

IMPORTANT WAR DATES

1939

- SEP 1. Germany invaded Poland
- SEP 3. Great Britain and France declared war on Germany; the B.E.F. began to leave for France
- DEC 13. Battle of the River Plate

1940

- APR 9. Germany invaded Denmark and Norway
- MAY 10. Germany invaded the Low Countries
- JUNE 3. Evacuation from Dunkirk completed
- JUNE 8. British troops evacuated from Norway
- JUNE 11. Italy declared war on Great Britain
- JUNE 22. France capitulated
- JUNE 29. Germans occupied the Channel Isles
- AUG 8-OCT 31. German air offensive against Great Britain (Battle of Britain)
- OCT 28. Italy invaded Greece
- NOV 11-12. Successful attack on the Italian Fleet in Taranto Harbour.
- DEC 9-11. Italian invasion of Egypt defeated at the battle of Sidi Barrani

1941

- MAR 11. Lease-Lend Bill passed in U.S.A.
- MAR 28. Battle of Cape Matapan
- APR 6. Germany invaded Greece
- APR 12-DEC 9. The Siege of Tobruk
- MAY 20. Formal surrender of remnants of Italian Army in Abyssinia
- MAY 20-31. Battle of Crete
- MAY 27. German battleship *Bismarck* sunk
- JUNE 22. Germany invaded Russia
- AUG 12. Terms of the Atlantic Charter agreed
- NOV 18. British offensive launched in the Western Desert
- DEC 7. Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour
- DEC 8. Great Britain and United States of America declared war on Japan

1942

- FEB 15. Fall of Singapore
- APR 16. George Cross awarded to Malta
- OCT 23-Nov 4. German-Italian army defeated at El Alamein
- NOV 8. British and American forces landed in North Africa

1943

- JAN 31. The remnants of the 6th German Army surrendered at Stalingrad
- MAY Final victory over the U-Boats in the Atlantic
- MAY 13. Axis forces in Tunisia surrendered
- JULY 10. Allies invaded Sicily
- SEP 3. Allies invaded Italy
- SEP 8. Italy capitulated
- DEC 26. *Scharnhorst* sunk off North Cape

1944

- JAN 22. Allied troops landed at Anzio
- JUNE 4. Rome captured
- JUNE 6. Allies landed in Normandy
- JUNE 13. Flying-bomb (V.1) attack on Britain started
- JUNE Defeat of Japanese invasion of India
- AUG 25. Paris liberated
- SEP 3. Brussels liberated
- SEP 8. The first rocket-bomb (V.2) fell on England.
- SEP 17-26. The Battle of Arnhem
- OCT 20. The Americans re-landed in the Philippines

1945

- JAN 17. Warsaw liberated
- MAR 20. British recaptured Mandalay
- MAR 23. British crossed the Rhine
- APR 25. Opening of Conference of United Nations at San Francisco
- MAY 2. German forces in Italy surrendered
- MAY 3. Rangoon recaptured
- MAY 5. All the German forces in Holland, N.W. Germany and Denmark surrendered unconditionally
- MAY 9. Unconditional surrender of Germany to the Allies ratified in Berlin
- JUNE 10. Australian troops landed in Borneo
- AUG 6. First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima
- AUG 8. Russia declared war on Japan
- AUG 9. Second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki
- AUG 14. The Emperor of Japan broadcast the unconditional surrender of his country
- SEP 5. British forces re-entered Singapore

MY FAMILY'S WAR RECORD