

Growth and Decline Of Hitler Germany



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Russians Play Big Role in Nazi Defeat

(By United Press)

Russia bore a major share in defeating the Germans. The statistics of the conflict in the east make that clear, but Prime Minister Churchill repeatedly has noted the fact and has credited the Russians with "ripping the guts out of the German army."

The war in the east was a battle of giants. It was a battle of vast armies, vast distances, and lightning sweeps. There they fought the battle of Stalingrad, one of the decisive battles of the world where Adolf Hitler's fortunes reached their high-water mark.

There, after Hitler signed his death warrant on the June morning when his gray-clad legions surged into Russia, the cities of Moscow and Leningrad stood and fought and won, and helped to set the allies on the road to victory. Germany, Italy and Romania declared war on Russia in June, 1941. German troops crossed the old Russian border on the first sweep of the long march that was to lead them to the very gates of Moscow and which drove the Russians back 800 miles to Stalingrad before the red army was able to mount a counter-attack.

Huge forces of well-trained, well-equipped Russian troops struck back savagely in the autumn of 1942. Red columns struck from both north and south to outflank the German 6th army before and within Stalingrad. Other red army troops swung around the invaders on the plains and in the Caucasus, putting steel clamps about the encircled foe.

Stalingrad was saved and the Germans lost the major part of 22 divisions which had comprised the attacking forces in that sector.

Other Soviet armies had opened another offensive from Voronezh, while up before Moscow, other red offensives completed the counter-move that set the Germans back on a 1,000-mile front. Russian spring thaws by this time had called a halt to any attempts at mobile warfare and both sides spent the intervening time in preparing for the gigantic blows that were to follow, but the Germans were now on the defensive and the Russians had blocked the best efforts of the invader.

Throughout 1943 and 1944 the Russians fought a terrible battle of attrition with the seemingly endless hordes of Germans that Hitler poured into the battle, but always the red army pushed the Hitlerites back. The dead mounted on the steppes and the Rus-

sians continued to drive forward. Prime Minister Stalin met with President Roosevelt and Churchill at Teheran for a war-planning conference, the Russians poured over the old Polish border on their counter-offensive, and then invaded Romania in a great southern drive that kept the Germans off balance.

By the spring of 1944, the red army had captured Odessa, captured Sevastopol, and had ended all German offensives in Russia, Poland and the Crimea. Russia's western allies struck the other half of the twin sledge-

hammer blows in June when troops landed on the Normandy coast and advanced through the Cherbourg peninsula in the greatest amphibious operation in history.

Russia knocked Finland out of the war, invaded Hungary from Romania and Stalin played host to Prime Minister Churchill and Anthony Eden to emphasize the USSR's growing contribution to the United Nations.

The "victory year" of 1945 opened with the eastern front ablaze as the red army started the great winter offensive with the capture

of Warsaw and Soviet troops pushed ahead to encircle East Prussia and deal a vital blow to Germany's war production in the upper Silesian area.

The Russian drive continued with the invasion of Pomerania, reached Germany's "last ditch" defense line, and then penetrated the Oder line and left the bleeding heart of Germany—the capital of Berlin—exposed to the red soldier's bayonet.

Russian losses in manpower have been staggering, but the red soldier has exacted a tremendous toll from the wehrmacht.

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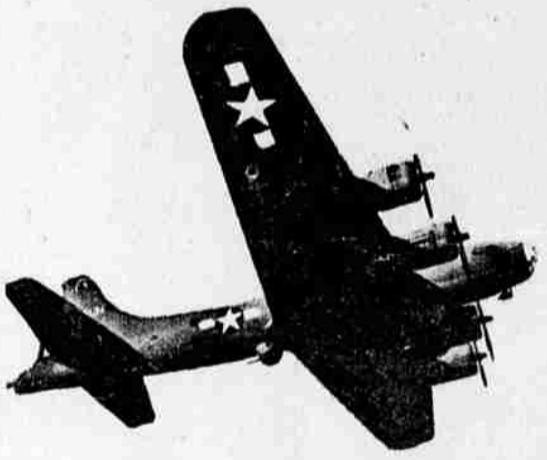
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