

# THE WAR IN EUROPE

## By the Numbers

*(National Archives and Records Administration, 111-SC-209020.)*

**150 TRILLION**

Possible ways for a German “Enigma” machine to encode a single letter.

**288.7 MILLION**

Individual rounds of ammunition expended by the US Army Air Force against the Axis powers in the European and Mediterranean theaters during World War II.

**100 MILLION**

Pounds of SPAM shipped to feed Allied troops and civilians, mostly in Europe.

**26 MILLION**

Tons of Allied merchant shipping lost during the Battle of the Atlantic.

**16.1 MILLION**

US military personnel serving in World War II (across all theaters).

**9.5 MILLION**

Estimated peak strength of the German armed forces during World War II.

**6 MILLION**

Estimated number of European Jews killed in Nazi Germany during the Holocaust.

**5 MILLION**

Estimated number of additional Holocaust victims, including the Romany, Jehovah’s Witnesses, prisoners of war, homosexuals, and political enemies of Hitler’s Third Reich.

**2.7 MILLION**

Tons of conventional bombs dropped by the Allies in the European theater.

**1.6 MILLION**

Estimated Axis and Soviet casualties during the Battle of Stalingrad.

**600,000**

Number of US troops directly involved in the Battle of the Bulge, making it the largest single battle ever fought by the US Army.



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- 400,000** Tons of supplies delivered to the Allied front in France via the Red Ball Express, mainly by African American soldiers.
- 183,500** US military battle-related deaths in the European theater, including those who died in the Battle of the Atlantic.
- 175,000** Allied soldiers involved in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day.
- 7,600** Women's Army Corps members serving in the European theater by May 1945.
- 6,483** Vessels dispatched to the coast of Normandy as part of the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944.
- 700** Miles between the Allied invasion site at Normandy and Berlin.
- 21** Medals of Honor earned by members of the all-Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Unit in Italy, France, and Germany.
- 12** Countries participating in the Allied invasion of Normandy.
- 2** Wartime conferences between the original "Big Three": Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.
- 1** Plan for the Allied invasion of France on D-Day in 1944. There was no backup strategy.

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