The War in Europe By the Numbers

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.
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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