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Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 04:56:29 GMT
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Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 05:22:06 GMT
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land size != population

(!= means not equal to)

Subject: Re: NAZI Germany In World War 2 Question
Posted by [slosha](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 05:45:02 GMT
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Subject: Re: NAZI Germany In World War 2 Question
Posted by [Dethdeath](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 06:00:27 GMT
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Germany had been producing tanks and building an army for several years while everyone else was sitting on their asses. That and the military strategy they were using played a big role too, this article describes it pretty well:

<http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/article.php?ModuleId=10005437>

These days people would call that shock and awe.

As for Russia, they weren't nearly as powerful back then and their industry wasn't running half as smoothly as the German one was, but they did have a ton of expendable people. Apart from that, Hitler had been way too overconfident and never expected the battle in Russia to last until the winter. The Germans simply weren't prepared for that.

Subject: Re: NAZI Germany In World War 2 Question
Posted by [Canadacdn](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 08:24:17 GMT
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Subject: Re: NAZI Germany In World War 2 Question
Posted by [Jamie or NuneGa](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 10:36:13 GMT
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germany destroyed france in a few short weeks by going around the main french force in a few words.

Poland never had a army that could stand up germany especially as it was already under attack by ussr.

There are a lot of factors that led to germanys early success, it came very close to making britain surrender but due to a bad call by a leading general britain was able to scrape through the blitz.

Subject: Re: NAZI Germany In World War 2 Question
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 11:23:07 GMT
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The biggest mistake that Hitler made in the war was attacking on 2 fronts, one in the west, in france/brittain and in the east, the soviet union.

If he would've just let the russians be and focus on western europe, it would've been much much harder for the UK to fight back, and quite possibly Hitler could've done an amphibious assault on the UK.

Another thing which caused Hitler to fail was the increadably long supply lines to his fronts in Russia. It was impossible to get new forces to the front quickly, or even get replacement parts for their equipment was a big problem. This was one of the reasons why the attack grinded to a halt, which gave Russia the time to catch up.

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Posted by [_SSnipe_](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 13:28:41 GMT
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Subject: Re: NAZI Germany In World War 2 Question
Posted by [Killgeak](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 13:30:43 GMT
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Russia had a big army but they had few supplies... some soldiers didnt even had a guns. As for the surrounding countries they were allied (Like russia in the beginning) or they were heavily underpowered like Holland we got like pwned in a week because germany threatened to bomb many major citys after they bombed rotterdam.

thats what i remember from history classes

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Posted by [Killgeak](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 13:37:47 GMT
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NSB:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nationaal-Socialistische_Beweging

Subject: Re: NAZI Germany In World War 2 Question

Posted by [w0dka](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 16:35:12 GMT

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"Blitzkrieg" is your answer, thats german for a extremely fast attack, that combined with huge preparations. And germany is not exactly small. We have a extremely dense population. Another part was the prepared logistics. Hitler ordered to build huge highways to quickly move tanks and supplies from one side of germany to another.

That combined with some extremely highquality and innovative weapons was extremely deadly (A problem however later, because as my grandfather put it, our tanks developed that fast that you practically never have fitting spare parts, oh and most weaponry was tested in the field. It was nothing strange to get new developed things that didn't work at all because noone bothered with testing, as a example: pneumatic powered parts for tanks in russia.... no good idea in that cold, but extremely deadly if used in warm areas)

Germany had always has a extremely powerfull machine industry. Today we usually produce whole facilities (there is a saying, "yes our worthless junk is produced in china, but with german machines")

Although a big problem here is that we're dependent on supplies like ore and rawsteel from other countries. That was the whole reason for a "Blitzkrieg", seize ressources before you run out of ressources. The war with russia stopped that.

Germany was nearly unstoppable as long as we had enough supplies, but gladly we run out of it before it was to late.

Same goes for our soldiers. there is only a limited supply of those...

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Entirely wrong. The only thing between Hitler and Stalin was a agreement to not attack each other (Hitler later broke it) and how to invade poland. Hitlers other decisions we're usually catastrophic. You could safely say germany loose the war because of his decisions. Without him there would be a good chance that there would be a peace, after conquering most of europe, however attacking Stalin was suicide. But on a personal remark: Its tricky to say what would have happened. Its good this whole nightmare ended.

Subject: Re: NAZI Germany In World War 2 Question
Posted by [tellsson](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 17:05:22 GMT
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after ww1, germany was poor and had no real army. most germans had no work and such. the winners of the ww1 kept germany down. they claimed like 3/4 from germanys income. most of the germans had a problem with that, but the imperator of germany was weak. his efforts counted only for the aristocrats, the peoples in germany had a real hard time. now, hitler changed this as he got the power. it was relative easy to get the peoples on his side, coz they was unsatisfied with the current situation. hitler had no plan how to change the situation in germany. the only way he had was to build a huge military-industry, and the germans had work now. they made new weapons, tanks, aircrafts and ships. the other countries around germany didnt upgrade theyr weapons and such. best example is poland. as hitler started the blitzkrieg against poland, the polish army was on the level of 1913. or the france country, they had still the aircrafts from ww1. it was like a modern army against an army with archers and stones. hitler started a new warfare, mobility and fast units was his key to success. the small countries around germany had no chance, either they fighted for germany, or they got executed.

yer, thats it...

greetz telly ^^

Subject: Re: NAZI Germany In World War 2 Question
Posted by [mr£Ä\\$Ä-z](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 17:36:46 GMT
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You should know Germans had the best Engineers.

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Posted by [DutchNeon](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 18:20:34 GMT
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Not entirely true. We also had volunteer recruiting for the Waffen SS here in The Netherlands, and a lot of Dutch people actually applied for it.

Resulted in Kampfgruppenes and Freiwilligen Legions, like Niederlande, Nordland, Nederland, Westland, Germania and Wiking.

Wiking was actually the first Waffen SS division, and it mainly had Dutch people in it. Wiking itself dates back to 1940, and it already was mainly a Dutch Waffen SS division at that time. Wiking itself was actually a combined division; Dutch troops from Kampfgruppe Westland, Nordland and Germania, merged into a new division.

Subject: Re: NAZI Germany In World War 2 Question
Posted by [Romaner](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 19:03:57 GMT
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well i lived in Russia until grade 9. then i came to Canada and continued my education here. so i got the Russian version of WW2 then the North American version on top of that.

in my opinion germany was beat down and humiliated after ww1 and they were opressed and impoverished by the other nations. Germany at first was too weak to stand up for it so alot of poeple just remained in that position for decades.
then came Hitler, he promised to imporve everything and take Germany out of the slump, so people voted for him.

after a few years he stopped paying money to nations that Germany fucked up during ww1, and no one wanted to start another war over it so they let Hitler stop paying. After that he got even more emboldened by it and decided he will start building an army again.
Now this was not allowed by the Geneva accord or was it the treaty of Versailles i cant remember.

Yet again all the allied nations turned their back to this bold statement because doing anything about it was risking to go to war again, and France and Britain were reluctant to do that because they had not yet recovered from ww1.

now originally Stalin and Hitler had an agreement where Hitler was going to take over Europe and they were going to split Poland right down the middle, and Russia would claim Georgia, Ukraine and those countries close to it.

Now because of that agreement Stalin didnt think Hitler would open up on two fronts and betray him, so because of that Stalin had 40% of his army on the east coast ready to fight Japan.

Hitler emboldened by the success of his blitzkrieg campaign in France decided that he was ready for a two front war and attacked Russia.

Stalin was caught off guard with that and his first priority became to protect oil assets because otherwise he had no chance to even survive let alone win the war.

that is why Stalin ordered to hold on to Stalingrad (now named Volgograd) at all costs.

also someone was right saying that Russian soldiers were not equipped properly. what happened was one would get the rifle with a single bullet the other would get the mag, so they had to work in teams of 2 and when one would die the other would get both ammo and gun. you were never allowed to run back, not even turn and look back or you would be labelled a deserter and shot on the spot.

The real downfall of Hitler was that 1, he stopped to help Mussolini in Turkey i believe it was.

2. was that he didnt stop advancing deeper into Russia, and ended up advancing faster than his supply lines.

when the Russians were in retreat they burned everything they could on the way back, they burned countless cities when they retreated.

hell they burned half of Moscow because the Germans were on the outskirts of the city. During that time the city of Yaroslavl became a temporary acting capital of Russia. that is the city where i was born.

i could go on, but my lunch break is now over lol

Subject: Re: NAZI Germany In World War 2 Question

Posted by [renohol](#) on Fri, 10 Jul 2009 22:18:43 GMT

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