

Chapter - Day 6

- Allies from the west, Soviets from the east rushing to Berlin
- April 30, 1945 Hitler commits suicide
- May 7, 1945 Germany surrenders, May 8 V-E day
- FDR didn't live to see Germany's defeat, he died on April 12, 1945
- Harry S. Truman become President
- We were bombing Japan from the Mariana Islands, it was still a little too far out to do much damage
- We decided to take Iwo Jima, 700 miles from Japan
- Nov. 1944 we bombed Iwo Jima for 74 days while warships shelled it
- Feb. 1945 Marines went on shore, after 3 days we gained only 700 yards—110,000 Marines v. 25,000 Japanese
- March 1945, 1 month later, island secured 6,800 Marines killed, only 216 Japanese left to surrender
- America built 3 airstrips on island after Iwo Jima we began firebombing Japan with napalm to destroy war production
- Battle of Okinawa—last obstacle to Allied invasion of Japan
- American & British forces 2n in size only to D-day invasion—1,300 warships shell island—Japanese flew 2,000 Kamikaze attacks on fleet—June 1945 after 3 months of fighting the island was ours

Manhattan Project

- After Iwo Jima & Okinawa, American soldiers began to prepare to invade Japanese mainland. New weapon made it unnecessary
- Manhattan Project was headed by J. Robert Oppenheimer, tested the atomic bomb July 1945
- Now they had to decide to invade or drop bomb
- Truman decided to drop bomb. Aug 6, 1945—plane Enola Gay dropped 1st bomb on Hiroshima—140,000 died—90% of city destroyed—3 days later 2nd bomb dropped on Nagasaki
- Aug 14, 1945 Japan surrendered, Aug. 15 declare V-J Day
- April 1945 representatives from 50 countries came to San Francisco to design the United Nations Charter
- Summer of 1945 the US, GB, France, and USSR created the International Military Tribunal to try German leaders for war crimes
- The Nuremberg Trials, 22 prosecuted, 3 acquitted, 7 given prison sentences, 12 sentenced to death. Trials of lower ranking officials led to execution of 24 more, and 107 given prison.
- 25 Japanese were tried, 18 sentenced to prison, 12 sentenced to death.