



# WWII - *Kriegstagebuch*





This is my "*Kriegstagebuch*".

My testimony for future generations

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# APPOINTMENT TO THE OKW

*01 September, 1938*



Following the Blomberg-Fritsch Affair in early 1938, and the resignation of several high ranking officers within the German armed forces, including Blomberg and Fritsch, the German military was reorganized.

On 4 February 1938 the OKW (*Oberkommando der Wehrmacht*) was formed.

My nomination in detriment of Wilhelm Keitel was a surprise and I do not know why the Führer appoint me in his place

It was with great pride that I took this new position, although in this last year I had to consolidate my position with much strength against Göring and Himmler.

Looking back now, I do not know if this was not a poison nomination, to best control the *Wehrmacht* by the *Führer*.

Fortunately I've done my home work, in this past year.

Colonel General Beck, that I much respect, special after reading is publication of his tactical manual, *Truppenführung*, unfortunately had no confidence in the *Führer*. He thought that he was pushing Germany to war without full preparation.



Beck proclaimed his agreement with Hitler's views about the necessity of acquiring *Lebensraum* in Eastern Europe, that called the existence of Czechoslovakia "intolerable", but not with its conclusion that "a way must be found to eliminate it as a threat to Germany, even, if necessary, by war". He argued that Germany was not strong enough to fight the general war that would result from an attack on Czechoslovakia in 1938, and urged Hitler to avoid a "premature war".

I believed in the *Führer*. He led as to *Anschluss* without war (that was already in motion when I was nominated).

I think that Czechoslovakia threat can be eliminated without war.

Also, trying to gather more supports in my new position, and the *Führer* favors, I've advised Erich von Manstein, a leading *protégé* of Beck's, to write to his mentor urging him to stay at his post, and place his faith in Hitler, but it was not enough.

The resigning of Beck in August it was not entirely of my pleasure, but now I could focus in my "little war" with Göring and Himmler in the struggle for power and continuing to getting in the *Führer* favorites.

A fine balance.

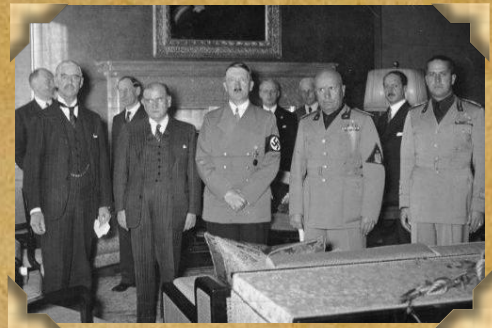


# SUDETENLAND

**30 September, 1938**

Beck was wrong to doubt the *Führer*.  
He derived without war.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZHpprf6HSM>



*At the Munich Agreement 1938*

*BBC Chamberlain On Czech Crisis*

**10 October, 1938**

The *Wehrmacht* completed the occupation of the Sudetenland.  
With the annexation of Austria and the Sudetenland, the German as growth 24,5% versus the Treaty of Versailles.  
All the fortifications build by them is now ours.  
Czechoslovakia is no longer a threat.

Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop reports on

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# ROAD TO WAR

**25 January, 1939**

The *Führer* informed us that negotiations between German and Poland broke down and he intent on going to war with Poland, and needed to eliminate Czechoslovakia first.

He scheduled a German invasion of Bohemia and Moravia for the morning of 15 March.

In the interim, he would negotiate with the Slovak People's Party and with Hungary to prepare the dismemberment of the republic before the invasion.

I think now, that war is inevitable. We start to gearing up for war.  
Dam the Polish. We only want what is truly ours.





# PLAN Z

**27 January, 1939**

Today the *Führer* approved *Plan Z*.

In the middle of 1938 the *Führer* decided to build a fleet capable of challenging the Royal Navy, in the event of war with the U.K..

*Großadmiral* Erich Raeder proposed plans X, Y, Z.

Within the *Kriegsmarine*, two opposing viewpoints emerged as to the direction of the re-building of the navy:

1° large battle fleet capable of taking on the most powerful opponents (Britain and France);

2° large force of U-boats and medium-sized warships such as the *panzerschiffe*, for destruction of the enemy's commercial shipping.

It was pointed out that in order to carry out commerce raiding in the Atlantic Ocean; German ships would have to pass through the North Sea, which was likely to be filled with British battleships. So, the large fleet option was chosen.

I didn't believe, after the reunion with the *Führer* 2 days ago, that war would be far.

So *plan Z* was a combination of a strong battle fleet capable of challenging the British and a big U-boat fleet for commerce raiding.

The plan is to focus on building large surface ships.

If war broke out early in the plan, before the large ships were nearly operational, the large ship building program would be halted.





So, for now, nothing changes.

The construction of two Battleships, the *Bismarck* and *Tirpitz* and the Heavy Cruiser *Blücher* that already have started before 1938 (early to my arrival to the OKW) should be maintain.

The aircraft carrier *Graf Zeppelin* that is already well advance should also be maintained.

Raeder, disagree of this decision, long before I took control of the OKW. He believes that carriers are "gasoline tankers".

I, in other hand, believe that they can be important, although I have no experience or expertise how to take advantage of it.

We, technology are to behind, but the carrier is well advanced.

Having doubts what is the good decision, the production shall continue, but with the least priority.

But the biggest fight between Raeder and me, are about the submarines. Since my arrival I order the construction of seven new *Unterseeboots*, (five as been already completed, one yesterday, and another today).

I've schedule more three, each to begin construction in the middle of the month of February, March and April.

So, with the approval of *plan Z* by the *Führer*, Raeder give me a slack off... ...for now.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bcosll4d1C>

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# WAR IS THE CONTINUATION OF POLITIK BY OTHER MEANS

08 February, 1939

Carl von Clausewitz said that "War is the continuation of *Politik* by other means".

And I'm seeing this in the flesh.

Von Ribbentrop has appointed (in the same day as myself), to the *Reich* Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Never trust him and neither their *Kameraden*.

To have "eyes" in the ministry, Ernst von Weizsäcker seems the right choice.

The problem has that Weizsäcker was a leader of the "anti-war" group in the German government.

To get to him, I need General Beck.

The good will of von Manstein, was essential (again).

He accompany me, and we convince Beck, to persuade von Weizsäcker to keep me inform of all the decisions of the Foreign Affairs, in the interest of greater a Germany.





# ABWEHR

**19 February, 1939**

Reunion with Rear Admiral Wilhelm Canaris of the *Abwehr* where it was discussed the intelligence priority.

First it was decided the defense of Germany was to be the number one priority.

So, domestic would have 33% of the intelligence recourses.

The United Kingdom would have 22%, and Counterespionage, Raising National Unity, the Soviet Union and the United States, would have 11%.

56% at home and 44% abroad.

Abroad:

UK: 50% to counterespionage, 25% to military espionage and 25% to covert operations.

SU: 17% to counterespionage, 33% to military espionage and 50% to covert operations.

US: 00% to counterespionage, 75% to Techno espionage and 25% to covert operations.

Nice Gentleman.

I believe he was born to the Intelligence Services.



# CZECHOSLOVAKIA

16 March, 1939

Yesterday, the *Wehrmacht* started and completed the occupation of Czechoslovakia meeting practically no resistance, and today the *Führer*, came to Prague Castle to proclaim the German protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia.

Now, with the Czechs occupation and the creation of Slovak Republic, we surround Poland.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSe1Yuk0Js>

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# APPEASEMENT

**17 March, 1939**

*"Is this, in effect, a step in the direction of an attempt to dominate the world by force? While I am not prepared to engage this country by new and unspecified commitments under conditions which cannot now be foreseen, yet no greater mistake could be made than to suppose that because it believes war to be a senseless and cruel thing, this nation has so lost its fiber that it will not take part to the utmost of its power in resisting such a challenge if it were ever made.*

**Chamberlain's speech in Birmingham**

I believe that most of the Birmingham speech was justifying appeasement, not abandoning it, so, for now; we don't have to fear the Brits.

He sees 'ifs' and 'buts' and we see certain.



# ALBANIA

*12 April, 1939*

On 7 April, Mussolini invades Albania.

It took him only 5 days to seize and control this country.

Now he controls the entrance to the Adriatic Sea.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSEuUeBqT8I>



# HITLER'S BIRTHDAY PARADE

20 April, 1939



*SS troops march through Berlin in a parade to celebrate Hitler's birthday,*

It was a nice show, celebrating Hitler's birthday.





# PACT OF STEEL

**22 May, 1939**

German and Italy committed themselves to military cooperation and mutual support in case of war in the *Stahlpakt* (Pact of Steel).

Ribbentrop, saw the treaty as a means to secure "a long period of peace of at least three years".

The Pact was originally intended to be a tripartite military alliance between Japan, Italy, and Germany. However, Japan wanted the focus of the pact to be aimed at the potential adversary Russia, while Italy and us wanted it aimed at Britain and France.

Due to this disagreement, the pact was signed without Japan and became an agreement between Italy and us signed, by the foreign ministers of each country and witnessed by Count Galeazzo Ciano for Italy and Ribbentrop.

The Pact consisted of two parts: the first section was an open declaration of continuing trust and cooperation between Germany and Italy while the second, a "Secret Supplementary Protocol".

The Secret Supplementary Protocols, which were split into two sections, were not made public at the time of the signing.

The first section urged the countries to quicken their joint military and economic cooperation whilst the second section committed the two countries to cooperate in 'matters of the press, the news service and the propaganda' to promote the power and image of the Rome-Berlin Axis.

According to Article VII, the pact is to last ten years

It was Italian leader Benito Mussolini who dubbed the agreement "the Pact of Steel", after being told that its original name, "the Pact of Blood", would likely be received poorly in Italy.

However we know that certain members of the Italian government, including the signatory Ciano, were opposed to the Pact.



# MILITARY HIERARCHY

**18 June, 1939**

After much and much thinking I made two decisions.

Firstly, to promote Wilhelm Ritter von Leeb to Field Marshal to the *Oberbefehlshaber Westen* (OB West) Theater.

A skilled (4) officer, with good defensive and offensive Doctrines.

Secondly, to promote Wilhelm Keitel Field Marshal, to *Oberbefehlshaber Osten*.

Not as skilled (2), as von Leeb, but I'm trying to forget some rivalries.

This second decision, it was much harder to make.

Manstein has been an indispensable help in this last year and a half.

And he is a skilled officer. But because of "politic" and the true believe that he is much useful as a Group Commander, I promised that I would give him one if we have to go with war with France.

Is disappointment is obvious.

He hopes that after Poland, war, would be over.

I hope is right.



# POLITICAL CHANGE

09 August, 1939

As I grew my influences with the *Führer*, I could take bolder decisions. In November 1937 Hjalmar Schacht resigned as Minister of Economics at Göring's request.

Now, at my request, he returns as Minister of Armament instead of Walther Funk.

Schacht is considered a Genius Administrative.

It was not easy to convince him to come back. He was very opposed to war with Czechoslovakia and the reports from *Gestapo* (*Geheime Staatspolizei*) about him, didn't help me in any way.

I hope not to burn myself...

Carl Friedrich von Siemens was appointed to coordinate the *Luftwaffe* logistic by Göring in my behalf.

Göring will continue to be the Commander in chief of the *Luftwaffe*, but Siemens will manage the logistics without interferences.

Both appointments was only possible because I manage to "persuade" Göring (and with the *Führer* approval).

In exchange (nothing is given in the Third Reich), two *Fallschirmjäger* Divisions, each with three brigades, and two Junkers Ju Ju-52/3m Tante was to be created and assigned to the *Luftwaffe*.



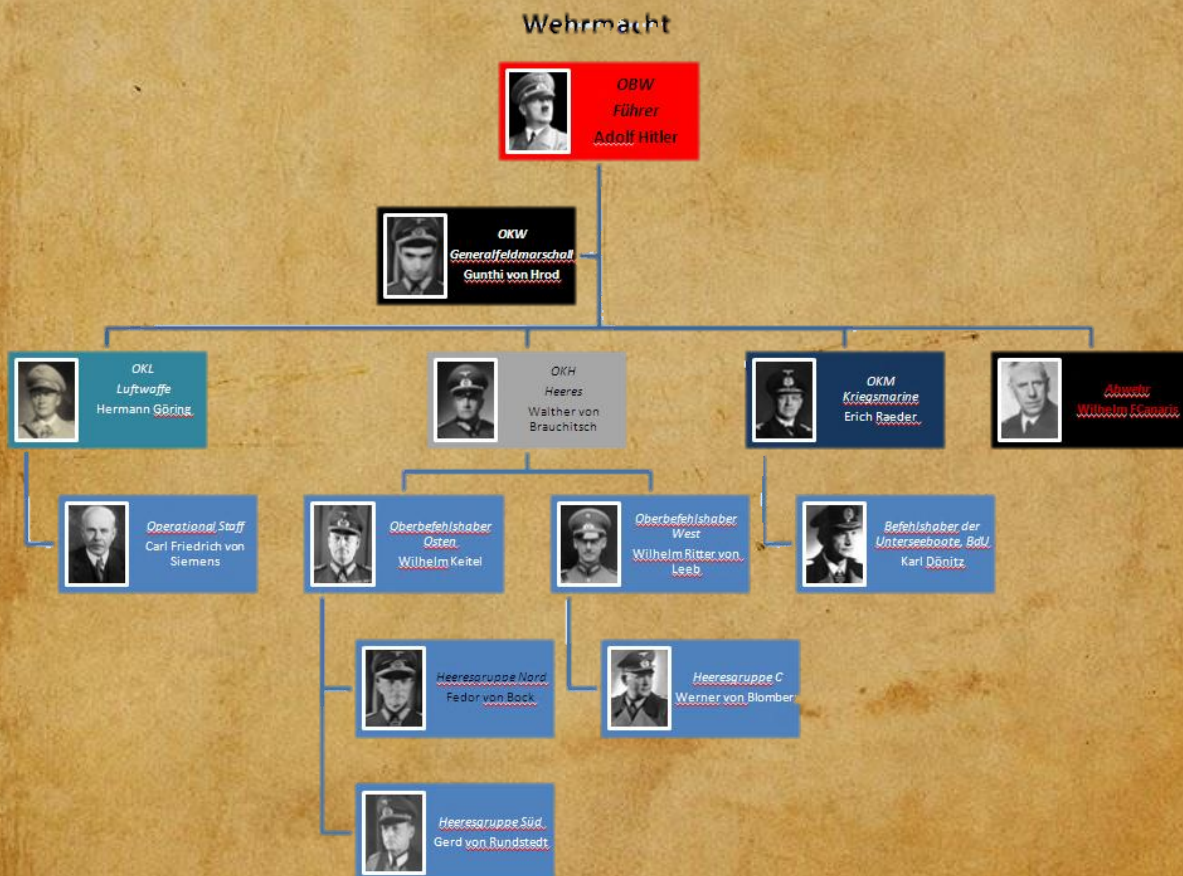


I don't like Göring one little bit, but I've no choice but to negotiate with him.



I decided to promote *Kommodore* Karl Dönitz to *Konteradmiral* and *Befehlshaber der Unterseeboote, BdU* (Commander of the Submarines). To the *Hochseeflotte* (High Seas Fleet), Rear Admiral Lütjens. (skill 3 / Superior Tactician)

So this is the new Command Hierarchy of the *Wehrmacht*.





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	<b>Espionage</b>	17.29
		
	<b>Diplomacy</b> Need: 0.00	1.00
		
	<b>Officers</b>	5.00
		
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 	 	<b>5</b> 1935

- Secret:
  - Strategic Rocket Development
    - Zero Stage;
- Industry:
  - Decryption Machine- Level 2;
  - Industry - Theoretical Jet Engine
    - Level 1;
- Land Doctrines:
  - *Schwepunk* - Level 4 (this doctrine increase the moral of our tank brigades);
- Land Doctrines:
  - Central Planning - Level 1;
  - Land Doctrines - Mass Assault
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# ABWEHR

**20 August, 1939**

Report from the *Abwehr*:

U.K. is production 1 Battleship, 1 Carrier, 5 CAGs and 1 Destroyer;

U.S. is production 1 CAG;

France is production 1 Destroyer.

They believe that the British are building a carrier task force... one more.  
I'm really undecided what to do about our carrier... should we build CAGs...



# MOLOTOV-RIBBENTROP PACT

23 August, 1939



Today the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact as signed.  
The treaty of Non-Aggression between Germany  
and the Soviet Union, was presented to the world.

## Geheimes Zusatzprotokoll.

Aus Anlass der Unterzeichnung des Nichtangriffsvertrages zwischen dem Deutschen Reich und der Union der Sozialistischen Sowjetrepubliken haben die unterzeichneten Bevollmächtigten der beiden Teile in streng vertraulicher Aussprache die Frage der Abgrenzung der beiderseitigen Interessensphären in Osteuropa erörtert. Diese Aussprache hat zu folgendem Ergebnis geführt:

1. Für den Fall einer territorial-politischen Umgestaltung in den zu den baltischen Staaten (Finnland, Estland, Lettland, Litauen) gehörenden Gebieten bildet die nördliche Grenze Litauens zugleich die Grenze der Interessensphären Deutschlands und der UdSSR. Hierbei wird das Interesse Litauens am Wilnaer Gebiet beiderseits anerkannt.

2. Für den Fall einer territorial-politischen Umgestaltung der zum polnischen Staate gehörenden Gebiete werden die Interessensphären Deutschlands und der UdSSR ungefähr durch die Linie der Flüsse Murek, Weichsel und San abgegrenzt.

Die Frage, ob die beiderseitigen Interessen die Erhaltung eines unabhängigen polnischen Staates erwünscht erscheinen lassen und wie dieser Staat abzugrenzen wäre, kann endgültig erst im Laufe der weiteren politischen

Entwicklung geklärt werden. In jedem Falle werden bei Regierungen die in Wege einer freundschaftlichen Verständigung

3) Hinsichtlich des Südostens Europas sowjetischer Seite das Interesse an Bewusstsein an diesen Gebieten erfüllt.

4) Dieses Protokoll wird vor geheim behandelt werden.

Molotov

Für die  
Deutsche Reichsregierung  
*Adolf Hitler*



The secret protocol  
Not.



# POSTPONED

**25 August, 1939**

Today the *Führer* postponed his planned invasion of Poland from 26 August to 1 September.

After the Nazi-Soviet Pact signed two days early, that would free our hands in the east, we would invade Poland tomorrow. But today, the Polish-British Common Defense Pact was signed and due to that, the *Führer* delayed the launch of *Fall Weiss* by five days, to provide more time to secure British and French neutrality.

In this five days I took the time to go home, to *München*, to spend some time with the wife and kids, to ultimate the last details needed to the invasion, and to update my diary.

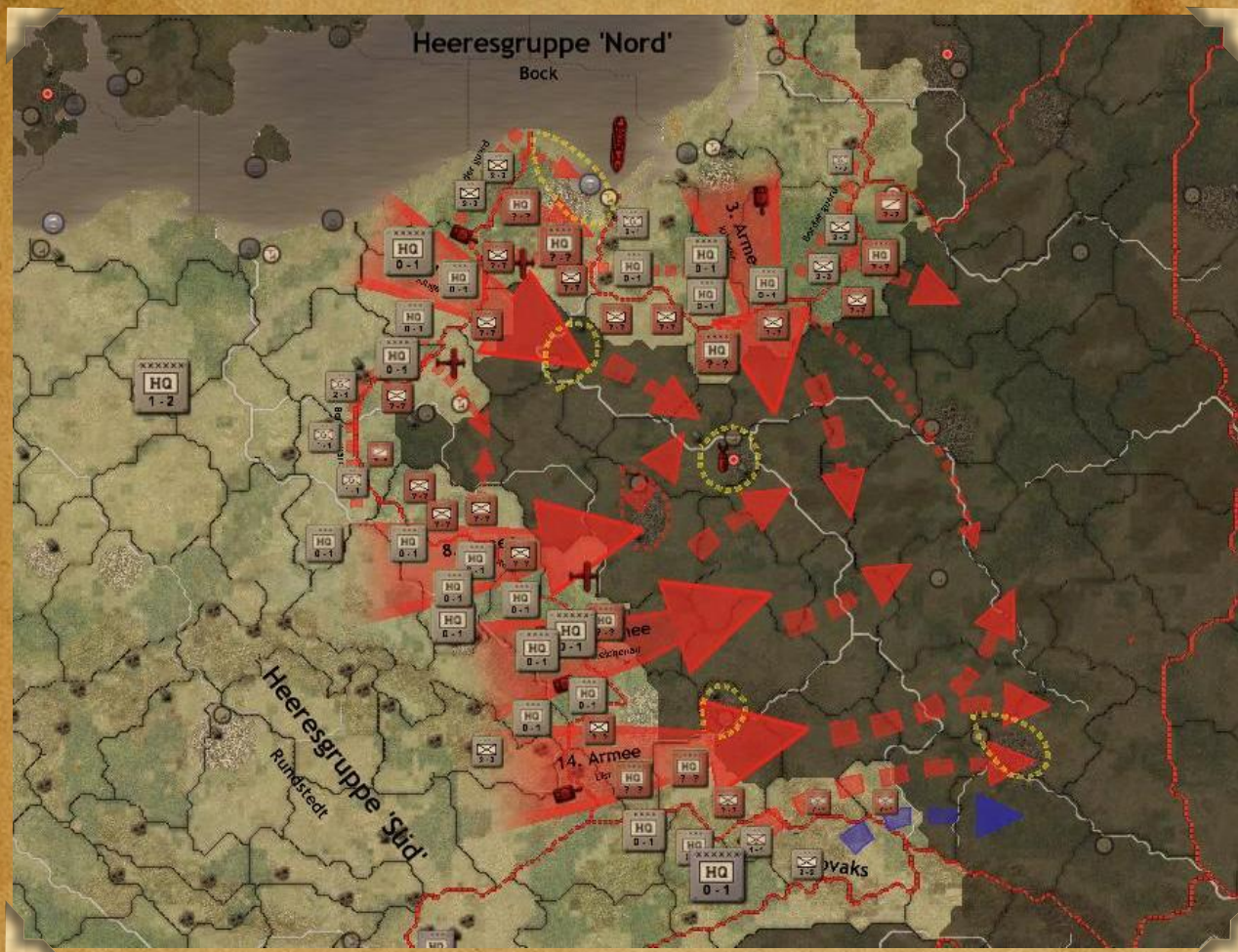
In the days prior to the invasion, I did some changes in *Fall Weiss*.

The plan that was submitted had four pockets to conquer.

I change the original to five.

- Wloclavek has change to Danzing;
- Warsawa has maintain;
- Radom has change to Lodz;
- Bilgoraz has change to Lwow;
- Kraków was add it to the objective of the 14. *Armee*;
- Grodno was add it to the objective of the 3. *Armee* if things will go right in Prussia.





After much thinking, and reading, the tactical manual of Field Marshal [Misterbean](#), [Darkrenown](#) and [Podcat](#)

Early August, the *Reichsluftfahrtministerium* (Reich Aviation Ministry) spoke about a project for an unpowered flying bomb called Strategic Rocket Development, that was presented by Gerhard Fieseler Werke manufacturer.

Every project that try to prevent the deaths of our brave soldiers, it's a project that I look into it.






















So I spoke with Schacht to allocate 54,00 IC to a Rocket Test Site. (at Peenemünde)





This is a future weapon to bomb, but looking to our armed forces, we are good to attack, but I believe that we ignore our defense.

Following new Air Doctrines that are trying to be implemented, and in order to fill the gap in the defense, the construction of three hundred Focke-Wulf Fw-190D (three air wings) were order to Focke-Wulf Flugzeugbau AG manufacturer.

Division		Air Wing		Flotilla	
Brigade Attachment		Air Base		Naval Base	
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1941 April 15	100%	7.20IC	⬇️⬇️⬆️⬆️		Tirpitz
1939 October 17	100%	5.33IC	⬇️⬇️⬆️⬆️		Blücher
1939 October 24	100%	3.23IC	⬇️⬇️⬆️⬆️		12. Unterseebootsflottille
1939 November 23	100%	3.03IC	⬇️⬇️⬆️⬆️		13. Unterseebootsflottille
1939 December 23	100%	3.51IC	⬇️⬇️⬆️⬆️		14. Unterseebootsflottille
1940 February 18	100%	22.80IC	⬇️⬇️⬆️⬆️		Kampfgruppe zbV 9
1940 February 8	100%	10.46IC	⬇️⬇️⬆️⬆️		1. Fallschirmjäger Division
1940 May 2	100%	27.00IC	⬇️⬇️⬆️⬆️		Rocket Test Site
1940 February 18	100%	22.80IC	⬇️⬇️⬆️⬆️		Kampfgeschwader zbV 2
1940 February 8	100%	10.46IC	⬇️⬇️⬆️⬆️		2. Fallschirmjäger Division
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1940 November 14	100%	10.65IC	⬇️⬇️⬆️⬆️		Graf Zeppelin



**28 August, 1939**

Hitler is as never before on edge, irritable, sharp with everybody. Thus Schmundt and I had to receive a heap of abuse against the Army after it had been all quiet on that front for some time.

He emphasized that he now knew how the General Staff were thinking. Certain things had come to his knowledge about which he preferred not to speak at present.

One thing was clear: he would not allow the military to give him counsel on whether there should be peace or war. He was simply unable to understand those German soldiers who feared battle.

Frederick the Great would turn in his grave if he saw today's generals. All he wanted was an end to unjust behavior by the Poles vis-a-vis the German state.

He did not want war at all with the others. If they were stupid enough to get involved, the blood would be on their hands, and they would have to be destroyed."

It's not easy to put up with the bad mood of The Führer



# **POLAND MINUS ONE**

**31 August, 1939**

My wife is amazing. My uniform is so shining that I don't know if she love me or want me death. In the feel battle I'll be a human target.

The *Führer*, ordered hostilities against Poland to start at 4:45 the next morning.

I'll try to sleep the best I can.



# Letter from the *Führer* to the OKW:

Der Oberste Befehlshaber der Wehrmacht  
OKW/WFA Nr. 170 /39 g.K.Chefs. L I

Berlin, den 3. 9. 39.

8 Ausfertigungen  
2. Ausfertigung.

Weisung Nr. 1  
für die Kriegführung.

1.) Nachdem alle politischen Möglichkeiten erschöpft sind, um auf friedlichen Wege eine für Deutschland unerträgliche Lage an seiner Ostgrenze zu beseitigen, habe ich mich zur gewaltsamen Lösung entschlossen.

2.) Der Angriff gegen Polen ist nach den für Fall Weiss getroffenen Vorbereitungen zu führen mit den Abänderungen, die sich beim Heer durch den inzwischen fast vollendeten Aufmarsch ergeben.

Aufgabenverteilung und Operationsziel bleiben unverändert.

Angriffstag: 1.9.39...

Angriffszeit .....

Diese Zeit gilt auch für die Unternehmungen Gdingen - Danziger Bucht und Brücke Dirschau.

3.) Im Westen kommt es darauf an, die Verantwortung für die Eröffnung von Feindseligkeiten eindeutig England und Frankreich zu überlassen. Geringfügigen Grenzverletzungen ist zunächst rein örtlich entgegen zu treten.

Die von uns Holland, Belgien, Luxemburg und der Schweiz zugesicherte Neutralität ist peinlich zu achten.

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Aufgabe der im Westen operierenden Teile der Wehrmacht, unter möglichster Schonung der Kräfte die Voraussetzungen für den siegreichen Abschluss der Operationen gegen Polen zu erhalten. Im Rahmen dieser Aufgabe sind die feindl. Streitkräfte und deren wehrwirtschaftl. Kraftquellen nach Kräften zu schädigen. Den Befehl zum Beginn von Angriffshandlungen behalte ich mir in jedem Fall vor.

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Das Heer hält den Westwall und trifft Vorbereitungen, dessen Umfassung im Norden - unter Verletzung belg. oder holländ. Gebietes durch die Westmächte - zu verhindern. Rücken franz. Kräfte in Luxemburg ein, so bleibt die Sprengung der Grenzbrücken freigegeben.

Die Kriegsmarine führt Handelskrieg mit dem Schwerpunkt gegen England. Zur Verstärkung der Wirkung kann mit der Erklärung von Gefahrenzonen gerechnet werden. OKM meldet, in welchen Seegebieten und in welchem Umfang Gefahrenzonen für zweckmässig gehalten werden. Der Wortlaut für eine öffentl. Erklärung ist im Benehmen mit dem Ausw. Ante vorzubereiten und mir über OKM zur Genehmigung vorzulegen.

Die Ostsee ist gegen feindl. Einbruch zu sichern. Die Entscheidung, ob zu diesem Zwecke die Ostsee-Eingänge mit Minen gesperrt werden dürfen, <sup>trifft Ob.d.M.</sup> ~~bleibt~~ vorbehalten.

Die Luftwaffe hat in erster Linie den Einsatz der franz. und engl. Luftwaffe gegen das deutsche Heer und den deutschen Lebensraum zu verhindern.

Bei der Kampfführung gegen England ist der Einsatz der Luftwaffe zur Störung der engl. Seezufuhr, der Rüstungsindustrie, der Truppentransporte nach Frankreich vorzubereiten. Günstige Gelegenheit zu einem wirkungsvollen Angriff gegen massierte engl. Flotteneinheiten, insbes. gegen Schlachtschiffe und Flugzeugträger ist aus-

zunutzen. Angriffe gegen London bleiben meiner Entscheidung vorbehalten.

Die Angriffe gegen das engl. Mutterland sind unter dem Gesichtspunkt vorzubereiten, dass unzureichender Erfolg mit Teilkraften unter allen Umständen zu vermeiden ist.

D. Müller



## Letter from the *Führer* to the OKW:

*The Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces. Berlin,*

OKW/WFA Nr. 170/39 g. K. Chefs. L1.

31st August 1939.

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### *Directive No. 1 for the Conduct of the War*

Since the situation on Germany's Eastern frontier has become intolerable and all political possibilities of peaceful settlement have been exhausted, I have decided upon a solution by force.

The attack on Poland will be undertaken in accordance with the preparations made for 'Case White', with such variations as may be necessitated by the build-up of the Army which is now virtually complete. The allocation of tanks and the purpose of the operation remain unchanged. Date of attack 1st September 1939.

This time also applies to operations at Gdynia, in the Bay of Danzig, and at the Dirschau Bridge.

In the West it is important to leave the responsibility for opening hostilities unmistakably to England and France. Minor violations of the frontier will be dealt with, for the time being, purely as local incidents.

The assurances of neutrality given by us to Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Switzerland are to be meticulously observed.

The Western frontier of Germany will not be crossed by land at any point without my explicit orders.

This applies also to all acts of warfare at sea or to acts which might be regarded, as such.

The defensive activity of the Air Force will be restricted for the time being to the firm repulse of enemy air attacks on the frontiers of the Reich. In taking action against individual aircraft or small formations, care will be taken to respect the frontiers of neutral countries as far as possible.



Only if considerable forces of French or British bombers are employed against German territory across neutral areas will the Air Force be permitted to go into defensive action over neutral soil.

It is particularly important that any infringement of the neutrality of other states by our Western enemies be immediately reported to the High Command of the Armed Forces.

Should England and France open hostilities against Germany, it will be the duty of the Armed Forces operating in the West, while conserving their strength as much as possible, to maintain conditions for the successful conclusion of operations against Poland. Within these limits enemy forces and war potential will be damaged as much as possible. The right to order offensive operations is reserved absolutely to me.

The Army will occupy the West Wall and will take steps to secure it from being outflanked in the north, through the violation by the Western powers of Belgian or Dutch territory. Should French forces invade Luxembourg the bridges on the frontier may be blown up.

The Navy will operate against merchant shipping, with England as the focal point. In order to increase the effect, the declaration of danger zones may be expected. The Naval High Command will report on the areas which it is desirable to classify as danger zones and on their extent. The text of a public declaration in this matter is to be drawn up in collaboration with the Foreign Office and to be submitted to me for approval through the High Command of the Armed Forces.

The Baltic Sea is to be secured against enemy intrusion. Commander-in-Chief Navy<sup>1</sup> will decide whether the entrances to the Baltic should be mined for this purpose.

The Air Force is, first of all, to prevent action by the French and English Air Forces against the German Army and German territory.

In operations against England the task of the Air Force is to take measures to dislocate English imports, the armaments industry, and the transport of troops to France. Any favorable opportunity of an effective attack on concentrated units of the English Navy, particularly on battleships or aircraft carriers, will be exploited. The decision regarding attacks on London is reserved to me.

Attacks on the English homeland are to be prepared, bearing in mind that inconclusive results with insufficient forces are to be avoided in all circumstances.

by Hitler



# LATT MELLÉ

**01 September, 1939**

To the *Kriegsmarine* order OKM-FW01:

*Baltische Flotte*(Baltic Fleet compose by 2 Battlecruisers and 3 Destroyers):

Intercept and sink any Polish Navy attempt of going out of Danzig.

Raeder was in charge of this task.

Commander von Nordeck took the 8.*Unterseebootsflotte* and patrolling Kattegat sea with a stance passive for any ally movement, just to spot them.





## To the *Luftwaffe* order OKL-FW01:

### Ground Attack:

- III. Fliegerkorps near the border at Wiecbork;
- Luftflotte 1 near the border at Mlawka, near Prussia;
- KoLuft HG Nord at Ostrołęka, near Prussia;
- Luftflotte 4 and I. Fliegerkorps at Ostrów Wielkopolski;

### Air Interception:

- Luftflotte 2 in the Northwest with stance Defensive;
- Luftflotte 3 in the Southwest with stance Defensive;







Following the order OKH-FW01 to the *Heer*, Major General Engelbrecht, took the honor of taking back Danzing.

One Panzer-Division and two Infantry-Divisions (motorize) took Wiecbork. The 20<sup>th</sup> Infantry-Division (Mot) was the first to arrive, and went on to conquer Bydgoszcz.

Krepice, has attacked in force by four Infantry-Divisions and one Panzer-Division. The 4<sup>th</sup> Panzer-Division conquered Krepice and advance to Dzialoszyn.

Both provinces were taken without any fights.

In the south, we took Nowy Targ.

One Infantry-Division attacked Katowiece and another Cesky Tesin. 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry-Division (Mot) took Wielun and the 228<sup>th</sup> Infantry-Division advance to Laskowice.

Von Cochenhausen with the Leibstandarte **SS** "Adolf Hitler" that were in Militsch just above Breslau and three more Regiments, and combine with the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry-Division (two more Regiments) took Krotoszyn.

I do not like the **SS**, but the *Führer's* name will not be stain.



Before noon we took five places.  
 In the north, Wiecbork;  
 In the center, Krepice and Krotoszyn;  
 In the south, Nowy Targ and Nowy Sacz;  
 The Polish start to attack Johannesburg in Prussia



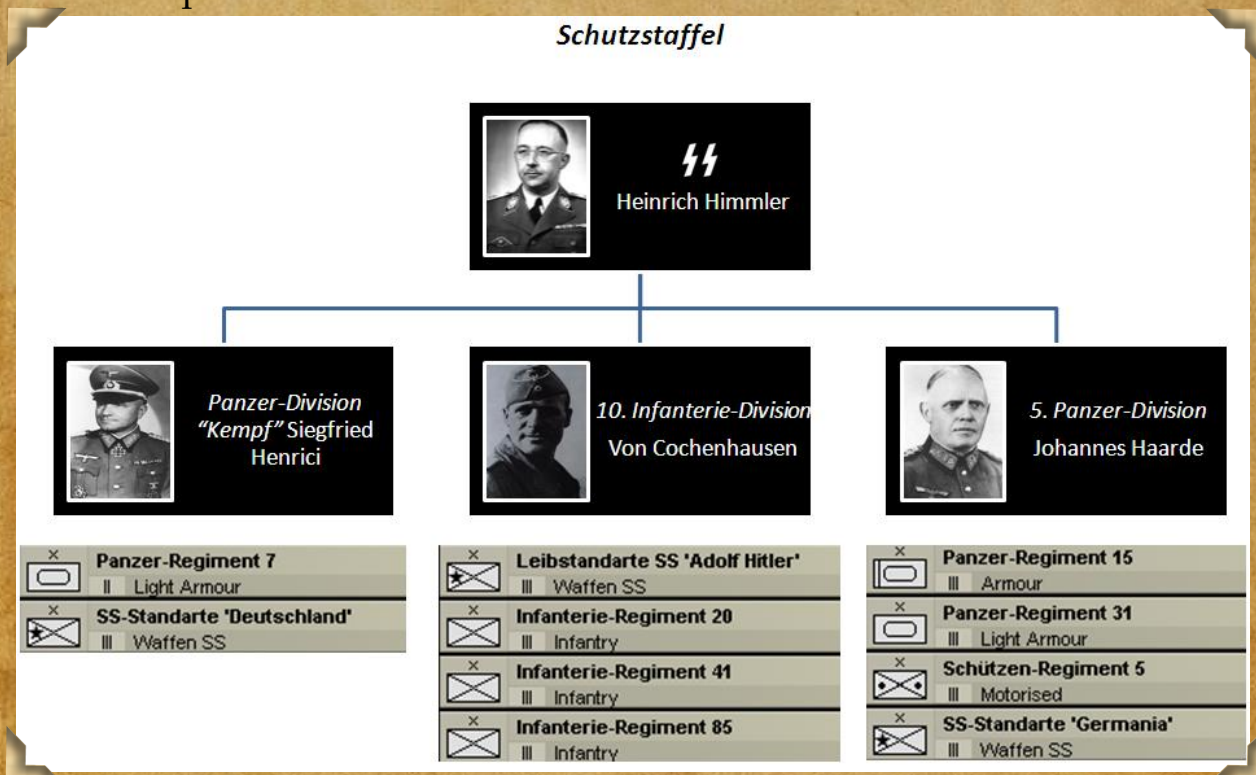
In the first twelve hours of the war we had 190 casualties against 1.360 Polish casualties

The **SS** troops, were under Heinrich Himmler order, but since they were integrate in the *Heer*, I had some control.

Himmler want there participation in the war. Trying to take some credits with him,

I, on other hand, do not want them to have the main role in the *Wehrmacht*.

The troops under the **SS**





In the first hours, the Polish Air Force try to stop our *Luftwaffe* but there're no match to our forces





Just on hour after the hostilities began, Poland army react and attack in Johannsburg, Prussia.

Three Infantry-Divisions and one Cavalry-Divisions against three Infantry-Divisions.

Immediately, I order to execute the *Karussell*\* (carousel).

Troops from Allenstein go to Osterode

Troops from Osterode go to Ortelsburg

Troops from Ortelsburg go to Johannsburg

\**Karussell* is a tactic of merry-go-round, so the troops can refresh other troops, and get more quickly to the spot.

*"For months we have been suffering under the torture of a problem which the Versailles Diktat created - a problem which has deteriorated until it becomes intolerable for us. Danzig was and is a Germany city. The Corridor was and is German. Both these territories owe their cultural development exclusively to the German people. Danzig was separated from us, the Corridor was annexed by Poland. As in other German territories of the East, all German minorities living there have been ill-treated in the most distressing manner.*

*...proposals for mediation have failed because in the meanwhile there, first of all, came as an answer the sudden Polish general mobilization, followed by more Polish atrocities. These were again repeated last night. Recently in one night there were as many as twenty-one frontier incidents; last night there were fourteen, of which three were serious. I have, therefore, resolved to speak to Poland in the same language that Poland for months past has used towards us.*

*This night for the first time Polish regular soldiers fired on our territory. Since 5:45 a.m. we have been returning fire, and from now on bombs will be met by bombs. Whoever fights with poison gas will be fought with poison gas."*

*Excerpts from an Address by  
Chancellor Adolf Hitler to the Reichstag*

Excerpts from an Address by Chancellor Adolf Hitler to the Reichstag  
in the Krolloper building.



# WAR WITH POLAND

**04 September, 1939**

On the fourth day of the War, we continue the advance to Lods, close the siege in west of Gniezno, won the battle of Krepice and Wielun.

In the second day of the war, Turkey as taken steps to align themselves with Axis.

Maybe they will stay by us, like they did in the Great War (former Ottoman Empire).

In the third day, the *Krigsmarine* sank one Polish convoy.

But that day, was the day of the first German defeat.

At 10 in the morning the Polish won the battle of Johannisburg with a army three times larger.

In less then 14 hours, the *Karussell* worked.

The Polish force (double of ours), never occupy German land.

I don't have to explain to the *Furher* this defeat.

Danzig corridor is conquered.

With Prussia connected, we start to attack on four places.

Italy starts to mobilizes its forces.

I hope they do nothing

Head of Government Rudolf Hess reports that

## Polish Corridor

Führer, Polish Corridor happened to us.

Effect:

Naval Organisation: **+1.0%**

Supply Throughput: **+1.0%**



Yesterday, at 12:15 a.m. [CET](#) (Central European Time, in Britain is less one), the British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain announces on BBC Radio that the deadline of the final British ultimatum for the withdrawal of German troops from Poland expired at 12:00 a.m. [CET](#) and that "consequently this nation is at war with Germany" (is words).

Australia, India, Burma and New Zealand also declare war on Germany within hours of Britain's declaration.

*"This is the BBC"*

*"I am speaking to you from the Cabinet Room at 10,  
Downing Street.*

*This morning the British Ambassador in Berlin handed the German Government a final note stating that unless we heard from them by 11.00 a.m. that they were prepared at once to withdraw their troops from Poland, a state of war would exist between us.*

*I have to tell you that no such undertaking has been received, and that consequently this country is at war with Germany.*

*...*

*Now may God bless you all. May He defend the right. It is the evil things that we shall be fighting against – brute force, bad faith, injustice, oppression and persecution – and against them I am certain that the right will prevail."*

*Radio Broadcast  
Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain*



*United Kingdom*



*Austrália*



*India*



*Burma*



*New Zealand*



At 1:30 p.m. [CET](#) the French Government delivers a similar final ultimatum; which expires at 5:00 p.m. [CET](#)

*"...I must, on behalf of my Government, remind you for the last time of the heavy responsibility assumed by the Government of the Reich by entering, without a declaration of war, into hostilities against Poland and in not acting upon the suggestion made by the Governments of the French Republic and of His Britannic Majesty to suspend all aggressive action against Poland and to declare itself ready to withdraw its forces promptly from Polish territory.*

*I have the painful duty to notify you that as from today, September 3, at 5 p.m., the French Government will find itself obliged to fulfill the obligations that France has contracted towards Poland, and which are known to the German Government."*

*Ambassador Robert Coulondre  
to German Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop*

*excerpt given to me by Ernst von Weizsäcker*



*France*

Almost like the Great War, but now, we don't have to face Russia.

We hope to finish Poland quickly to turn on the west, or to bring peace to our contries.

Ernst von Weizsäcker kept his word, and informed of everything that happens in foreign affairs.

The Foreign Ministry received a proposal from Italy to sell us Rare Material and we took it.



**Kampfblatt der national-sozialistischen Bewegung Großdeutschlands**

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dat Berlin, 1. September.

**Das Oberkommando der Wehrmacht gibt bekannt:**

Auf Befehl des Führers und Obersten Befehlshabers hat die Wehrmacht den stillen Schutz des Reiches übernommen. In Erfüllung ihres Auftrags, der polnischen Gewalt Einhalt zu gebieten, sind Truppen des deutschen Heeres heute früh über alle deutsch-polnischen Grenzen zum Gegenangriff angetreten. Gleichzeitig sind Gefschwadronen der Luftwaffe zum Niederkämpfen militärischer Ziele in Polen gestartet. Die Kriegsmarine hat den Schutz der Ostsee übernommen.

Berlin, 1. September.

Das Oberkommando der Wehrmacht gibt bekannt:

„Im Zuge der deutschen Kampfhandlungen aus Schloßen, Bommern und Dörfern wurden an allen Fronten schon heute die erwarteten Wunderrückfälle erzielt.“

Die von Süden über das Gefüge vor-  
gegangenen Truppen haben die Linie Rem-  
mich — Gochs erreicht. Südlich Hülshof-  
Drahn ist die Ofen der Teufeln überfallen.  
Südlich des Zuhlenbürgen sind unsere  
Truppen in Höhe von Göttingen im kleinen  
Vorbringen. Die aus Schloffen ange-  
gangenen Truppen sind im Hülshofen Vor-  
gegangenen Truppen und südlich davon.  
Im Korridor südlich ist unsere  
Truppen der Straße und haben die Straße  
Hülshof erreicht. Südlich der Straße

gekämpft. Was Dörpzenben vor-  
gehende Kräfte haben tief auf po-  
nizhem Gebiet im Kampf.

Die deutsche Luftwaffe hat heute im wiederholten fruchtlosen Einfliegen die militärischen Anlagen auf polnischen polenländischen Grenzgebieten, so zB. Warschau, Lublin, Sandomierz, Posen, Białystok, Tomaszów, Radom, Rawa, Kattowitz, Krakau, Danzig, Breslau, Thorn und Lodz ergriffen und zerstört.

Die Rede, die der Führer in der großen Stunde unseres Volkes gehalten hat, ist beendet, aber nie mehr wird in Deutschland derklingen, nie mehr wird eine Generation geben in unserer Stunde, die die Rede vergeffen wird.

Tief, unaussprechlich tief hat sich das Bild des Mannes im grauen Soldatenrock in unsere Seelen gesenkt, das Bild dieses Mannes, der gewaltiger ist als alle anderen, die vor ihm das deutsche Schicksal gestaltet haben; in sein Mart hat keine mutigen, erhaben, bewegten Worte das Bewußtsein des Volkes getroffen.

Das muß ein ganz besonders arm-  
jüngler Söldner sein, der selbst sich, nach-  
dieser Kriege, nicht weig, bei allen  
seinen angetreuten und ungetreuten Rut-  
ten, die er in den Kriegen ergründet  
haben; diesem Führer, der uns un-  
seren, in sechs Jahren, Deutschland aus  
einander Zweifelslosigkeit in neuer Größe  
erhöht, der vor unseren Tugenden den jah-  
rhundertelangen Trauer der ersten  
dieser Zeiten erlöste, der vor unseren  
Tugenden ein Großes Reich erheben  
ließ, schöner, herrlicher und maßvoller,  
als die Könige und begüterten Streiter  
für Deutschland es je zu erhoffen  
konnten!

Das muß ein Hundsfott sein, der immer nur nahm und immer nur nehmen will und der jetzt in der großen Stunde, in der die Herzen gemogelt werden, in der einmal zur Rasse gegangen werden muß, es festhält, mit seinen Händen beiseitezuschieben.

Mut muß unsere Gabe für Deutsch-  
land und unser Dank für den Führer  
sein, Mut, von dem Blutarz geschrieben  
hat, daß er den Anfang des  
Sieges bedeutet.

Flut, Treue, eiserne Mannesguth und  
der heilige Wille, mit jeder  
Faser des eigenen Daseins  
für unser Volk einzustehen  
das ist die Verpflichtung, mit  
der wir uns heute wie ein  
Kettenglied von Stahl verbind-  
en! Feigheirigkeit sei die  
größte Schandtat!

Der Mann im grauen Soldatenrock  
der geliebte Führer, der erste Soldat des  
deutschen Volkes, soll mit der Haltung  
der Nation zufrieden sein!



**Job Zimmermann**

Berlin, 1. September

In der hiesigen Reichstagsitzung vom 1. September hielt der Führer folgende Rede:

It has other strengths

### Männer des Deutschen Reichstags

Seit Monaten leiden wir alle unter  
Qualeines Problems, das uns  
das Verfaller Distanz beider hat und  
nunmehr in seiner Ausartung und  
artung unerträglich geworden war.

Denzig war und ist eine deutsche Stadt  
Der Rostocker war und ist deutsch!

Wie die Gebiete danken Ihre  
tunselte Erleichterung ausschließlich dem  
ihnen Volk, ohne daß in diesen Ländern  
bisher tiefe Barbarei herrschen würde.  
Dangli wurde von uns getrennt  
Korridor von Polen angeschlossen.  
Die dort lebenden deutschen Kinder  
in der unheimlichen Wüste mitgebracht!  
Eine Million Menschen den  
Hinteren mußten schon in  
Jahren 1919/1920 ihre Heimat  
verlassen!

Wie teuer, so habe ich auch hier einen  
aus dem Wege (einfacher) der  
Lionsvorführung eine Unterbrechung  
unvermeidlich. Ich habe den Vorzug  
in die Höhe, wenn in der Welt schon  
nicht, doch wie alle anderen Personen  
unter dem Druck der Ereignisse verfallen.  
gibt. Zudem, bevor der Nationalkongress  
nicht, kann ich, habe mich Gedanken  
den Wege, die ich in der Welt  
Kontrollen beschreiben. Man ist  
nicht, so haben einzelnen Ziele  
dann von mir nicht einmal, leichter  
mole Vorführung der Kontrollen vorzuziehen  
Ziele gemacht. Wie alle Vorführung

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Böhmen und Mähren. Es war alles  
vergeblich!

Eines aber ist unmöglich: zu verlangen, daß ein unertüchtlicher Zustand auf dem Weg friedlicher Revision bereinigt wird — und dann die friedliche Revision konsequent zu betreiben!

Es ist auch unmöglich, zu behaupten, daß derjenige, der in einer solchen Lage sich nicht übergeben, noch sich und seine Mitmenschen durchsetzen, gegen ein Gesetz verstößt. Das Diktat von Versailles ist für uns Deutsche kein Gesetz! (Ermöglichte hitzerische Aufstimmungen umhüllende.) Es geht nicht an, daß jemand mit dergestaltener Hilfe unter der Drohung des Verderbens anderer Willkür den Menschen eine Unterwerfung auferlegt. Es ist nicht unsere Aufgabe, zu erweisen und dann das Dokument mit dieser erweisen Unterwerfung als ein heiliges Gesetz zu proklamieren!

So habe ich auch im Falle Danzig und des Korridors verurteilt, durch friedliche Vorfälle auf dem Wege der Diskussion die Probleme zu lösen. Dagegen gelöst werden mußten, das war klar! (Totebe Bellschürme der Geostrukturen.) Und daß der Termin dieser Lösung für die meisten Staaten vielleicht ununterbrechbar sein kann, ist begründet. Aber auch in dieser Termin nicht gleichgültig! Denn allem aber war er konnte er nicht gleichgültig sein für die meisten der Länder.

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**06 September, 1939**

South African, in the voice of Prime Minister Jan Smuts, today, declares war on us.

One more...

It's a pity that Barry Hertzog fails to gain support for neutrality.

At least we don't have colonies to preserve.

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- **Union of South African**
- **declares War on German**
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- South African Prime Minister Barry Hertzog
- fails to gain support for a declaration of
- neutrality and is deposed by a party caucus
- for Deputy Prime Minister Jan Smuts that
- declares war today on Germany.
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*South Africa*

*Ernst von Weizsäcker*

*excerpt given to me by Ernst von Weizsäcker*

Lodz is conquered and we siege Ostrów Wielkopolski and in the south, Cieszyn and Rybnik.



The Foreign Ministry received a proposal from Portugal to sell us fuel, It's good, they don't need it so much as we do, and it's good to the relations of our two countries.



In Krotoszyn they lost almost 5% of their forces, one thousand men.

Our army is the best in the world. In Kalisz, our forces, 1/3 of the Polish Army There and we still won.

Ostroleka, Bydgoszcz, Chelmno, Chojnice, Łódź, Gniezno, Bielsko Biala, Grudziadz, Chelmno and Gorlice fell in this two days.

## **08 September, 1939**

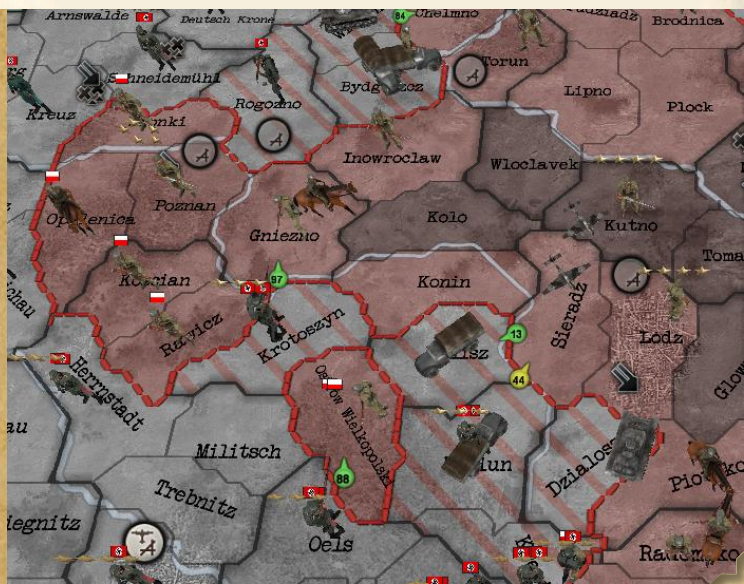
In this two days, I haven't slept enough, but I want everything to go smoothly. More 12 victories, and in the siege of Ostrów Wielkopolski we took 9.297 POW. The Polish have already lost, but still don't believe it. In two days... 12 victories... even when our forces are small, it's amazing.

The siege in the east is done and the Polish troops in Wronki and Poznan try to break out.

The Attack on this siege, starts.

## **Victorious Battle of Lodz**

The Battle of Lodz took place from September 6 to 8, 1939. By September 6, two Wehrmacht army groups had linked up at Lodz. While Lodz was under the control of the Wehrmacht, the 4th Panzer Division continued to advance east towards Warsaw. By September 8, the German advance stalled at the gates of Warsaw. The Polish Army launched a counterattack between Lodz and Warsaw in hopes of cutting off the German army's supply lines and recapturing the city of Lodz. After three days of bitter fighting, Germany defeated the desperate Polish counterattack. The city of Lodz was occupied by Germany on September 8, 1939. Recognizing the failed counterattack, all Polish forces were ordered to fall back, regroup in Eastern Poland for a last stand, and wait for aid from Great Britain and France, which would never come.





Romania has offered to buy us energy.

That is good, that way we cant lose less in the balance of trade.

Sweden start to align then self with us.



The United Kingdom is trying to influence the United States to join the war.

Von Ribbentrop is using every leverage to exert influence on the US to keep them out.





**11 September, 1939**

Torun is still resisting, with four infantries-divisions (one in reserve), one horse and HQ (also in reserve)

The *Luftwaffe* must help to siege the north.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, we lost the battle of Sieradz.

Nine thousand men fought twenty thousand Polish soldiers, and we lost 757 men lost their souls.

I have to swallow my words. The Polish are still much alive.

Something not normal, in this new type of war, a battle like the Great War, only with horses.

Bräner in charge of the *Kavallerie-Kommaando* Insterburg, charge the province of Sokolka

10 more victories.

Also on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, Canada declares war on Germany

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- **Canada declares War**
- **on Germany**
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- Canada declares war on Germany.
- The government's official, noted: "King George VI of England did not ask us to declare war for him — we asked King George VI of Canada to declare war for us."
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*Stephen M. Pattison*



Canada

excerpt given to me by Ernst von Weizsäcker



**14 September, 1939**

In Cieszyb, a bloody battle. 884 German lost their lives, against 1.046 Polish.

The latest count has 22.967 new Polish Prisoners.

We lost the first naval battle. No lost to reports.

To maintain the war effort, we decided to pass Laws from the conscription-Year Draft to Tree Service by Requirement.

+75% in Man Power and more 25% in Officers.



We are starting to have more casualties

In three days we lost on average more 48% more per day then in the first ten.





Almost the siege at Warsaw doors.

External

**Poland**  
Counterespionage: 0

Active Spies

9

Send Spy Priority

Counterespionage

Military Espionage

Tech Espionage

Support Ruling Party

Support Our Party

Disrupt National Unity

9460

4072

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Popularity

Current Research	Strong Tech	Weak Tech
Artillery Carriage and Sights (13%)	Militia Theory (4.29)	Construction Practical (0.16)
Construction Engineering (1%)	Mechanical Engineering (4.29)	Nuclear Bomb Making (0.425)
	Militia Practical (4.765)	Jet Engine Practical (0.665)
	Infantry Theory (2.03)	Heavy Aircraft Practical (0.665)

Production

Ministers

Producing

+3

Warszawska Brygada ON

Polish last breath



**15 September, 1939**

The siege of Poznan finally over.

More 17.954 prisoners.

In fifteen days we have 50.217 prisoners.



Since 9 September, Torun still resist.

Polish troops try to attack Miechów, but the regret almost immediately  
With the capture of Grojec, only Praga as to fall to siege Warszawa.



6 more victories.



**16 September, 1939**

Now, i've more time to write. Things are going well.

The foreign affairs report that the Japanese had almost control of the biggest and important part of China.

We made a good choice to our ally.



Yesterday the Soviets and Japan sign cease-fire in Far East.  
The siege of Torun is complete. Now they fall.



## 18 September, 1939

Foreign Affairs reports that Switzerland has started to align them self with us. A wise decision. They saw what we, in eighteen days did.

Now, Turkey is no longer attempting to align itself with us.

Why did it chance? I think the English are behind this. I can't be sure. The *Abwehr* don't report nothing.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> September, the battle of Modlin, was won, to an enemy 3 times bigger, and fortify.

Tarnów is taken in the next day and after all pockets were clear, we forward to the east.



Torun is finally defeated. They were resisting for 9 days. They fled to Lipno.

Modlin, Tarnów, Kamienna, Lwów and Debica is also ours.



The bombardment of Warszawa started.





## 22 September, 1939

The Soviet Union propose to sell us, Rare Material.

We accept it, but, we are not stupid. The sell us at 0,150 *ReichsMark* for Rare Material, and our ally, Italy, sell us at 0,100 *ReichsMark*.

We are selling to them, Energy, at 0,025. (very low, 0,037 to Bulgaria, 0,038 to Romania and Finland and 0,042 to Hungary).

On the twenty one of September Praga is conquered and the siege of Warszawa is done.

Seven Infantry Divisions and one Infantry Division (Mot) start the attack on Lipno. Let's see if now, they will resist as long as in Torun.



On Grodno, near Prussia, we lost another battle. The Polish still try to resist. It was the Cavalry Regiments of Brämer that lost.



One Polish Infantry Division and a Polish Tank Division try to breakthrough in Praga against von Both.

The Polish air force still try to resist, but they are now, very few.

We begin today, the attack on Warszawa.

Henrici with the SS-Standarte "Deutschland took the lead.



*The paper is a bit damage, but it shows the attack on Warszawa.*



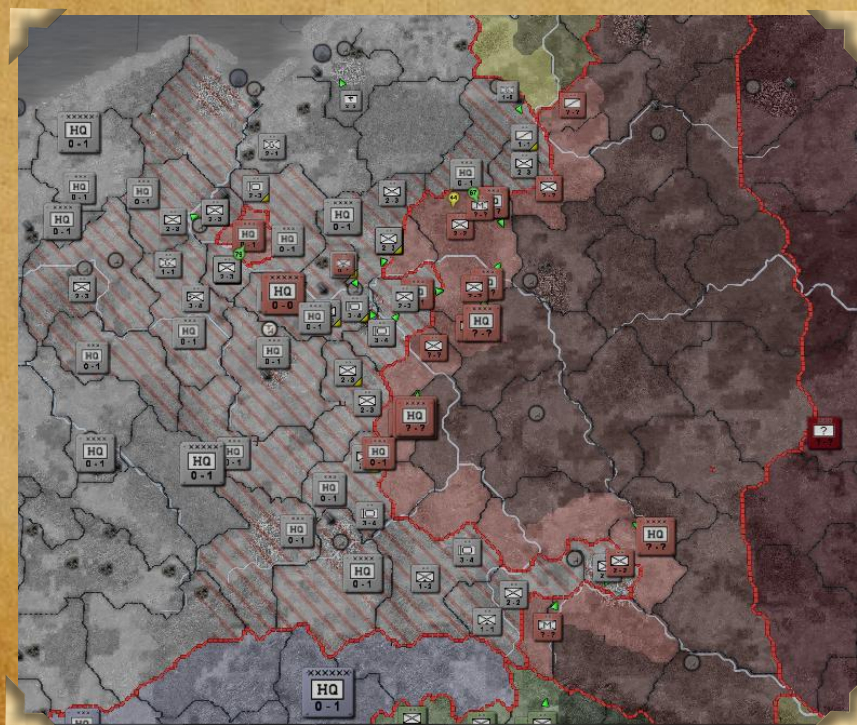


23 September, 1939

The Warszawa fight took no more than 24 hours.

They couldn't fight more. They were exhausted for the bombardments.

42.751 prisoners were made.





# END OF WAR WITH POLAND

24 September, 1939



At the beginning of the day, all troops deposed arms.  
I've take knowledge that Marchal Śmigły-Rydz issued orders for Polish forces to retreat towards Romania and avoid fighting.  
I issue`orders to capture Śmigły-Rydz.

	Victories / Defeat	Batles	%	Troops		Surrender		Casualties		Ratio	% Casualties	
				German	Enemy	German	Enemy	German	Enemy		German	Enemy
	Victories	91	96,8%	1.558.884	974.794	Enemy	112.606	6.692	15.518	160%	0,43%	1,59%
	Defeats	3	3,2%	24.932	56.521	German		1.604	484	44%	6,43%	0,86%
	Polish	94	100,0%	1.583.816	1.031.315			8.296	16.002	154%	0,52%	1,55%

We won 96,8% of the battles (91-3)

Date	Local	Country	Attack / Defend	Victories / Defeat	Enemy	Troops		Casualties	
						German	Enemy	German	Enemy
03-Sep-39 10:00	Johannisburg	Poland	Defend	Defeat	Polish	9.999	29.997	519	318
10-Sep-39 12:00	Sieradz	Poland	Attack	Defeat	Polish	8.985	20.525	757	107
22-Sep-39 10:00	Grodno	Poland	Attack	Defeat	Polish	5.948	5.999	328	59

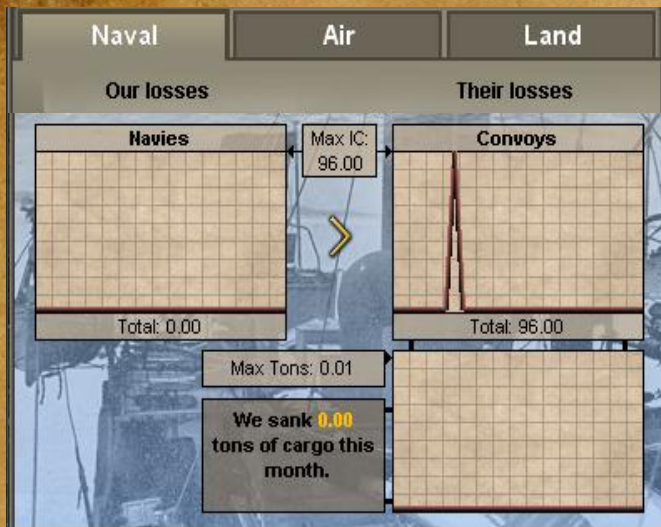
112.606 Polish POW (Prisoners of War)

8.296 German soldiers lost their life's.

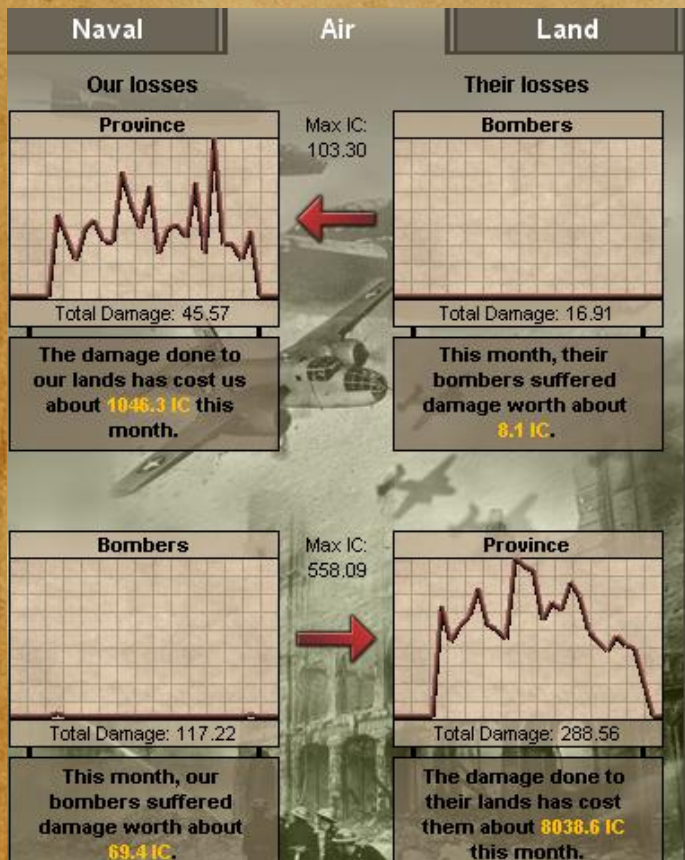
Alone, we conquered Poland, in 24 days.

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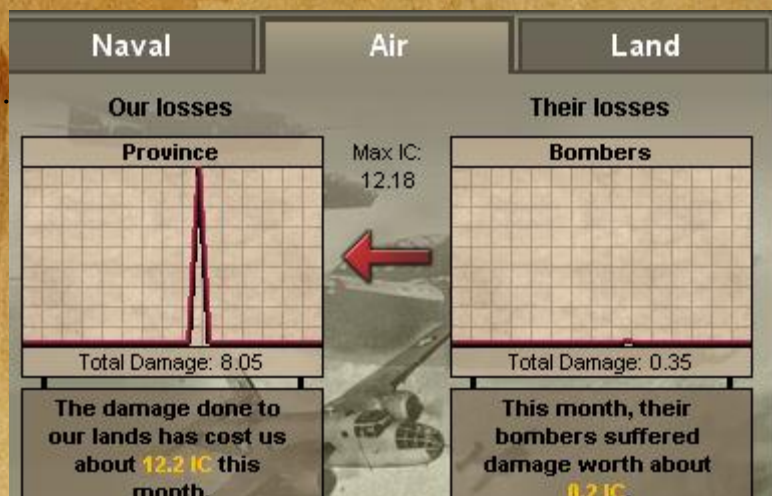


Unfortunately we could not capture / sink the Polish Navy. We only sunk a few convoys and by the reports, they were empty.



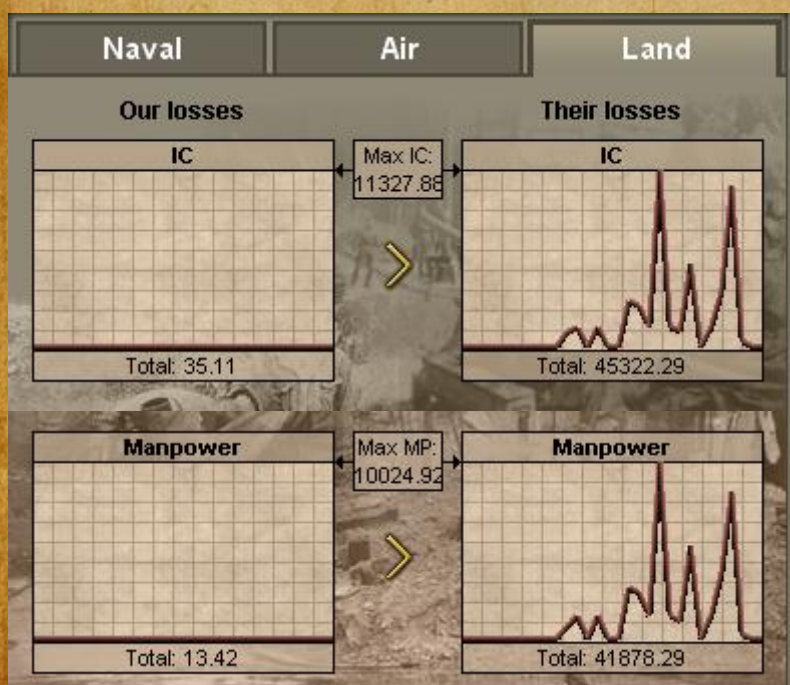
The estimated damage done in our country by enemy bombers of the Polish Air force did were 1.046,3 IC  
We have inflicted more damage to their air force by damage in the country, than they do for us.





The British Bomber our province, but nothing much.

The French didn't do much either.



The estimated IC cost of reinforcement/rebuilding of Polish land units that have suffered damage in combat.

The estimated Manpower cost of reinforcement/rebuilding of Polish land units that have suffered damage in combat.



### The Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact



On August 23, 1939 Hitler and Stalin signed a non-aggression pact, called the Molotov-Ribbentrop Treaty. Secret protocols of the treaty defined the territorial spheres of influence Germany and Russia would have after a successful invasion of Poland. According to the agreement, Russia would have control over Latvia, Estonia, and Finland, while Germany would gain control over Lithuania and Danzig. Poland would be partitioned into three major areas. The Warthland area, bordering Germany would be annexed outright to the German Reich, and all non-German inhabitants expelled to the east. Over 77,000 square miles of eastern Polish lands, with a population of over thirteen million would become Russian territory. The central area would become a German protectorate, named the General Government, governed by a German civil authority.

Honor the Pact

Dishonor the Pact

(Poland): Eastern Poland: Cede **Any/All** to **Soviet Union**.  
 Eastern Poland: Cede **Any/All** to **Soviet Union**.  
 Eastern Poland: Gain core on **Any/All**.  
 (Poland): Zarasai Region: Cede **Any/All** to **Soviet Union**.  
 Zarasai Region: Cede **Any/All** to **Soviet Union**.  
 Zarasai Region: Gain core on **Any/All**.  
 Relation with **Soviet Union** changed by **50**.

On the same day, eighteen hours after Polish surrender, the Soviets, don't lose any time, and ask as to honor the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact.

The *Führer* decided to honor the pact.

WE conquer Poland, not them.

Why should day have a piece of the pie?

Our brave soldiers fought and shed their blood for this.

Them.... I can't understand why...

Is disgusting...

I can't understand... is the *Führer* still afraid of a two war front?





Von Rundstedt and von Bock redeploy their army to the west.

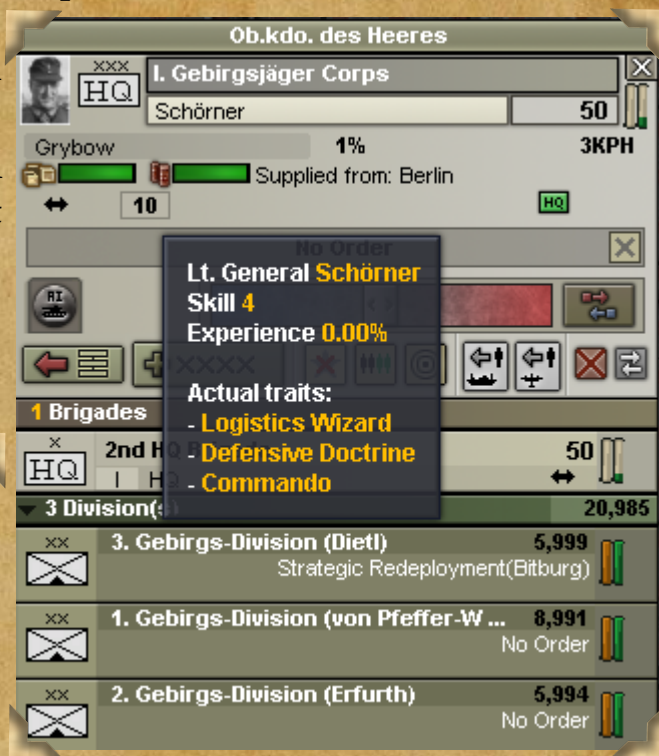
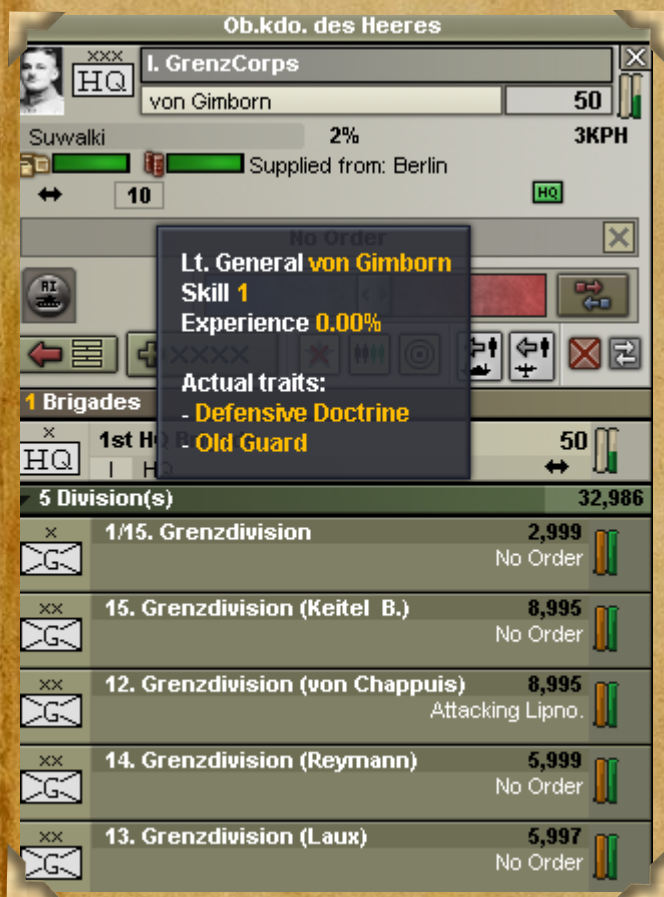
*Heeresgruppe A* and *B* are the new designation of their Army (former *Süd* and *Nord*).

The 1<sup>st</sup> Norway Corps are created with Höpner Command.

The I Gebirgsjäger Corps, has created and hand to Lt. General Schörner.

He is as skilled officer (4), very good in Logistic and commando. Petty that we has a Defensive Doctrine.

All the three Mountain Divisions are to put in this corp.



The I<sup>st</sup> GrenzCorps, is created to, and hand over to Lt. General von Gimborn a low level officer, from the old guard, but fine to defend Poland from any unrest.

XX. ArmeeKorps as created with Lt. General von Pogrell in command.

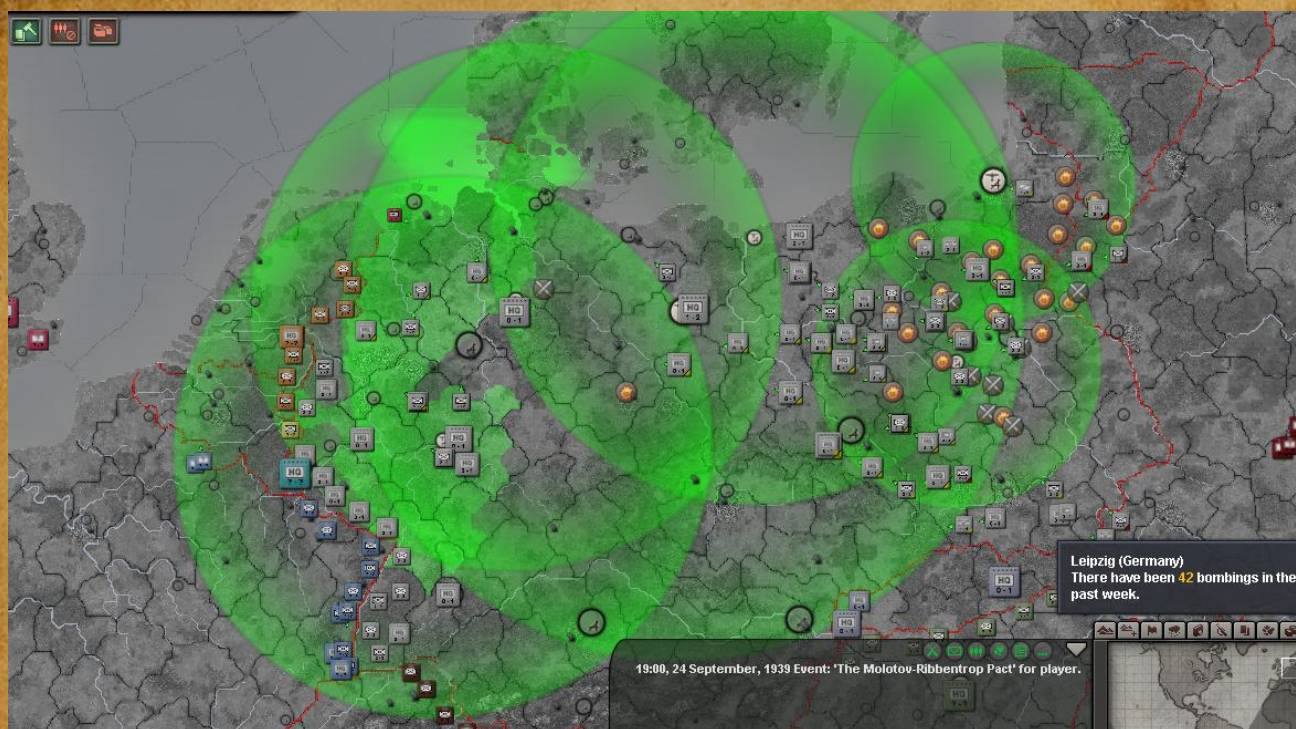
XXIII. As created with Lt. General von und zu Grote

General von Brauchitsch is in charge of the 2. Armee.

He is a skilled officer, (4) and as an offensive doctrine.

I restructured much of the former Hierarchy.





*Air Defense of the Reich*



*Revoltrisk Map*





	<b>HQ</b>	<b>OB West</b>	
		von Leeb	1,000
	<b>HQ</b>	<b>Heeresgruppe A</b>	
		von Rundstedt	999
	<b>HQ</b>	<b>8. Armee</b>	
		Blaskowitz	1,000
	<b>HQ</b>	<b>X. Armeekorps</b>	
		Ulex	999
		<b>24. Infanterie-Division</b>	
		Olbricht	8,832
		<b>30. Infanterie-Division</b>	
		von Briesen	8,991
	<b>HQ</b>	<b>XIII. Armeekorps</b>	
		Osterkamp	999
		<b>10. Infanterie-Division</b>	
		von Cochenhausen	11,992
		<b>17. Infanterie-Division</b>	
		Loch	8,997
		<b>57. Infanterie-Division</b>	
		von Sodenstern	8,991
	<b>HQ</b>	<b>VI. Armeekorps</b>	
		von Greiff	50
		<b>267. Infanterie-Division</b>	
		Fessmann	8,994
		<b>263. Infanterie-Division</b>	
		Bieler	8,994
		<b>262. Infanterie-Division</b>	
		von Brodowski	8,994

Movement of the majority of the troops to the western front.

The movements of 144 Land Units.  
A massive movement.



**05 October, 1939**

Victory parade in Warsaw





With my new Leica Camera



*Poland's defeat was the inevitable outcome of the Warsaw government's illusions about the actions its allies would take, as well as of its over-estimation of the Polish Army's ability to offer lengthy resistance.*

Erich von Manstein, Chief of Staff of the German Army



**06 October, 1939**

## **Hitler addresses the Reichstag**

*Neither force of arms nor lapse of time will conquer Germany. There never will be another November 1918 in German history. It is infantile to hope for the disintegration of our people.*

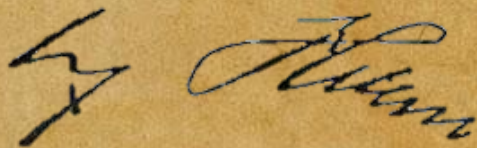
*Mr. Churchill may be convinced that Great Britain will win. I do not doubt for a single moment that Germany will be victorious.*

*Destiny will decide who is right.*

*One thing only is certain. In the course of world history, there have never been two victors, but very often only losers. This seems to me to have been the case in the last war.*

*May those peoples and their leaders who are of the same mind now make their reply. And let those who consider war to be the better solution reject my outstretched hand.*

*As Führer of the German people and Chancellor of the Reich, I can thank God at this moment that he has so wonderfully blessed us in our hard struggle for what is our right, and beg Him that we and all other nations may find the right way, so that not only the German people but all Europe may once more be granted the blessing of peace.*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Adolf Hitler', with a stylized initial 'H' and 'A'.

*The Führer's hopes for peace.*

*I hope they ear him.*