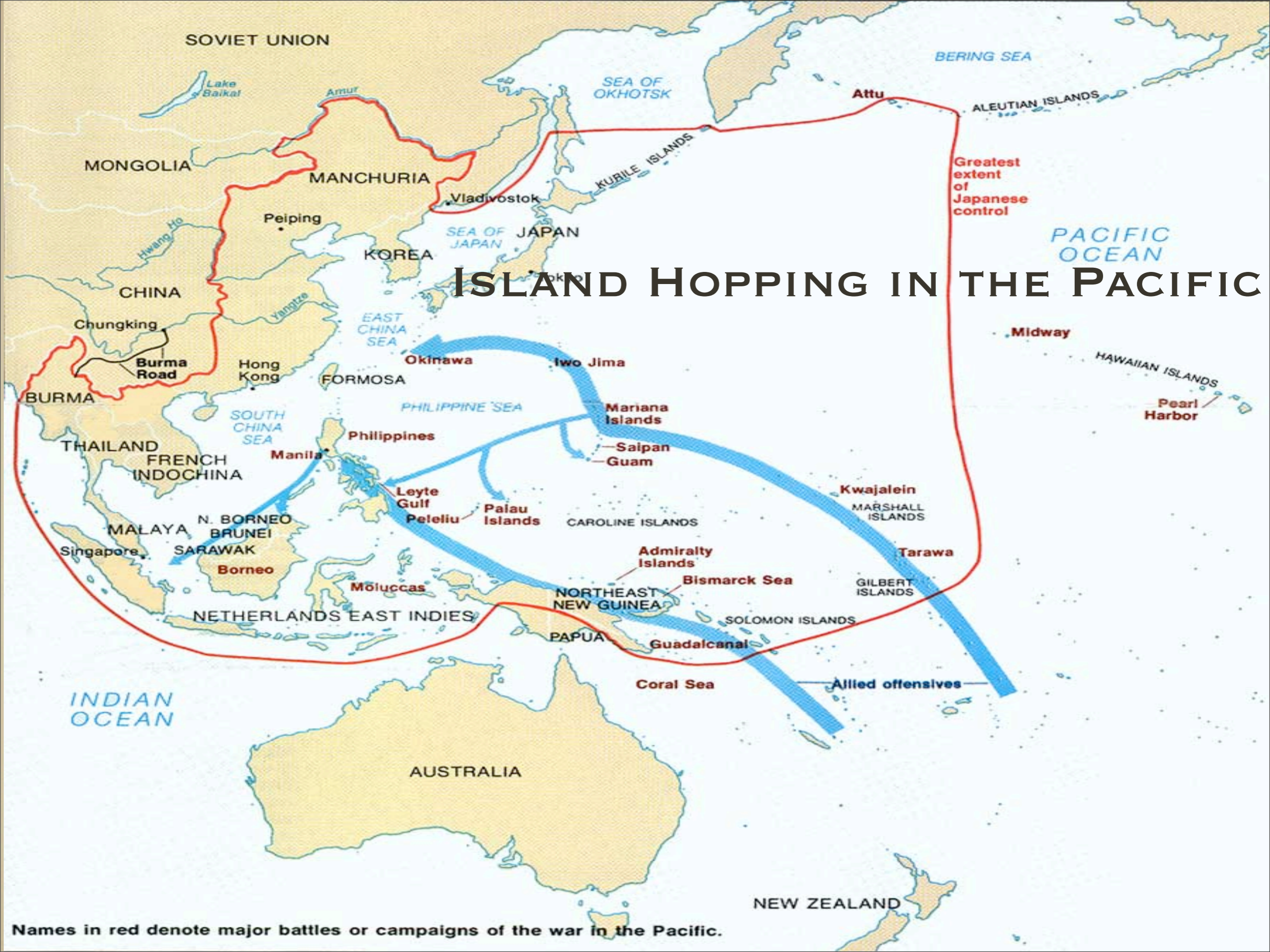


**Initial Movements
(Battle of the Coral Sea)**
April 1942

-  American Fleet
-  Japanese Fleet
-  Japanese Empire, April 1942

MIDWAY (JUNE '42)

- END OF JAPANESE FORWARD MOVEMENT
- JAPAN LOSES NAVAL SUPERIORITY
- AMERICAN “ISLAND HOPPING” STRATEGY



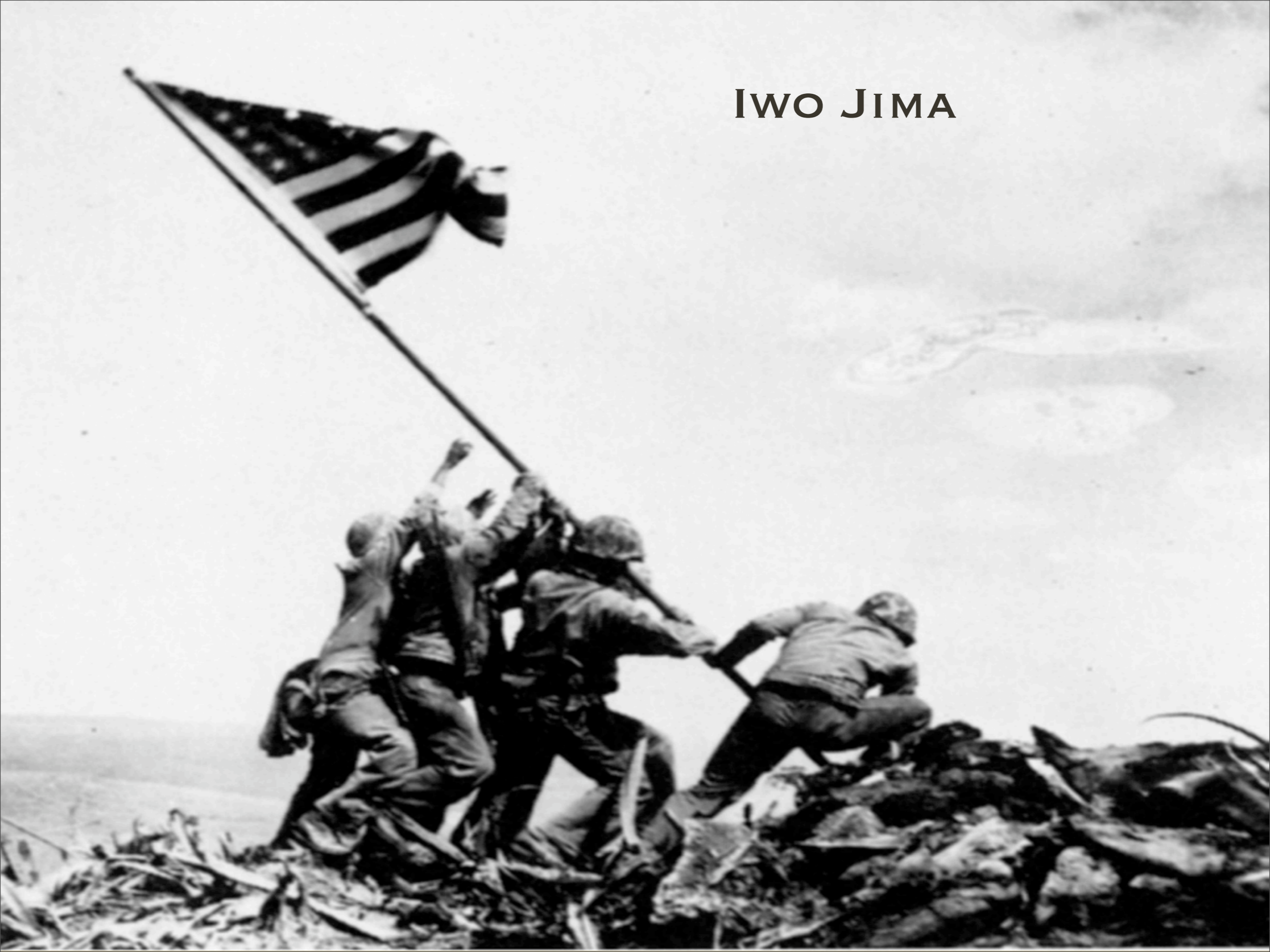
ISLAND HOPPING IN THE PACIFIC

Greatest extent of Japanese control

Allied offensives

Names in red denote major battles or campaigns of the war in the Pacific.

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DIPLOMACY

- **“BIG THREE” MEET SEVERAL TIMES**
 - **TEHRAN, YALTA, POTSDAM**
- **STALIN CLAIMED RIGHTS TO EASTERN EUROPE**

YALTA (FEB '45)

- **STALIN AGREES TO DEMOCRATIC EASTERN EUROPE**
- **GERMANY OCCUPIED INTO FOUR ZONES**
- **STALIN IS LYING**

“BIG THREE” AT YALTA



Roosevelt Dies

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS DEAD; TRUMAN TO CONTINUE POLICIES; 9TH CROSSES ELBE, NEARS BERLIN

U. S. AND RED ARMIES DRIVE TO MEET Americans Across the Elbe in Strength Race Toward Russians Who Have Opened Offensive From Oder

WEIMAR TAKEN, RUHR POCKET SLASHED Third Army Reported 19 Miles From Czechoslovak Border—British Drive Deeper in the North, Seizing Cells—Canadians Freeing Holland

By BRUCE WOODWARD
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States, died at 63 today in Warm Springs, Ga., after a long illness. He was the 32nd President of the United States, serving from 1933 to 1945. His death was announced by the White House at 9:50 A. M. today.

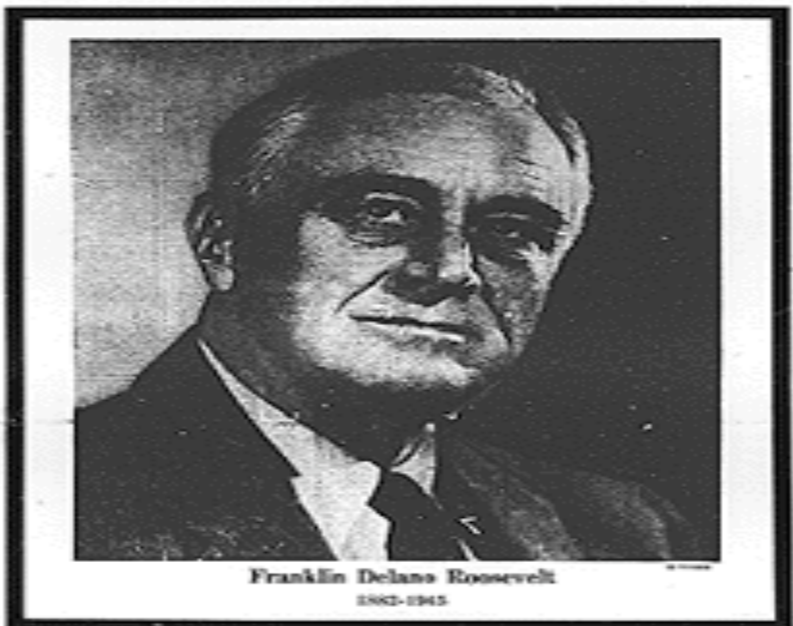
OUR OKINAWA GUNS DOWN 118 PLANES

Japanese Planes Start "Suicide" Attacks on Iwo, 500 a Day, 30 Other Ships

SECURITY PARLEY WONT BE DELAYED

State Department Urges That
World Be Shown We Plan
No Changes in Policy

Army Leaders See Ritch End at Hand



Franklin Delano Roosevelt
1882-1945

War News Summarized

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TRUMAN IS SWORN IN THE WHITE HOUSE

Harry S. Truman was sworn in as the 33rd President of the United States today in the White House. He took the oath of office at 12:05 P. M. today.

END COMES SUDDENLY AT WARM SPRINGS Even His Family Unaware of Condition as Cerebral Stroke Brings Death to Nation's Leader at 63

ALL CABINET MEMBERS TO KEEP POSTS Funeral to Be at White House Tomorrow, With Burial at Hyde Park Home— Impact of News Tremendous

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Bynes May Take Post With Truman

Walter Bynes, 62, is expected to take the post of Secretary of War when Harry S. Truman is sworn in as the 33rd President of the United States today. Bynes has served in the position since 1943.

POTSDAM (JULY '45)



ATOMIC BOMB

- **SECRETLY DEVELOPED (MANHATTAN PROJECT)**
- **USED AT HIROSHIMA (AUG 6, 1945)**
- **NAGASAKI (AUG 9, 1945)**

Hiroshima



Nagasaki



PEACE!

- JAPAN SURRENDERS

- AUGUST 15, 1945



ALFRED EISENSTADT

31 Day of Times Square, New York City, 1945