



Turning Points of World War II

Battle of El Alamein



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- In 1942 the Axis threat in Africa ended when Erwin Rommel (the “Desert Fox”) was defeated.
- Allied Powers won access to the Suez Canal and the Middle East’s oil supplies

The Battle of Stalingrad



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- The victory at Stalingrad turned the Second World War into a 1 front war.
- One of the bloodiest battles in history.
- The German's never recovered from this loss.

The Battle of Midway Island



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- The island campaign of the American forces led them to many island battles including Iwo Jima and the Battle of Midway island.
- The Japanese were forced back towards their home islands.

D-Day Invasion of Normandy



Invasion of Normandy

- June 6, 1944
- Called “Operation Overlord”
- Largest amphibious invasion in history; successfully crossed the English Channel into France
- Caused the Germans to retreat from France



NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Louisville Courier-Journal
**News Brings Tears And Prayers
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By SAM MOSS

Detroit News

Hitler's Wall Broken as Allies Move Inland

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, (AP) -- Allied Expeditionary Force,
June 6



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V-E DAY

- Europe will declare victory on May 8th, just one day after Hitler commits suicide.
- The war is over in Europe BUT....the Pacific front is still open.