

# Ides of May - the defeat of France, May-June 1940.

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## Invasion of France and the Low Countries

The French air asset was simply dissipated.

## France to surrender to Nazis

The immediate cost of the battle was 90,000 French troops dead and 200,000 wounded. Beginning on April 14, the Anglo-French landed expeditionary forces on the Norwegian coast, at Åndalsnes and Namsos near Trondheim in central Norway and at Narvik in the far north. For the Panthers reorganised Andrea quit the day after the uncut fell the second major German offensive in the West began.

## Why did France Fall?

As Belgium had slipped her alliance with France and declared her neutrality in 1936, the French could not move north until the Germans first violated Belgian territory. Already sixty eight to the beginning of one hundred forty his military record was so impeccable that no one dreamed of asking him to make way for a younger man.

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Germany and collaborating authorities soon initiated anti-Jewish policies and laws in occupied western Europe.

## BBC

Viewed in this context, Gamelin, the World War II French commander in chief, emerges as a soldier whose idea of making war was not just to shuffle papers. The confusion and disarray of the French air industry meant that French planes in May 1940 were inferior to those of the Germans in both quality and quantity. Le Paradis Massacre On May 27, after holding off a German company until their ammunition was spent, 99 soldiers from the Royal Norfolk Regiment retreated to a farmhouse in the village of Paradis, about 50 miles from Dunkirk.

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Please consider upgrading your browser software or enabling style sheets CSS if you are able to do so. The French high command simply could not recover from its mistakes in 1940 as it had a generation earlier. Most of the British bombers in France were single-engine Fairey Battles with a bombload of just 1,000 pounds.

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