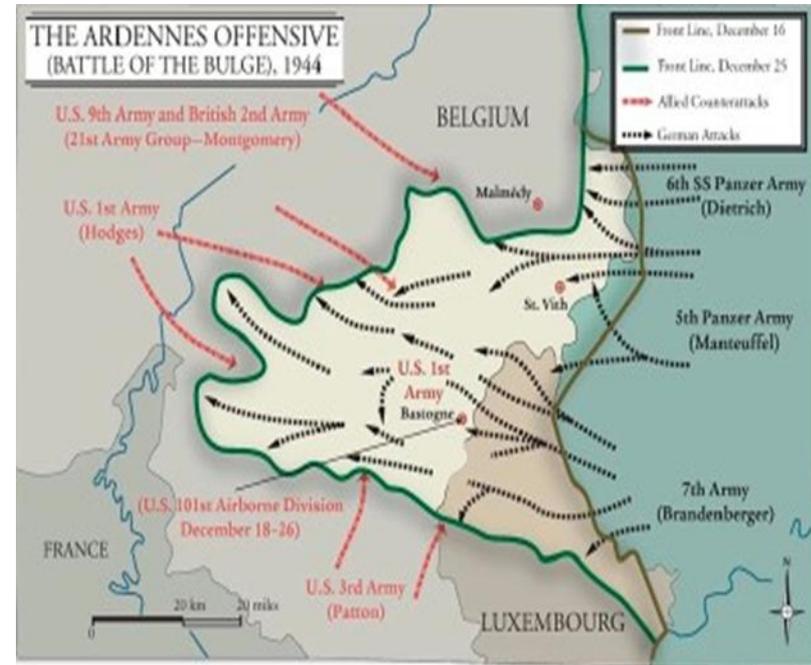


The End of WWII in Europe

- ★ Soviet Union began an offensive against Germany through Finland
- ★ Battle of the Bulge – last, major German offensive against the U.S.
 - The allies severely depleted the best of what was left of the German army.





- Bombing of Dresden – RAF/USAAF military bombed the last un-bombed German city. (Feb 1945)
- This was one of the controversial events of the war.
- The bombs created a firestorm that destroyed almost every building and killed between 30 000-60 000 civilians.



Quelle: Deutsche Fotothek

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- Yalta Conference – “The Big Three” met to discuss allied plans for the defeat of the Germans and the end of the war. (Feb 1945)
 - Stalin’s Red Army began a large assault in April 1945. (The Battle of Berlin)



- The Battle of Berlin was the final German offensive of the war in Europe.

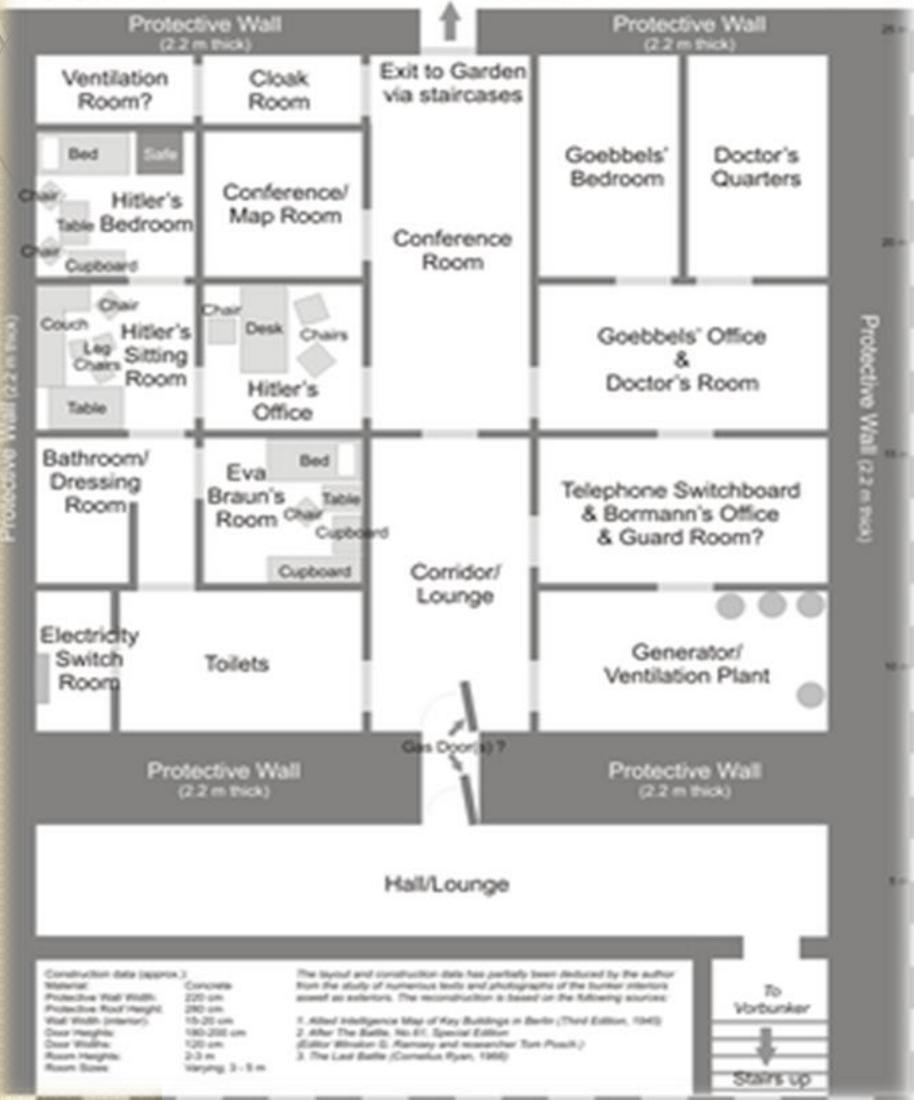


- Soviets - 360,000 casualties
- Germans - 450,000 including civilians and 170,000 captured.



The Führerbunker, built in 1944, was located 17 meters beneath the Reich Chancellery garden, approx. 100 meters north of the 1930s Reich Chancellery building, which had the address, Unter den Eichen 6. The Führerbunker was located somewhat lower than the Vorbunker and west (or rather west-south) of it. The two bunkers were connected via sets of stairs set at right angles (not shown).

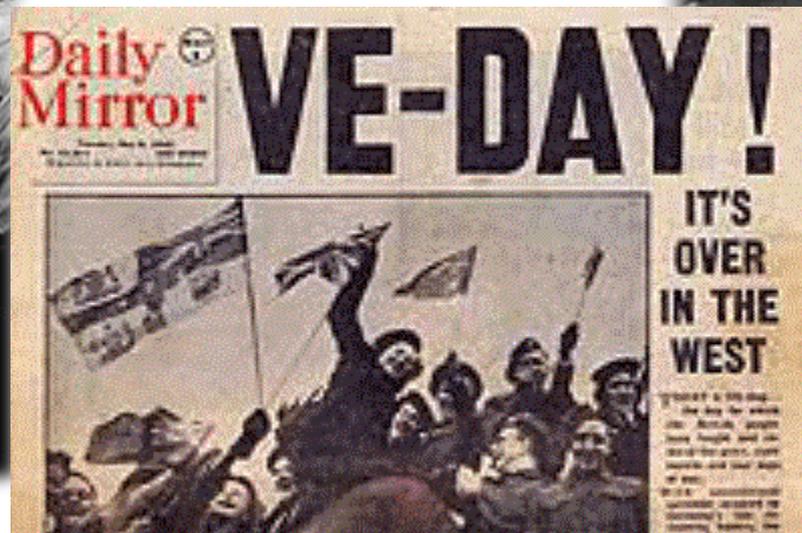
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- Hitler and his staff moved into the Führerbunker, a concrete bunker.
- On April 30, 1945, he committed suicide along with his wife, Eva Braun.



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- Admiral Doenitz signed an unconditional surrender agreement with the allies on May 8, 1945.
 - V-E Day (Victory in Europe) was celebrated.



End of WWII in the Pacific

- Scientific testing was concluding on a new type of weapon in the US.



- Manhattan Project – creation of the first weapon of mass destruction in the New Mexico desert.



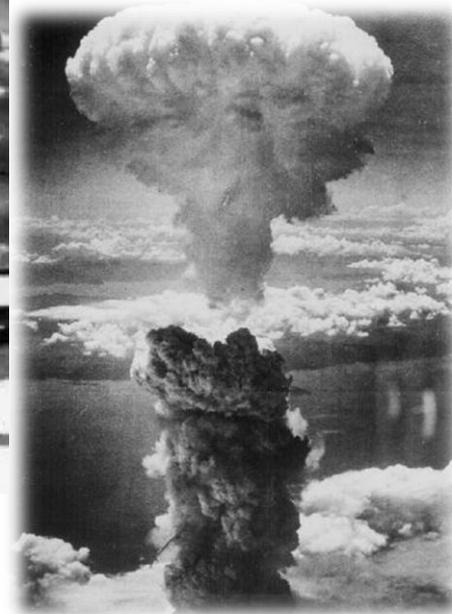


- Decision was made to use the bomb on cities in Japan after Japan refused an unconditional surrender.

- Hiroshima – military base
- Nagasaki - port

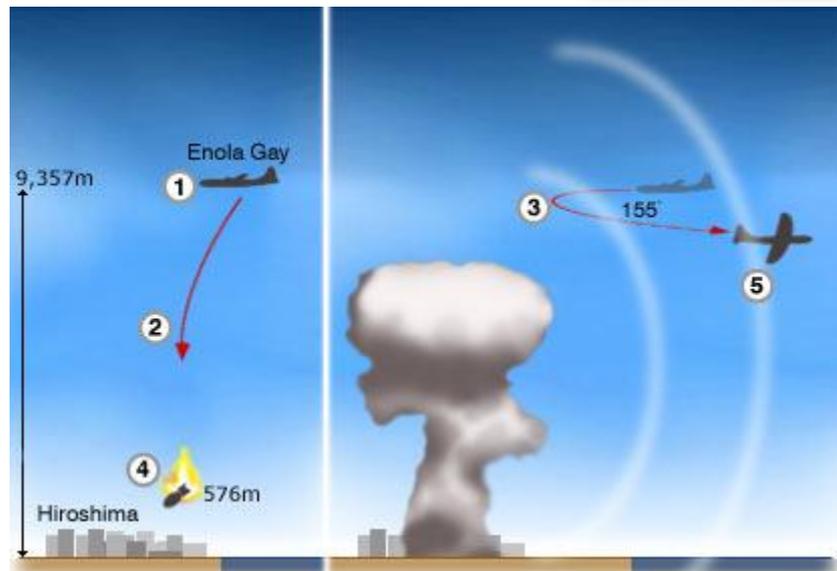


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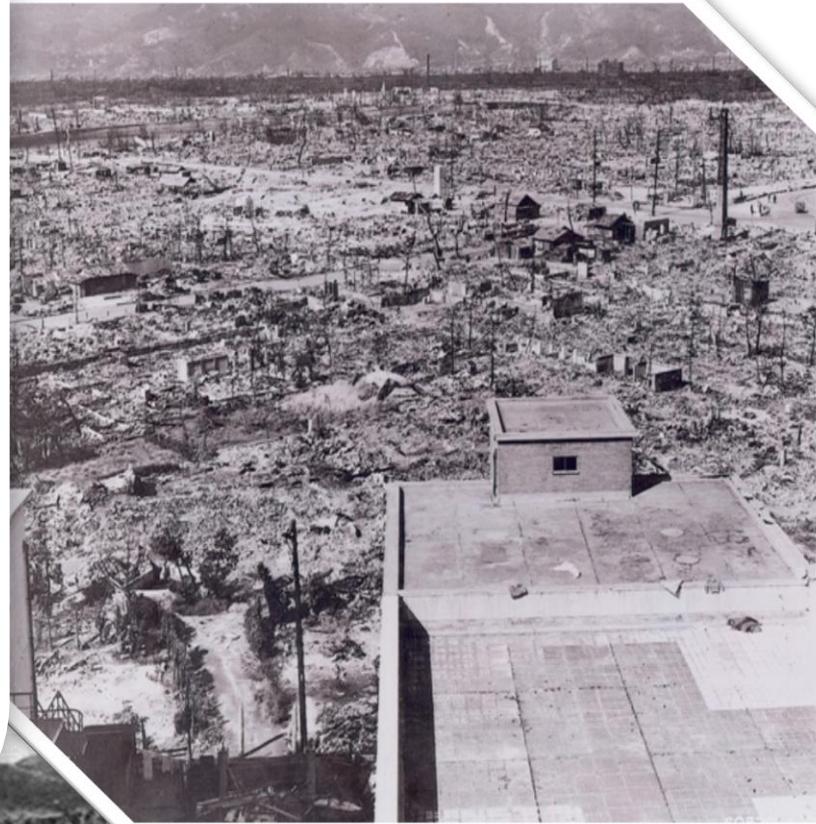


<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwkyPvIVPM0>

- 8:15 am
- ‘Little Boy’ was dropped 2000 ft above the city of Hiroshima.
- Killed approx. 80 000 people instantly.



SOURCE : Manhattan Project Heritage Preservation Association



Before...After



August 9, 1945

- 11:01am
- 'Fat Man' was dropped 1500 ft above the port city of Nagasaki.
- Killed 24 000 instantly.



Surrender of the Japanese

- Soon after the bombs were detonated, Japan surrendered unconditionally to the US.
- V-J Day – August 15, 1945
- WWII officially came to an end on September 2, 1945.

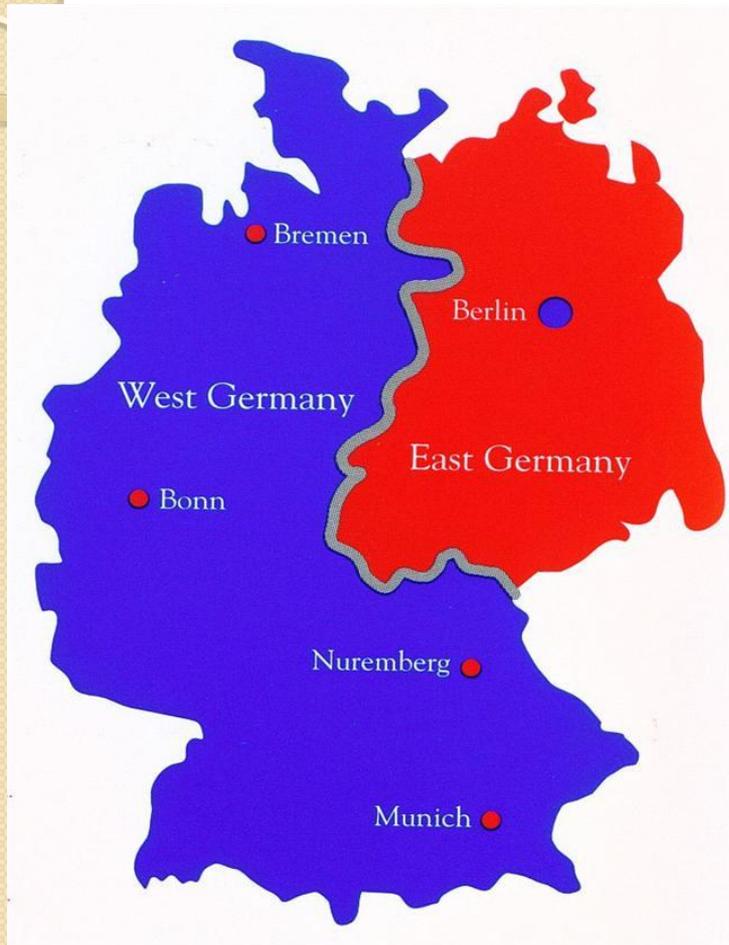


Germany Divided

- In August 1945, after Germany's unconditional surrender in May, the Allies divided Germany into 4 military occupation zones:
- French in the southwest,
- British in the northwest,
- United States in the south,
- Soviet Union in the east.



Two New Countries Emerge:



- West Germany - capital city was Bonn. Created from the British, French and American zones. (Democratic)
- East Germany - capital city remained Berlin and was the former USSR occupation zone after WWII. (Communist)