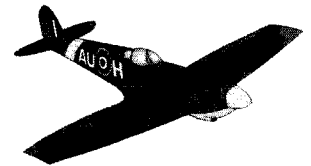


Hitler's Errors



Dunkirk, 1940

- X a seaport on the coast of France
- X British and French troops, early into the war, are pushed to the coast by German panzer (tank) units.
- X Hitler wanted the luftwaffe to destroy these allied troops, but cloud cover prevented the bombing.
- X For nine days the British navy, as well as civilian helpers, evacuated 300,000 men from the beaches of Dunkirk. These troops would live to fight again.



The London Blitz (bombing of London), 1940

- X during the Battle of Britain the Germans accidentally bombed London instead of RAF (Royal Air Force) airfields.
- X Churchill (the Prime Minister of Britain) retaliated by bombing Berlin.
- X Hitler, very upset, bombs London for two months.
- X Hitler should have continued to bomb British military bases, but didn't. This gave the RAF time to rebuild their air force and train more pilots.



Operation Barbarossa (Invasion of Russia)

- X German supply lines stretched way too far.
- X Stalin's army, as well as Russian winter, are able to force the Germans to withdraw from the Soviet Union.
- X Germans are unable to win the Battle of Stalingrad after a long, costly and brutal war. The Soviets are able to cut off the weak German supply lines.

The Battle of Stalingrad signals the first major loss for the German military. From now on the Third Reich will be moving backward (defensive).