

# The World War II

1939 – 1945

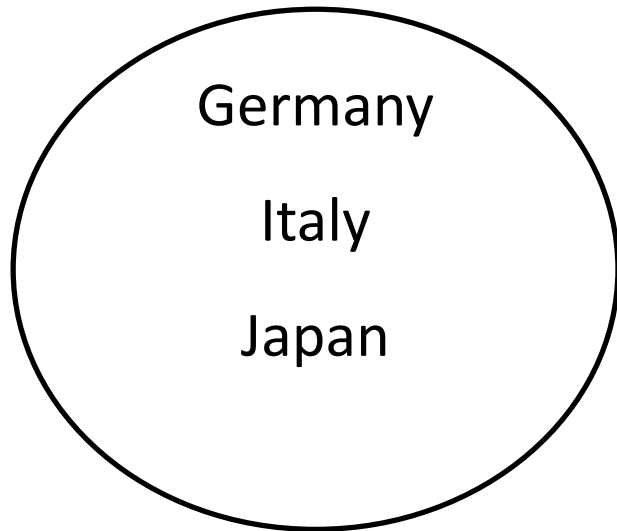
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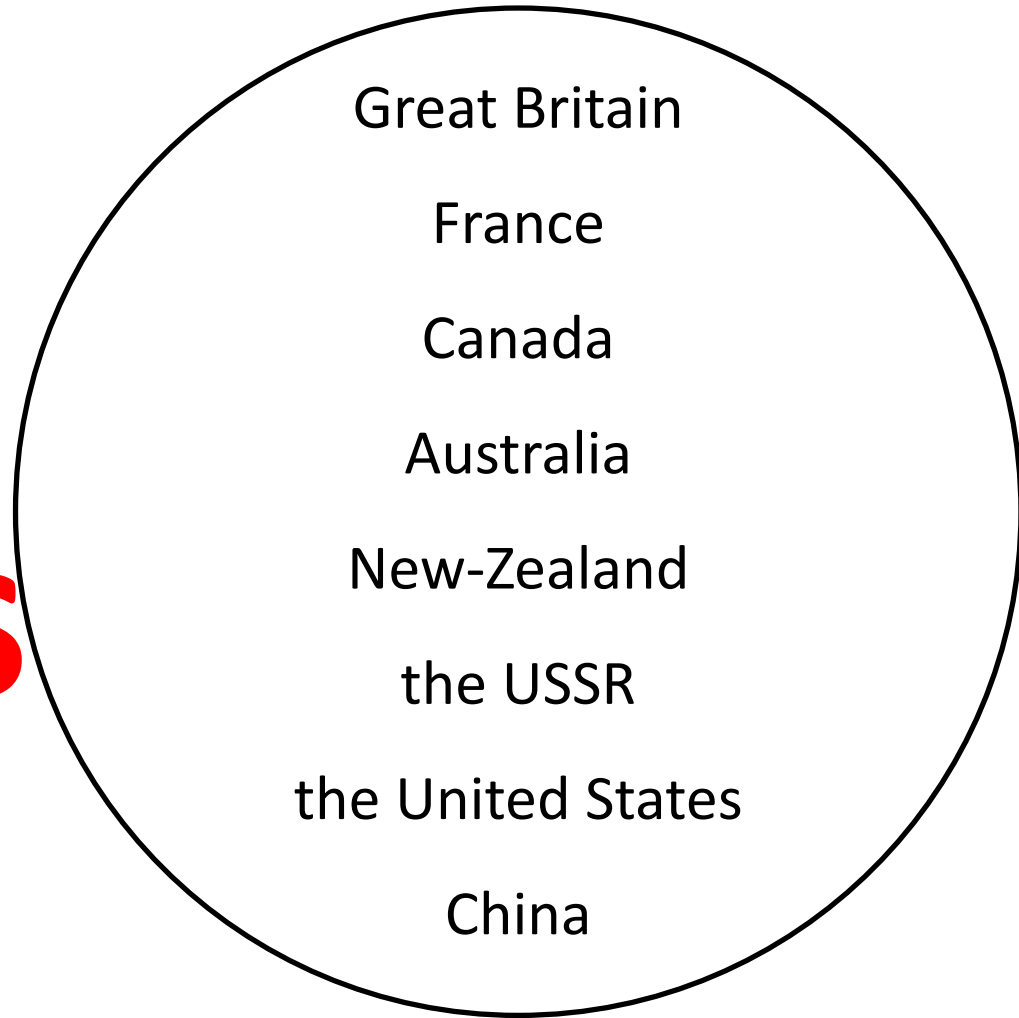
# World War II

1. Over sixty nations
2. Several trillion dollars
3. Approximately 60 million people killed  
(50 % civilians)



**The Axis Powers**

**Vs**



**Major Allied Powers**



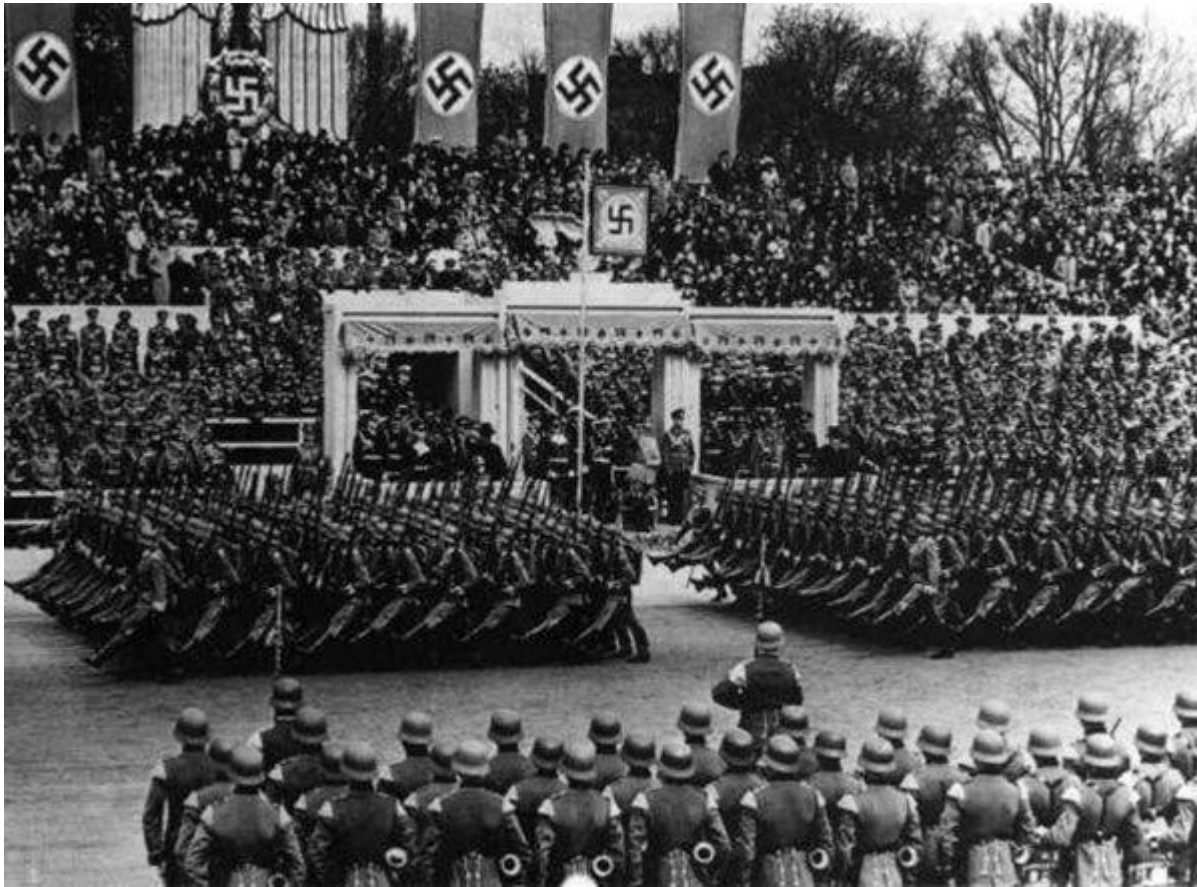
# The international relations **causes of World War II**

- 1. The 1930s aggression of Japan, Italy, and Germany unchecked by the League of Nations**
- 2. The Western democracies' policy of appeasement**

# Japan invaded Manchuria in 1931



# Germany's rearmament and conscription since 1935



# The USSR's collective security attempts in the 1930s





# Factors of the democracies' passivity

1. The U.S. isolationism
2. British antipathy for the USSR
3. The Great Depression
4. The memory of World War I

# The 1935 Italy's invasion of Ethiopia

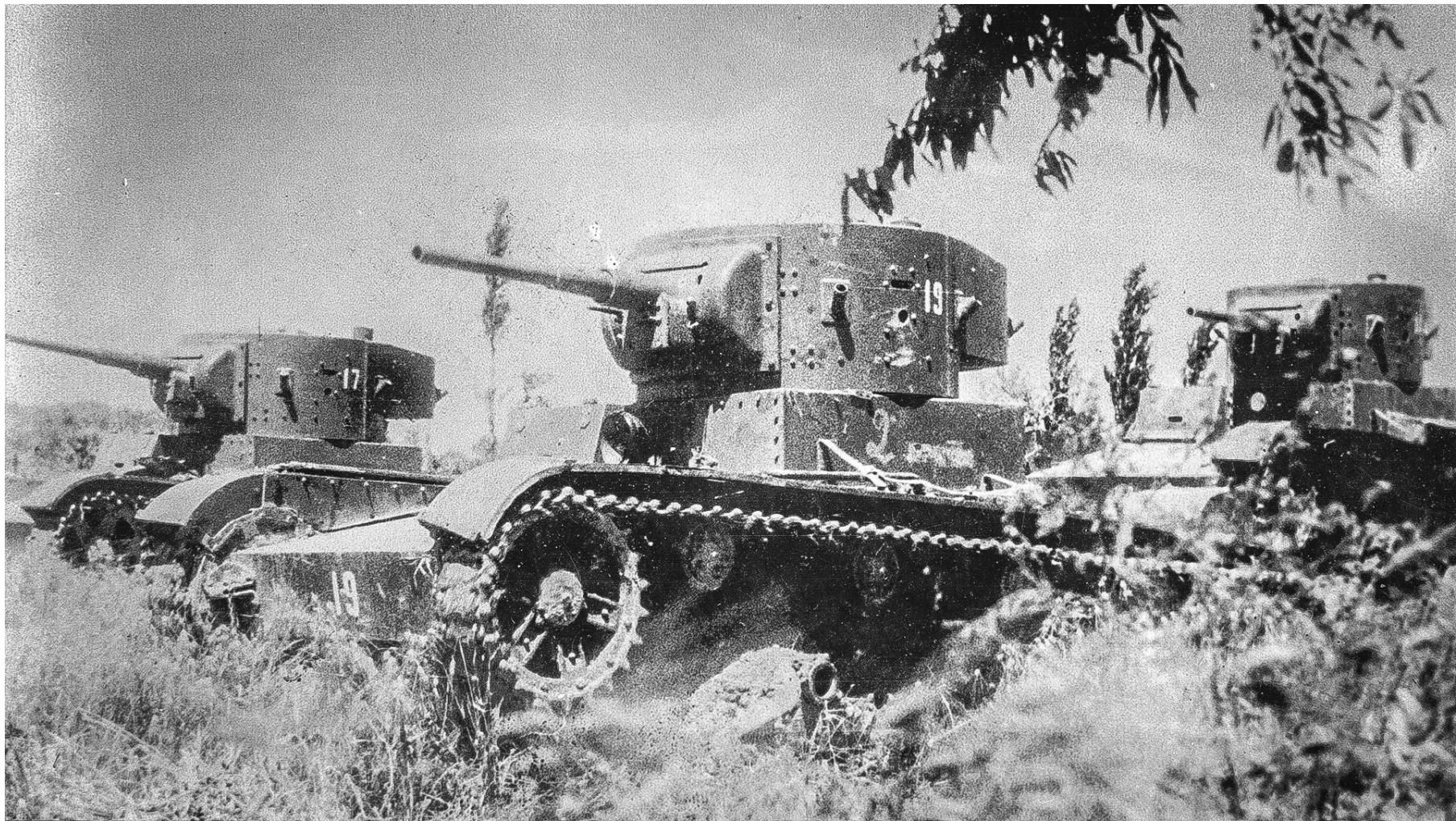


# Germany's troops in the Rhineland in 1936



# The Spanish Civil War (1936–1939)





# Francisco Franco



# Pablo Picasso's Guernica



# The 1937 Rape of Nanjing



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In 1938, Germany annexed Austria



# Munich Agreement (September, 1938)



# Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact (August 23, 1939)



# Germany's invasion of Poland, September 1, 1939



# Soviet invasion of Poland, September 17, 1939

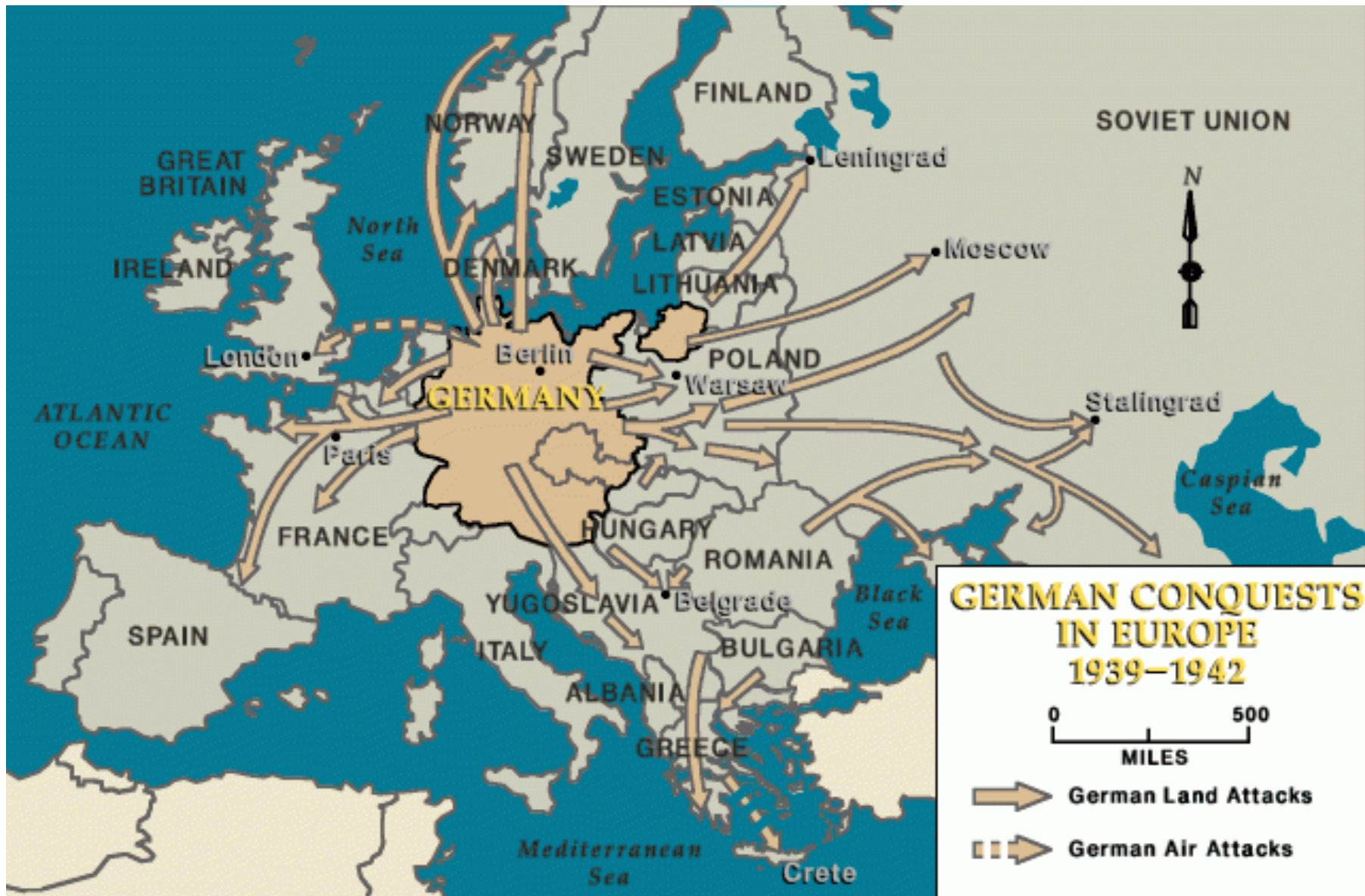


# NKVD brutally repressed the locals



# ***Blitzkrieg*** (“lightning war”)







# The Battle of Britain

(summer 1940 – spring 1941)



# In 1941, German tanks drove toward the British-controlled Suez Canal



# Barbarossa began June 22, 1941



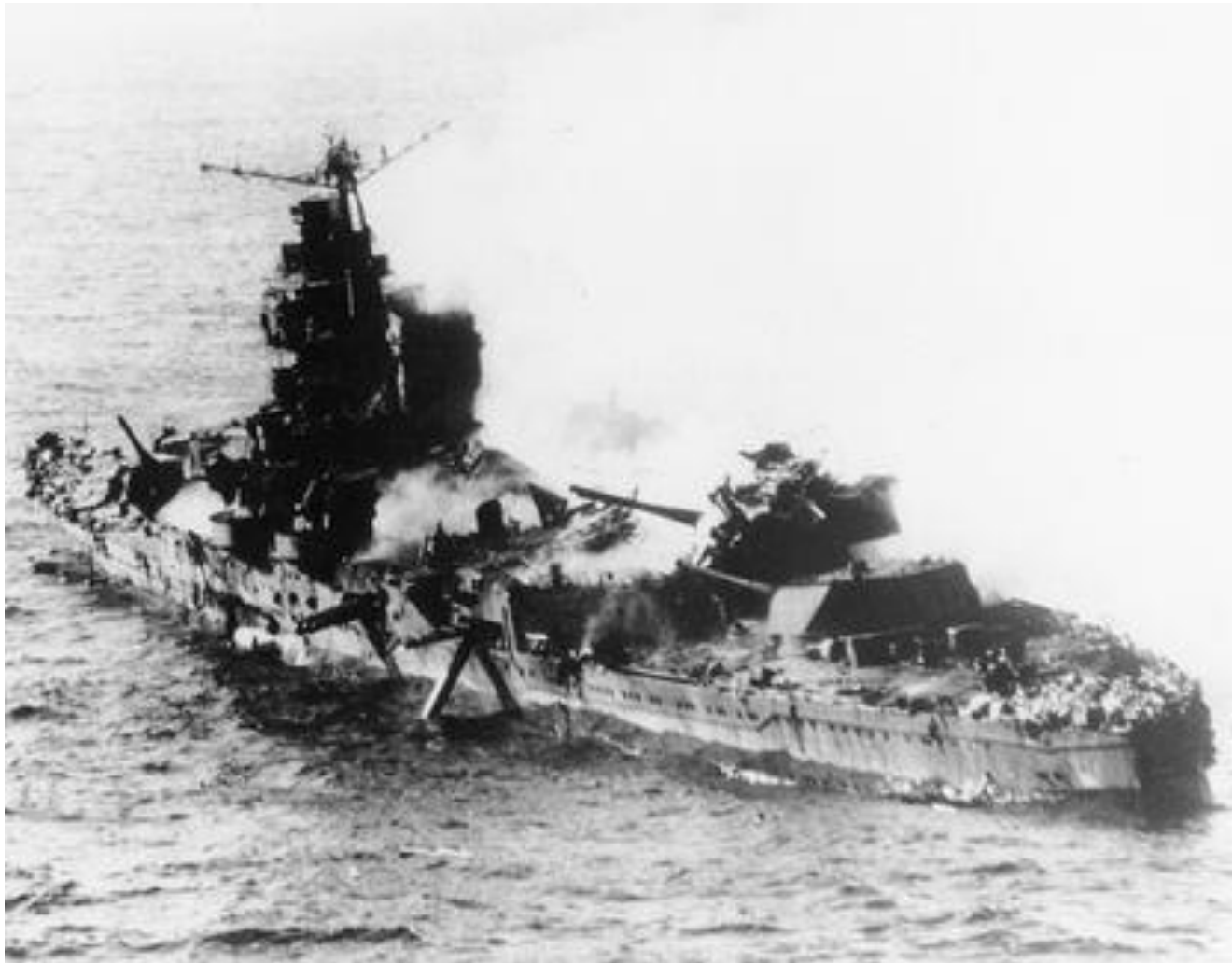
# The Japanese in the French Indochina in 1941



# December 7, 1941, surprise attack on Pearl Harbor



# Midway (June 1942)



# El Alamein (July-November 1942)



# Stalingrad

(August 1942-February 1943)

