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STANFORD'S
GENERAL MAP
OF
THE WORLD
ON MERCATOR'S PROJECTION



BATTLE OF THE BULGE

DEC 1944 - JAN 1945

LAST MAJOR GERMAN OFFENSIVE
ON THE WESTERN FRONT.







YALTA CONFERENCE

FEB 4 - 11, 1945

- 1) GERMANY DIVIDED
- 2) FREE ELECTIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE
- 3) SOVIETS WILL HELP AGAINST JAPAN
- 4) CREATE U.N.

A black and white aerial photograph capturing a strategic bombing mission. Several B-29 Superfortresses are seen from a high-angle perspective, flying over a city. The aircraft are silhouetted against a backdrop of thick, billowing white smoke and dust that fills much of the sky. The city below is a dense grid of buildings and streets, with some areas appearing to be obscured by the smoke. The overall scene conveys the scale and intensity of the operation.

ALLIED STRATEGIC BOMBING



The Strategic Bombing Campaign

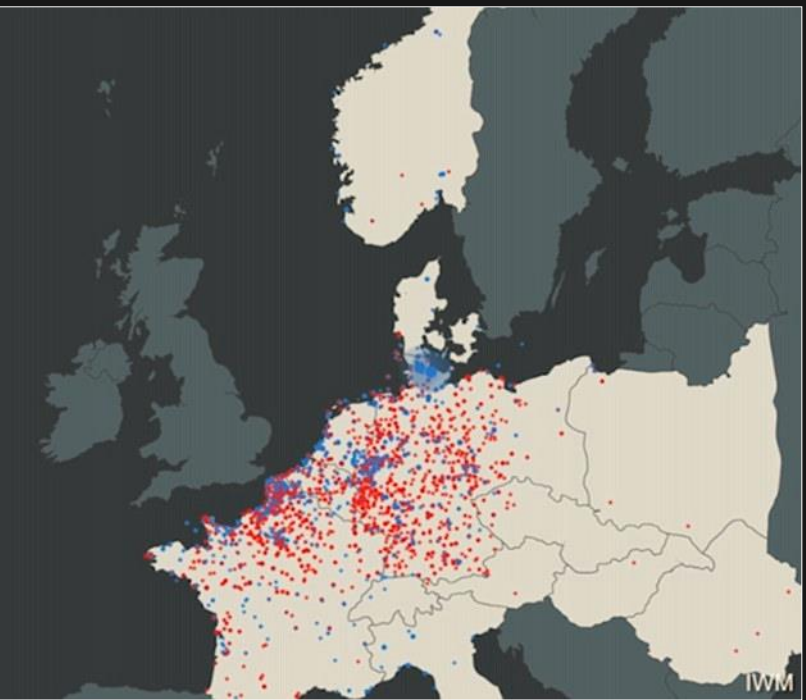
1945 / 6 May

8 May 1945: Victory for the Allies is declared in Europe.

- United Kingdom (RAF)
- United States (USAAF)

Tonnage dropped in May: 337
Tonnage dropped in total: 1,578,482

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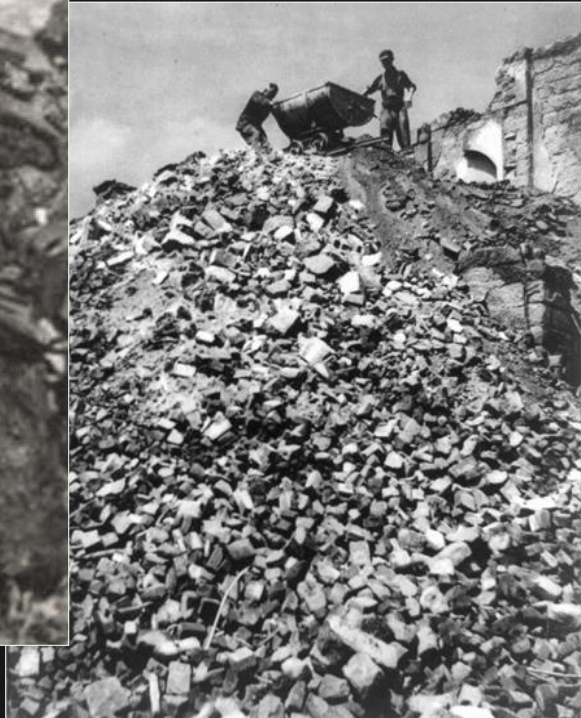


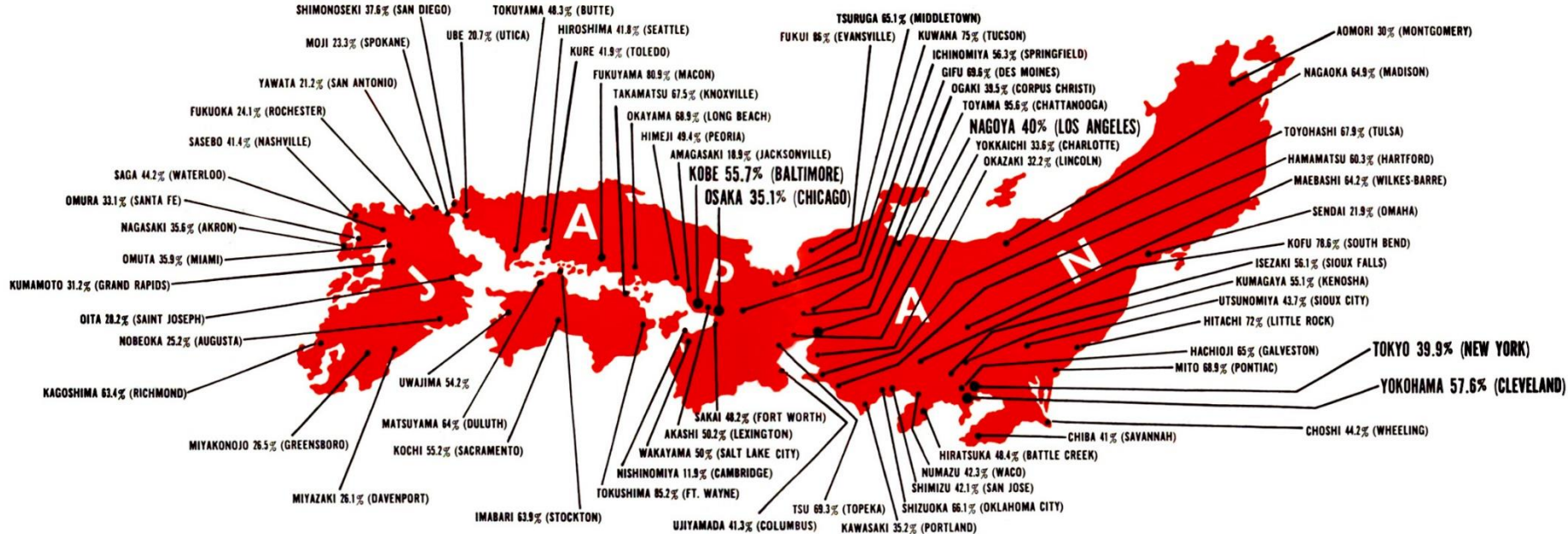
BOMBING OF DRESDEN

FEB 1945

THE CONTROVERSIAL BOMBING OF GERMAN CITY BY US & UK
35,000-130,000 KILLED







This map of Japan shows the principal industrial cities which were burned out by B-29 incendiary attacks. Figures indicate what per cent of the city was destroyed. For comparison, each city is paired with U.S. city of approximately the same size.



FIRE BOMBING OF TOKYO

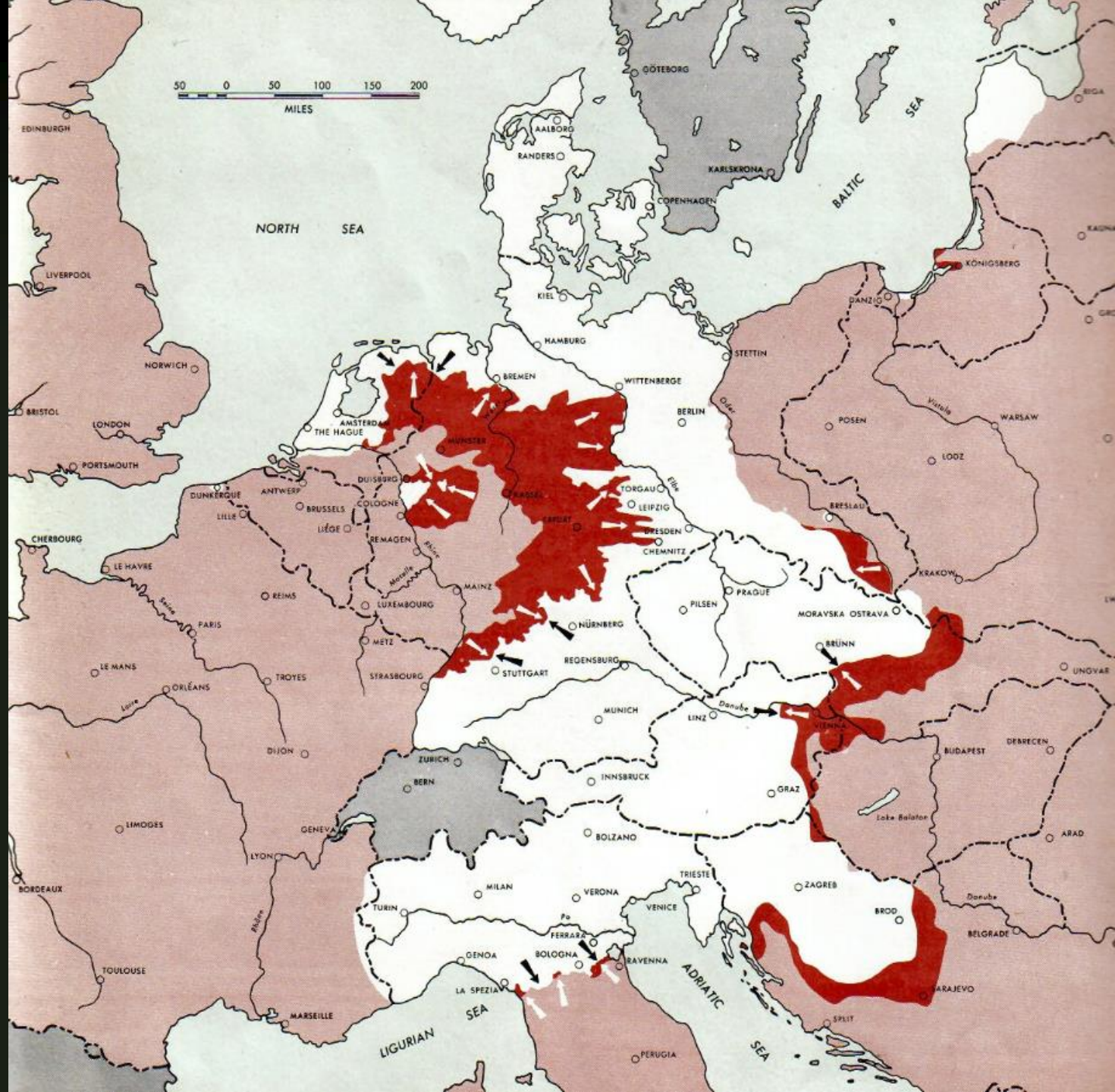
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SINGLE DEADLIEST BOMBING IN ALL OF WORLD WAR II
(C. 100,000 KILLED, 1 MILLION DISPLACED)









BATTLE OF BERLIN

APRIL - MAY 1945

ONE OF THE KEY FINAL BATTLES IN WHICH SOVIETS
ATTACKED THE NAZI CAPITOL (12 MILLION CASUALTIES)









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Clearing and warm today.
Fair, continued warm tomorrow.
Temperature Yesterday—Max., 74; Min., 54
Barometer today, 30.21 A. M.; Boston, 7. In P. M.

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THREE CENTS NEW YORK CITY

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS DEAD; TRUMAN TO CONTINUE POLICIES; 9TH CROSSES ELBE, NEARS BERLIN

U. S. AND RED ARMIES DRIVE TO MEET

Americans Across the Elbe in Strength
Race Toward Russians Who Have
Opened Offensive From Oder

WEIMAR TAKEN, RUHR POCKET SLASHED

Third Army Reported 19 Miles From Czechoslovak
Border—British Drive Deeper in the North,
Seizing Celle—Canadians Freeing Holland

By DREW MIDDLETON
Special to The New York Times.

PARIS, April 12—Thousands of tanks and a half million doughboys of the United States First, Third and Ninth Armies are racing through the heart of the Reich on a front of 150 miles, menacing Berlin, Leipzig and the last citadels of the Nazi power. The Second Armored Division of the Ninth Army has crossed the Elbe River in force and is striking eastward toward Berlin, whose outskirts lie less than sixty miles to the east, according to reports from the front. [A report quoted by The United Press stated the Americans less than fifty miles from the capital.] Beyond Berlin the First White Russian Army has crossed the border on a wide front and a junction between the western and eastern Allies is not far off.

[The Moscow radio reported that heavy battles were raging west of the Oder before Berlin, indicating that Marshal Gregory K. Zhukoff had launched his drive toward the Reich's capital. The Soviet communiqué announced further progress by the Red Army forces in and around Weimar.]

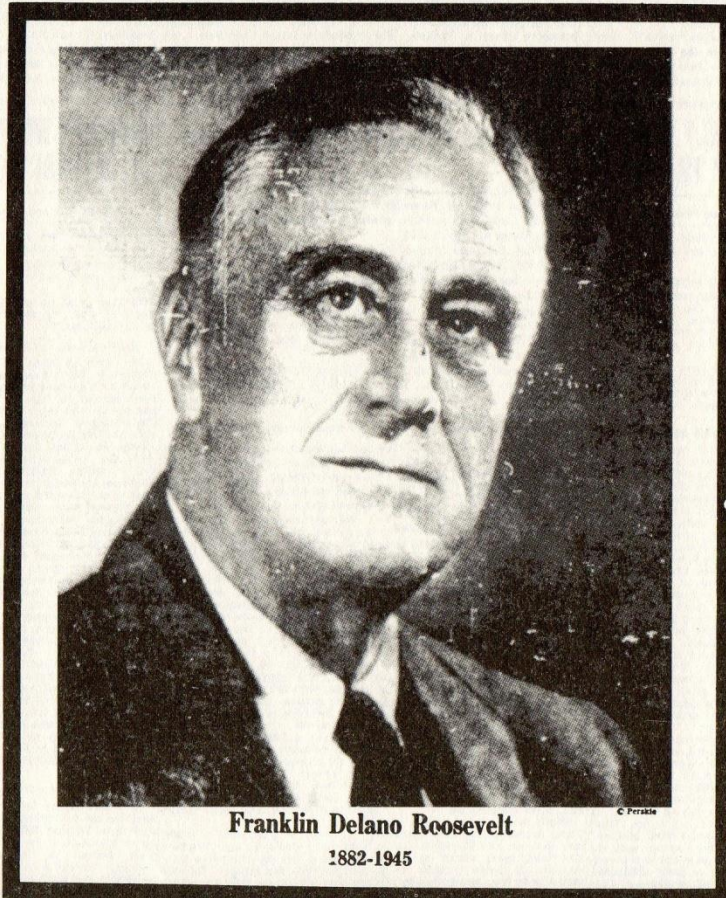
Paris is wild with excitement tonight. A special edition of the newspaper France-Soir carries a report by the radio station "Voice of America" that places American forces fifteen and five-eighths miles from Berlin after an airborne landing that had linked up with Lieut. Gen. William H. Simpson's forces advancing eastward on the Elbe. This would put American forces only seventy-five

OUR OKINAWA GUNS DOWN 118 PLANES

Japanese Fliers Start 'Suicide'
Attacks on Fleet, Sink a
Destroyer, Hit Other Ships

By W. H. LAWRENCE

Special to The New York Times
GUAM, Friday, April 13—Japanese attempting to halt the American march to Tokyo, have started "desperate, suicidal" aerial attacks upon our ships and men in the Okinawa area, losing 118 planes on Thursday alone, Fleet Admiral



Franklin Delano Roosevelt

1882-1945

END COMES SUDDENLY AT WARM SPRINGS

Even His Family Unaware of Condition
as Cerebral Stroke Brings Death
to Nation's Leader at 63

ALL CABINET MEMBERS TO KEEP POSTS

Funeral to Be at White House Tomorrow,
With Burial at Hyde Park Home—
Impact of News Tremendous

By ARTHUR KROCK
Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 12—Franklin Delano Roosevelt, War President of the United States and the only Chief Executive in history who was chosen for more than two terms, died suddenly and unexpectedly at 4:35 P. M. today at Warm Springs, Ga., and the White House announced his death at 5:48 o'clock. He was 63.

The President, stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage, passed from unconsciousness to death on the eighty-third day of his fourth term and in an hour of high triumph. The armies and fleets under his direction as Commander in Chief were at the gates of Berlin and the shores of Japan's home islands as Mr. Roosevelt died, and the cause he represented and led was nearing the conclusive phase of success.

TRUMAN IS SWORN IN THE WHITE HOUSE

Members of Cabinet on Hand
as Chief Justice Stone
Administers the Oath

By C. F. TRUSSELL

Special to The New York Times
WASHINGTON, April 12—Vice President Harry S. Truman of Missouri, standing erect, with his sharp features taut and looking straight ahead through his large, round glasses, became the thirty-



HARRY S. TRUMAN
33RD PRESIDENT



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**MUSSOLINI
CAPTURED
& EXECUTED
APRIL 28, 1945**





HITLER'S LAST DAYS



HITLER COMMITTS SUICIDE IN BUNKER

APRIL 30, 1945

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HITLER DEAD

Fuehrer Fell at CP, German Radio Says; Doenitz at Helm, Vows War Will Continue

German radio announced last night that Adolf Hitler had died. After Karl Doenitz, former commander-in-chief of the German Navy, has succeeded him as ruler of the Reich, the radio announcement said.

Doenitz made a radio speech immediately after the announcement, Hitler said, and declared that Germany would continue its wage war. His statement spiked peace rumors which had been prevalent for more than a week in all world capitals.

The announcement did not give any details of how the Reich Fuehrer died. The news was broadcast after solemn Wagnerian music, including "Flight of the Gods," was played.

"Behave, behaving," a voice said, "In a few minutes you will have a solemn and important message to the German people. We are now going

to play a movement of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony." Finally, the report of Hitler's death was given.

Hitler's death came three days after his last day of battle, Death Marches of Italy, was killed by Italian partisans near the village of Dossog near Lake Como.

Doenitz, in his speech, said that Hitler "had fallen at his command post," while Goebbels radio said that he died in the Reich Chancellery in Berlin yesterday afternoon. Red Army troops fighting in Berlin.

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Churchill Hints Peace Is at Hand

Churchill's speech tonight in the House of Commons, he said that the war is now in its final stages and that peace is at hand. He said that the British people should be prepared for the possibility of a peace settlement in the near future.

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FALL OF BERLIN TO SOVIET FORCES

MAY 2, 1945



GERMAN ARMY SURRENDERS TO ALLIES

MAY 7, 1945







V-E Day

Victory in Europe Day
(May 8, 1945)



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