Beginning of WWII

Blitzkrieg (lightning war)

- Use fast moving airplanes and tanks to overwhelm then send in massive infantry forces.
  - Very quick and very effective.

DANZIG
EAST PRUSSIA
WARSAW
POLAND
SOVIET UNION
Invades Poland,
17 September 1939
ASE WHITE
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nber 1939.
German-Soviet Border
negotiated under the
Molotov-Ribbentropp
Pact.
PRAGUE
Teschen Annexed to Poland,
September 1938
CZECHOSLOVAKIA
Slovakia formed,
September 1938
Ruthenia Annexed to Hungary,
March 1939

KEY
German Armies
German Attacks
Polish Armies
Polish Movements
Soviet Attacks
Front Line 5 September
National Borders
German-Soviet Border
German Territories
Soviet Territories
Cities
Rivers
Marsh
Fortifications
EAST PRUSSIA
SOVIET UNION
Soviet Union Invades Poland 17 September 1939.
POLAND
GERMANY
CASE WHITE
Germany Invades Poland, 4:45am, 1 September 1939.
SLOVAKIA
DANZIG
Krojanty
ARMY GROUP NORTH
FOURTH ARMY
THIRD ARMY
5 SEPTEMBER
Mlawa
Narew River
Bialystok
NAREW GROUP (Part)
Vilnius
Szczucryn
Pripyat River
Pinsk
PRIPYAT MARSHES
Bug River
Vistula River
Modlin
Legionowo
MODLIN & NAREW GROUP (Part)
Siedlce Surrendered 14 Sept.
Brześć
POMORZE, POZNAN & LODZ ARMIES
Kutno
Sieraków
WARSAW
Brochów
Poznań
Warta River
Bzura River
Łódź
Piotrków
Radom Surrendered 11 Sept.
Lublin
Chełm
German-Soviet Border negotiated under the Molotov-Ribbentropp Pact.
EIGHTH ARMY
TENTH ARMY
Mokra
Breslau
Częstochowa
Sandomierz
KRAKOW ARMY (Remnants)
Tomaszów-Lubelski
San River
CARPATHIAN ARMY (Remnants)
Lvov
Tarnopol
ARMY GROUP SOUTH
Kraków
Niepołomice
Przemyśl
FOURTEENTH ARMY
18 CORPS
CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS
TATRA MOUNTAINS
Dniester River
Tartar Pass
Fortified Line
Oder River
0 Miles
0 KM

BLITZKRIEG

When you only stop for kittens

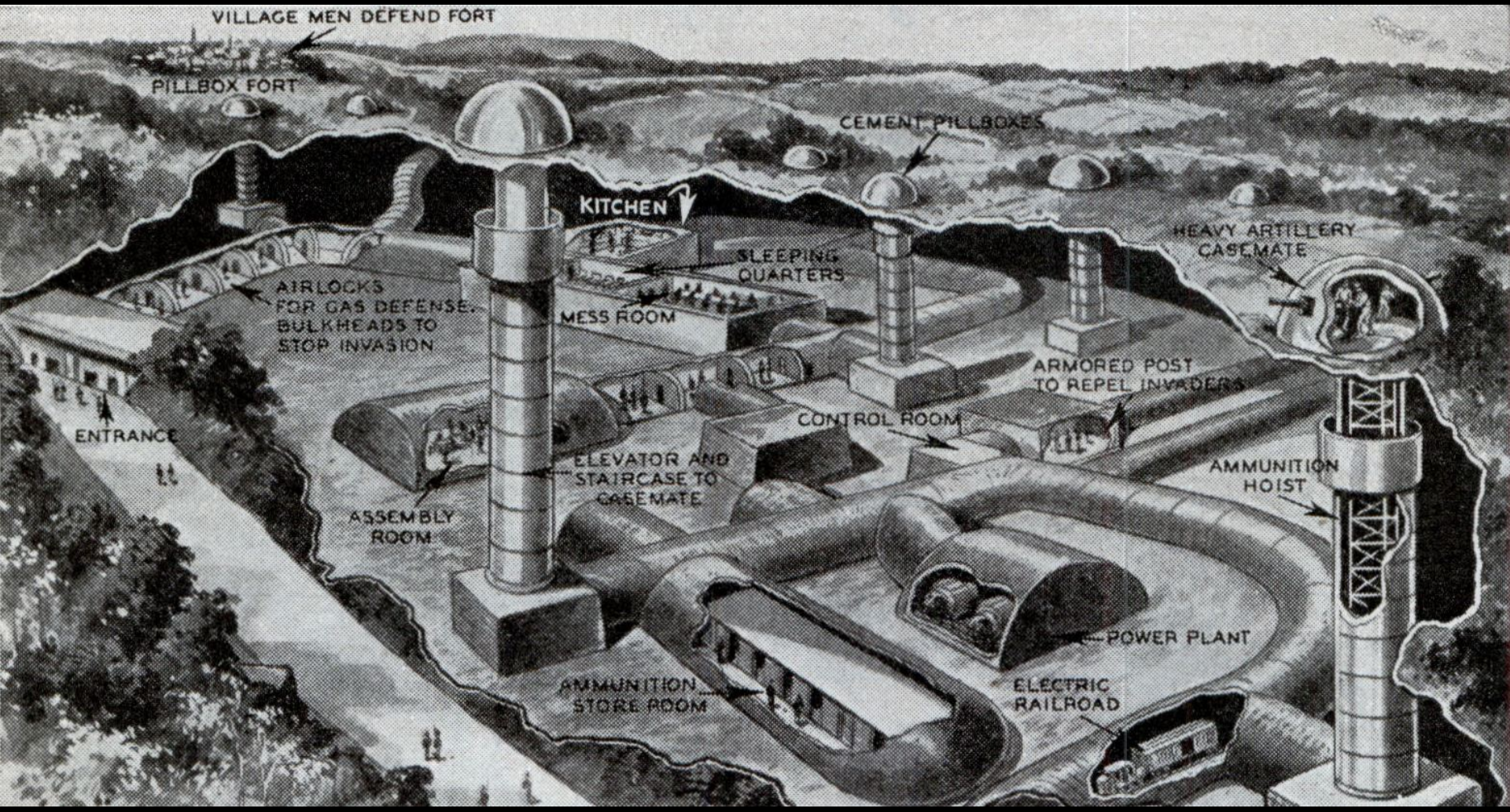
Maginot Line

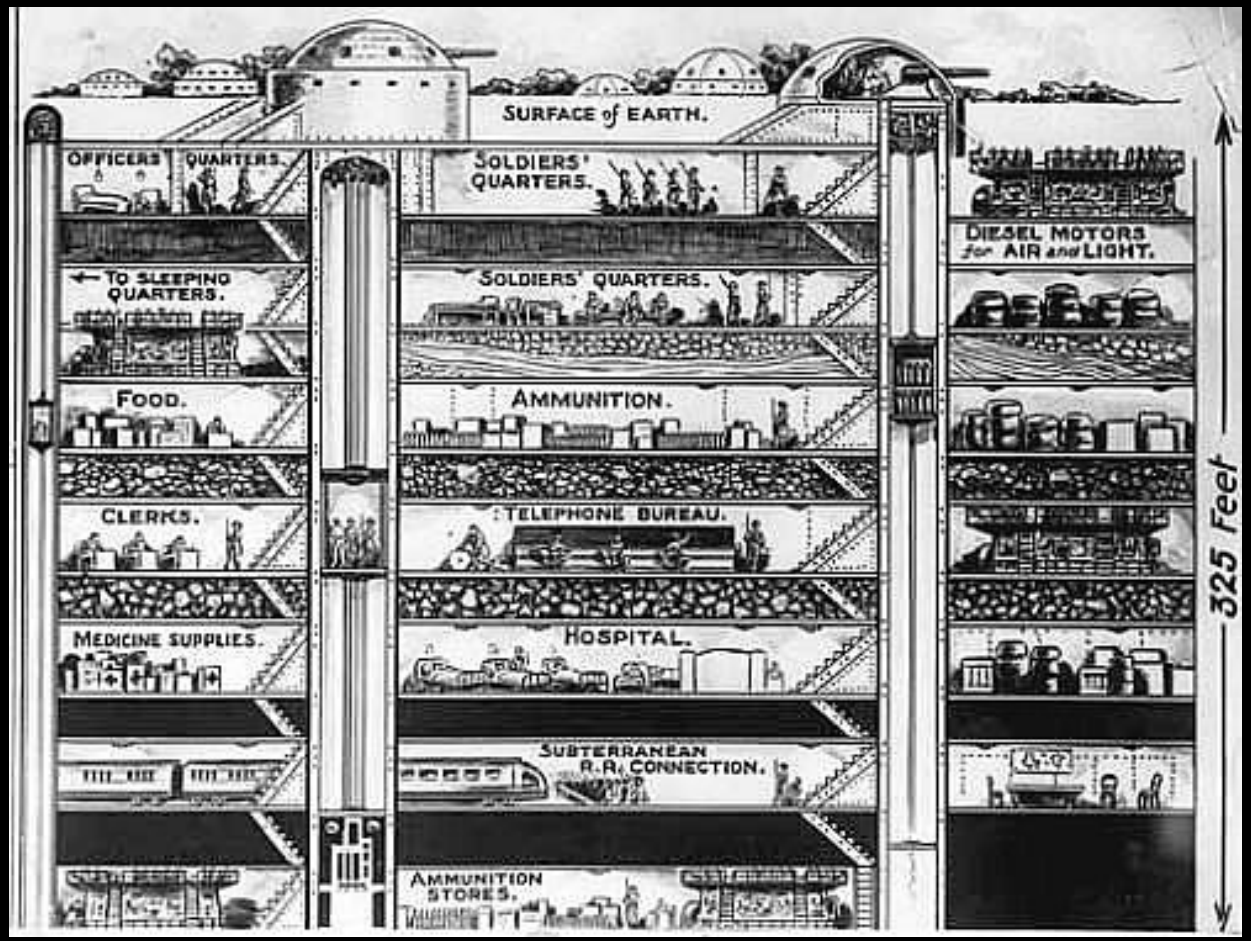
- System of fortification along France and Germany's border.
  - 450 miles long

- Forts at 10 mile intervals, 97 smaller forts and 352 casemates between, with over 65 miles of tunnels.

Casemate

Dan McKenzie 2001


VILLAGE MEN DEFEND FORT
PILLBOX FORT
CEMENT PILLBOXES
KITCHEN
HEAVY ARTILLERY CASEMATE
SLEEPING QUARTERS
AIRLOCKS FOR GAS DEFENSE. BULKHEADS TO STOP INVASION
MESS ROOM
ARMORED POST TO REPEL INVADERS
CONTROL ROOM
ENTRANCE
ELEVATOR AND STAIRCASE TO CASEMATE
AMMUNITION HOIST
ASSEMBLY ROOM
POWER PLANT
AMMUNITION STORE ROOM
ELECTRIC RAILROAD


SURFACE of EARTH.
OFFICERS' QUARTERS.
SOLDIERS' QUARTERS.
DIESEL MOTORS for AIR and LIGHT.
← TO SLEEPING QUARTERS.
SOLDIERS' QUARTERS.
FOOD.
AMMUNITION.
CLERKS.
TELEPHONE BUREAU.
MEDICINE SUPPLIES.
HOSPITAL.
SUBTERRANEAN R.R. CONNECTION.
AMMUNITION STORES.
325 Feet

BELGIUM
GERMANY
FRANCE
LUX.
Dunkirk Encirclement
Brussels
Liege
Lille
Namur
Maubeuge
Amiens
Sedan
Reims
Verdun
Metz
Paris
Nancy
Strasbourg
Remnants of French Army
Colmar
Mulhouse
Cologne
Mainz
Rhine
6th Army
4th Army
12th Army
16th Army
1st Army
7th Army
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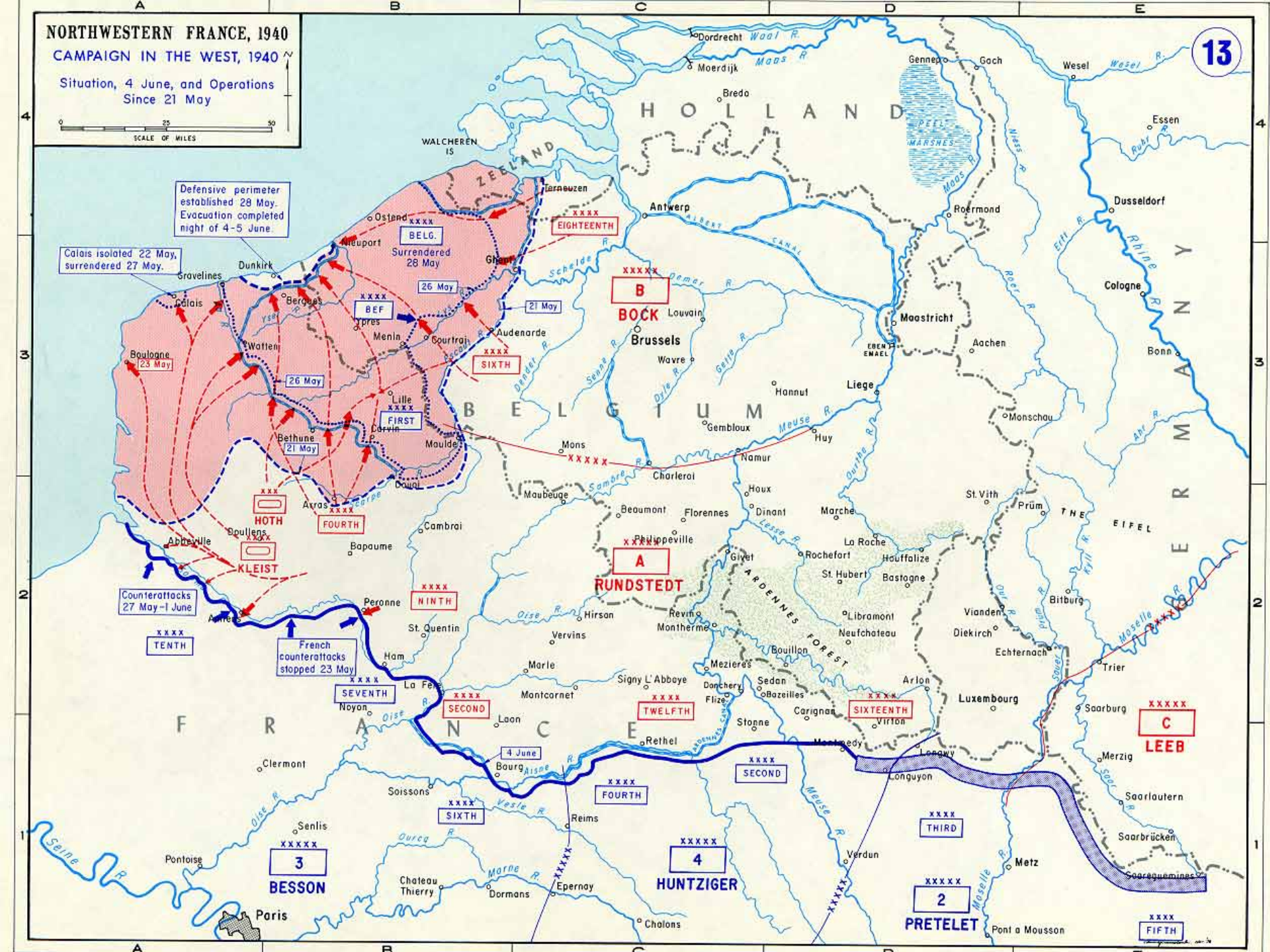
1 Attack of Border Defenses
2 Envelopment of the Left Flank
3 Breakthrough in the Center
4 Assault Crossing of the Rhine
5 Attack against the Right Flank
Maginot Line
Westwall

Rescue at Dunkirk

- After Hitler's Panzer tank groups stormed through the Ardennes, British troops in retreat were corned on the English channel in Dunkirk.
  - Completely stranded until the famous "little ships of Dunkirk", a flotilla of hundreds of merchant marine boats, fishing boats, pleasure craft, and lifeboats were called into service for the emergency.

- 345,000 French, Belgian, and British troops are saved.



NORTHWESTERN FRANCE, 1940
CAMPAIGN IN THE WEST, 1940
Situation, 4 June, and Operations Since 21 May
SCALE OF MILES
13
HOLLAND
BELGIUM
FRANCE
ERMANY
ZEELAND
WALCHEREN IS
PEEL MARSHES
ALBERT CANAL
ARDENNES FOREST
THE EIFEL
Defensive perimeter established 28 May. Evacuation completed night of 4-5 June.
Calais isolated 22 May, surrendered 27 May.
Counterattacks 27 May-1 June
French counterattacks stopped 23 May
BELG. Surrendered 28 May
BEF
FIRST
SIXTH
EIGHTEENTH
HOTH
FOURTH
KLEIST
NINTH
TENTH
SEVENTH
SECOND
TWELFTH
SIXTEENTH
THIRD
FIFTH
B BOCK
A RUNDSTEDT
C LEEB
3 BESSON
4 HUNTZIGER
2 PRETELET
Dordrecht
Moerdijk
Bredo
Gennep
Goch
Wesel
Essen
Dusseldorf
Cologne
Bonn
Roermond
Maastricht
Aachen
Liege
Monschau
Antwerp
Brussels
Louvain
Wavre
Hannut
Gembloux
Huy
Namur
Charleroi
Mons
Maubeuge
Beaumont
Florennes
Philippeville
Dinant
Marche
Houx
Rochefort
Givet
La Roche
Houffalize
St. Hubert
Bastogne
Libramont
Neufchateau
Bouillon
Mezieres
Sedan
Bazeilles
Carignan
Virton
Arlon
Luxembourg
Longwy
Longuyon
Montmedy
Stonne
Rethel
Bourg
Reims
Epernay
Chalons
Verdun
Metz
Pont a Mousson
Saarbrücken
Saarlautern
Saarburg
Merzig
Trier
Bitburg
Echternach
Diekirch
Vianden
St. Vith
Prüm
Ostend
Nieuport
Dunkirk
Gravelines
Calais
Bergues
Ypres
Menin
Courtrai
Audenarde
Ghent
Terneuzen
Watten
Boulogne
Lille
Carvin
Bethune
Moulde
Douai
Arras
Doullens
Abbeville
Amiens
Cambrai
Bapaume
Peronne
St. Quentin
Ham
La Fere
Noyon
Laon
Marle
Montcornet
Signy L'Abbaye
Vervins
Hirson
Revin
Montherme
Clermont
Soissons
Senlis
Pontoise
Paris
Chateau Thierry
Dormans
Seine R.
Oise R.
Aisne R.
Vesle R.
Ourcq R.
Marne R.
Meuse R.
Sambre R.
Scarpe R.
Escaut R.
Schelde R.
Demer R.
Dyle R.
Gette R.
Senne R.
Dender R.
Lesse R.
Ourthe R.
Moselle R.
Saar R.
Sauer R.
Prüm R.
Kyll R.
Ahr R.
Erft R.
Rhine R.
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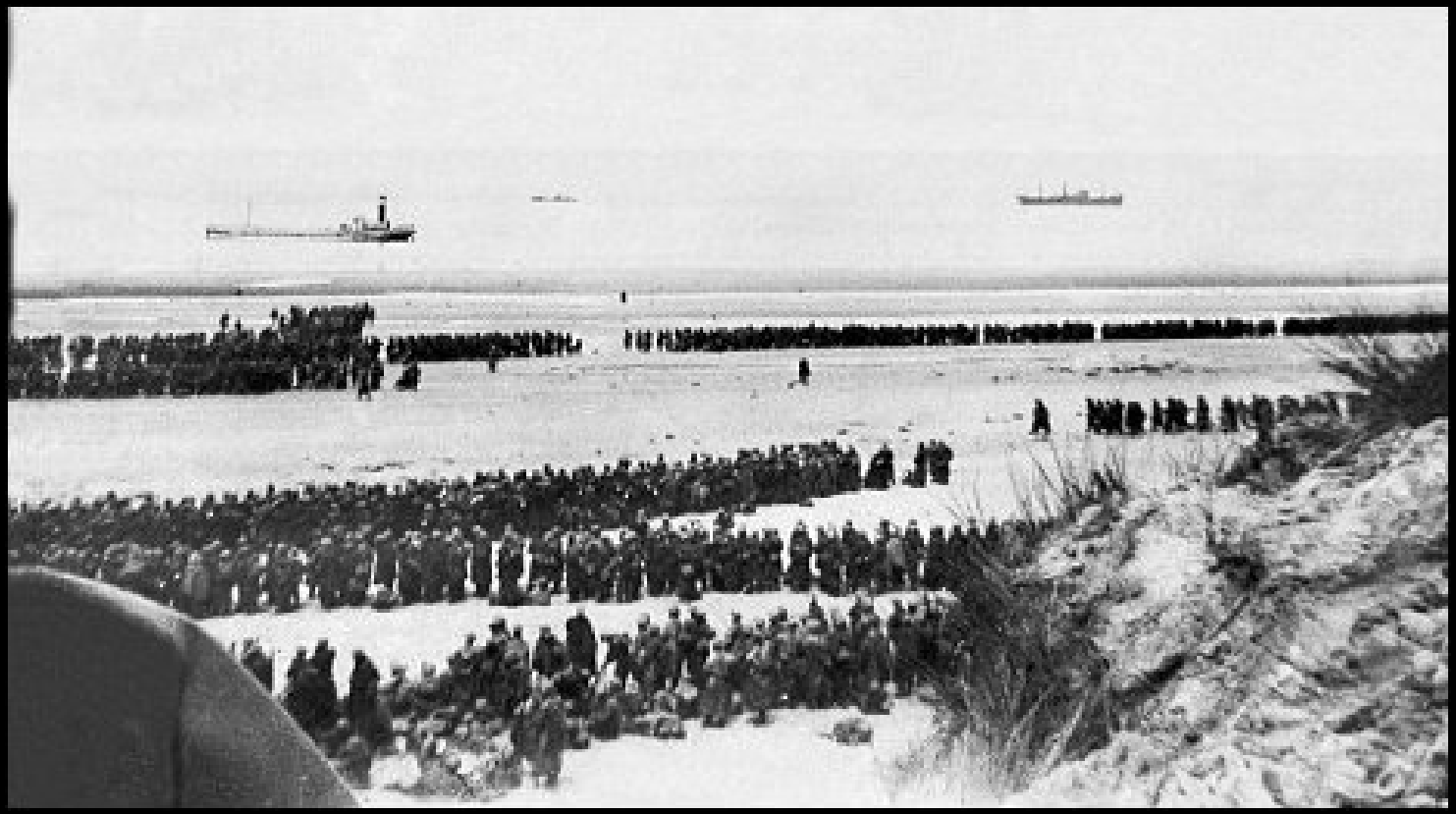
Wesel R.
Ysel R.
Yser R.
Dordrecht



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Prime Minister Winston Churchill in the House of Commons

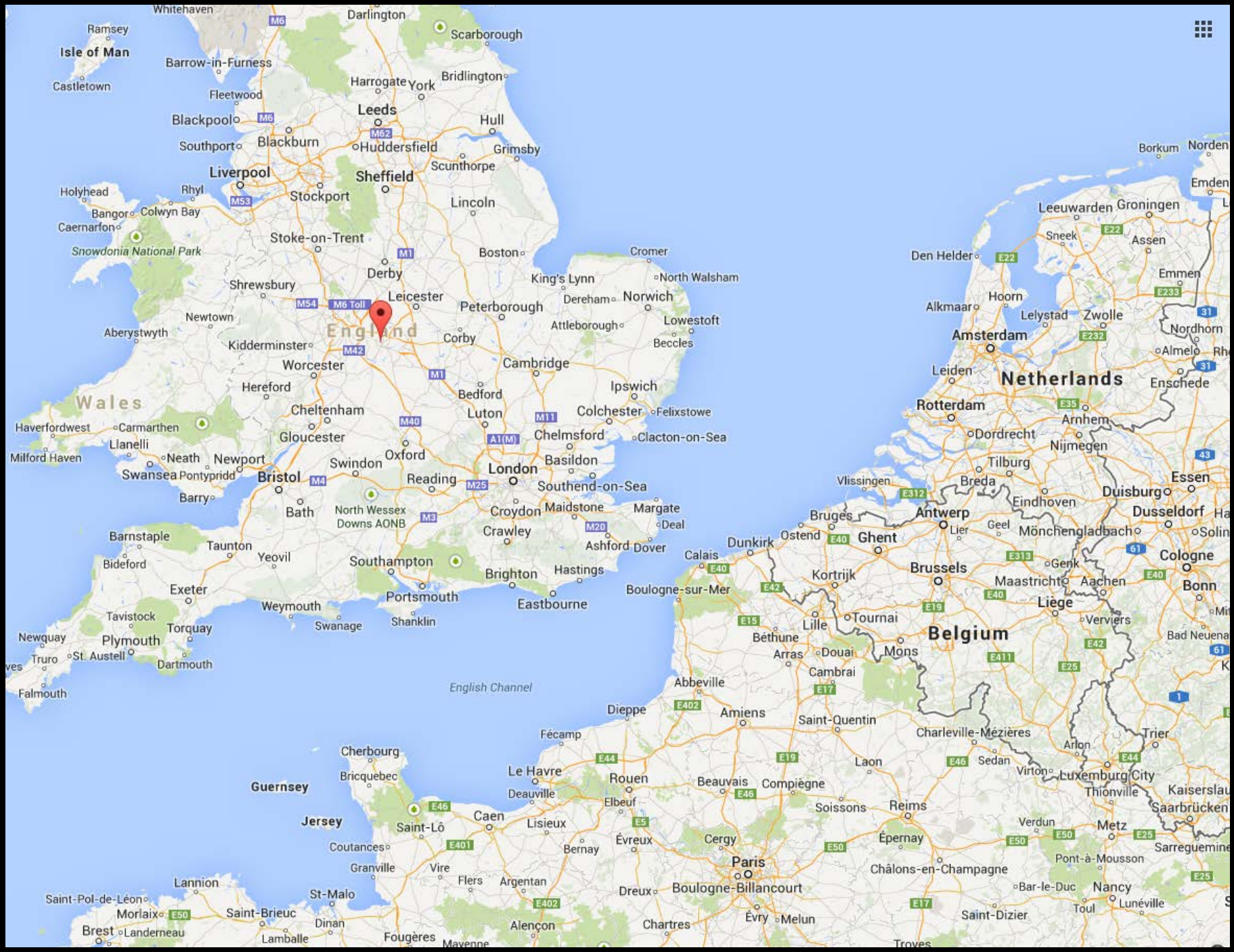
"... the Battle of France is over. I expect that the Battle of Britain is about to begin."

Battle of Britain

- With the fall of France, Great Britain was the lone country against the Nazis.

Coventry Bombing

- Night of November 14th,1940
- Industrial center in rural England
- 60,000 buildings destroyed, city flattened
- 600 year old Coventry cathedral destroyed
- Thereafter in Germany, "Koventriert" or "Coventry-ed" was the word the Germans used for annihilating a city with sheer firepower.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Castletown
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York
Bridlington
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Blackpool
Hull
Blackburn
Southport
Huddersfield
Grimsby
Liverpool
Scunthorpe
Sheffield
Holyhead
Rhyl
Stockport
Lincoln
Bangor
Colwyn Bay
Caernarfon
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Derby
King's Lynn
North Walsham
Shrewsbury
Leicester
Dereham
Norwich
Peterborough
Newtown
Attleborough
Lowestoft
Aberystwyth
England
Corby
Beccles
Kidderminster
Cambridge
Worcester
Ipswich
Hereford
Bedford
Wales
Cheltenham
Luton
Colchester
Felixstowe
Haverfordwest
Carmarthen
Gloucester
Chelmsford
Clacton-on-Sea
Llanelli
Milford Haven
Neath
Newport
Oxford
Basildon
Swansea
Pontypridd
Swindon
Bristol
Reading
London
Southend-on-Sea
Barry
Bath
North Wessex Downs AONB
Croydon
Maidstone
Margate
Deal
Barnstaple
Taunton
Crawley
Ashford
Dover
Bideford
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Portsmouth
Eastbourne
Weymouth
Tavistock
Torquay
Swanage
Shanklin
Newquay
Plymouth
Truro
St. Austell
Dartmouth
Falmouth
English Channel
Guernsey
Jersey
Cherbourg
Bricquebec
Le Havre
Deauville
Rouen
Elbeuf
Caen
Saint-Lô
Lisieux
Coutances
Granville
Vire
Flers
Argentan
Bernay
Évreux
Cergy
Paris
Boulogne-Billancourt
Dreux
Évry
Melun
Chartres
Alençon
Fougères
Mayenne
Lamballe
Dinan
Saint-Brieuc
St-Malo
Lannion
Saint-Pol-de-Léon
Morlaix
Brest
Landerneau
Dieppe
Fécamp
Abbeville
Amiens
Saint-Quentin
Cambrai
Arras
Douai
Béthune
Lille
Tournai
Mons
Belgium
Boulogne-sur-Mer
Calais
Dunkirk
Ostend
Bruges
Ghent
Antwerp
Brussels
Kortrijk
Maastricht
Aachen
Liege
Verviers
Vlissingen
Breda
Eindhoven
Tilburg
Nijmegen
Arnhem
Dordrecht
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Amsterdam
Alkmaar
Hoorn
Lelystad
Zwolle
Den Helder
Sneek
Leeuwarden
Groningen
Assen
Borkum
Norden
Emden
Enschede
Nordhorn
Almelo
Duisburg
Essen
Dusseldorf
Mönchengladbach
Geel
Lier
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Bonn
Bad Neuenahr
Charleville-Mézières
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Luxemburg City
Thionville
Kaiserslautern
Saarbrücken
Metz
Verdun
Épernay
Reims
Soissons
Compiègne
Beauvais
Sarreguemines
Pont-à-Mousson
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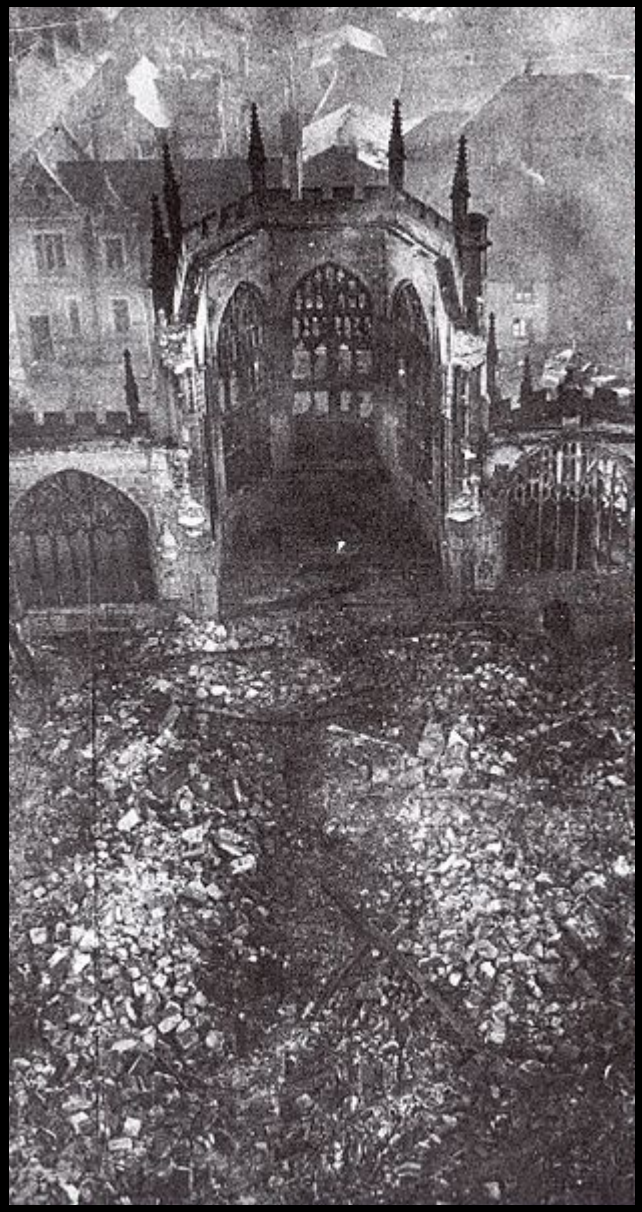

- It has been told that Winston Churchill knew that Coventry was going to be attacked because British Intelligence has cracked the German code.
  - Instead of evacuating the city which would have shown the Germans they had cracked the code, he chose instead to withhold that information and allow the city “to face their fate.”

Is the overall importance of finally cracking the German coding system more important than a city of people?

North Africa

Timeline of Events

- Blitzkrieg on Poland→ September 1, 1939
- Soviet Invasion of Poland→ September 17, 1939
- Fall of France→ May-June 22nd 1940
- Battle of Britain → Summer 1940- May 10th, 1941
- North Africa → September 1940- June 1942
- Hitler invades Soviet Union→ June 22, 1941-March 1943