

List of World War II battles

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Battles from 1941

1943

1944

1945

African Front

Mediterranean Front

Western Front

Operation Blackout

Atlantic Ocean

Eastern Front

Indian Ocean

Pacific Front

China Front

Southeast Asia Front

Military engagements during occupations

Occupation of Denmark

Operation Safari

Battle of Isefjord

Occupation o

f Norway

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Resistances

Danish resistance

Norwegian resistance

Greek resistance

Battle of Fardykambos

Moldovan resistance

Naval engagements

General

Arctic Convoys

Battle of the Atlantic the name given to the conflict in the Atlantic Ocean between 1939 and 1945.

see also Timeline of the Battle of the Atlantic

Battle of the Mediterranean

Battle of the Indian Ocean

Specific

1940

First Battle of Narvik

Second Battle of Narvik

1941

Battle of Cape Matapan

Battle of Pearl Harbor

1942

Battle of the Coral Sea

Battle of Midway

Battle of Guadalcanal

1943

Battle of the Komandorski Islands

1944

Battle of Leyte Gulf

1945

Operation Ten-Go

Major bombing campaigns

General

Strategic bombing during World War II

Strategic bombing survey for the overall impact of the bombing.

Specific

Baedeker raids

Chungking

Coventry

Operation Retribution (1941) bombing of Belgrade during 1941.

Broome Japanese raid on the town of Broome, targeting the airfield.

Dresden

Darwin Japanese targ

et the harbour.

Hamburg

Helsinki February 1944, was mostly ineffective due to air defence and deception.

Hiroshima One nuclear weapon, Little Boy dropped from a B-29, devastating a city.

Kassel

London "The Blitz" and the V-1 and V-2 campaigns

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Nagasaki One nuclear weapon, Fat Man dropped from a B-29, devastating a city.

Narva March 1944. Evacuated town was destroyed by Soviet ADD.

Pearl Harbor

Rostock Heinkel Airplane Construction Plant, Seaport, and City

Rotterdam

Stalingrad 23 August 1942

Tallinn February March 1944. Bombed by Soviet ADD. Large-scale damage.

Tokyo Several devastating raids.

Warsaw

Operations

Raids

Small to medium-sized raiding operations were carried out by both Allied and Axis armies during World War II. The modus operandi used included guerrilla attacks by partisans in occupied territory and/or combined operations involving the landing and removal of specialised light infantry, such as commandos, by means of small boats.

Allied

Operation C

Colossus

10 February 1941

Experimental raid by 38 British Commandos on a fresh water aqueduct near Calitri in southern Italy.

Operation Claymore

4 March 1941

1000 Men from the British Commandos and belonging to the Norwegian Independent Company 1 destroy fish oil factories on the remote islands off the coast of Norway.

Operation Archery

27 December 1941

570 men from the British Commandos and belonging to the Norwegian Independent Company 1 raid and attack German positions on Vgssy Island in Norway.

Battle of Timor

19 February 1942 10 February 1943

Continuous raids from Australian commandos against the occupying Japanese.

Operation Chariot

28 March 1942

196 Royal Navy and Army Commando units raid and destroy the heavily defended docks of St. Nazaire in occupied France.

Dieppe Raid

19 August 1942

Over 6,000 infantrymen, mostly Canadian attempted to seize and hold the port of Dieppe.

Makin Island raid, 17 18 August 1942

Operation Jaywick, September 1943

Operation Jedburgh, 1944

Operati

on Roast, April 1945

Axis

Operation Greif, December 1944

Raiding units

Allied

Multinational

Chindits

Devil's Brigade

Z Special Unit

Popski's Private Army

Gideon Force

Australia

Australian Army Independent Companies

France

Far East French Expeditionary Forces

Intervention Light Corps

Greece

Sacred Band

United Kingdom

Long Range Desert Group

Special Air Service

Royal Marines

Special Operations Executive

British Army Commandos

Layforce

British Paratroopers

United States

Marine Raiders

US Army Rangers

Alamo Scouts

Merrill's Marauders

Axis

Nazi Germany

Brandenburger Regiment

Waffen-SS (commando force led by Otto Skorzeny).

Fascist Italy

Decima Flottiglia MAS

Empire of Japan

Special Naval Landing Forces

Defensive lines

Atlantic Wall

Caesar Line

GHQ Line

Gothic Line

Gustav Line

Maginot Line

Mannerheim Line

Metaxas Line

Siegfried Line

Taunton Stop Line

Contemporaneous wars

Chinese Civil War

Ecuadorian Peruvian War

Greek Civil War

Second Italo-Abyssinian War

Soviet-Japanese Border War (1939)

Spanish Civil War

Waziristan campaign (1936 1939)

Afghan tribal revolts of 1944 1947

References

See also

Campaigns of World War II

Participants in World War II

List of World War II military operations

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