

## **Chapter 20 - Day 3**

- Winston Churchill did not think the US and GB combined were ready to launch a full scale invasion of Europe
- We decided to go through the “soft underbelly” of North Africa, then through t Italy (Egypt and the Suez Canal were very important to GB)
- German forces in Africa were led by Gen. Erwin Rommel, American forces were led by Gen. George Patton
- May 1943 German forces surrendered in North Africa

### Battle of the Atlantic

- After Germany declared war on the US their subs entered American coastal waters
- To protect American cargo ships East Coast Cities dimmed their lights every evening, homes used “blackout” curtains, and people drove without headlights
- Germany sank 360 American ships along our coast
- US navy started using the convoy system which helped
- American airplanes and warships began using new technology, including radar, sonar, and depth charges to locate and attack German subs. By July 1942 American shipyards produced more ships than German subs sank.

### Turning Point in the East

- Before the Battle of the Atlantic and Africa turned against Germany, Hitler was confident of a victory
- He decided to attack the Soviet Union. If he destroyed their economy they would surrender
- The key was to take Stalingrad. Cut the Soviets off from oil fields, farmlands, and industries of the Ukraine and Southern Russia
- Stalin ordered his troops to hold the city at all costs, retreat was forbidden
- Sept. 1942 Germans began bombing and shelling the city that lasted 2 months.
- Nov. Soviet reinforcements arrived, launched counterattack and by Feb . 1943 Germany surrendered. German casualties 330,000—estimated Soviet casualties 1 million

## **Section 3 Life on the Home Front**

- War ended the depression, created 19 million jobs and double the average families income
- As men went to war, industries recruited women and minorities
- “Rosie the Riveter” became the symbol of American working women in the factories
- FDR signed Ex. Order 8802 “no discrimination in defense industries based on race, creed, color or national origin.”