

## **STATISTICS**

All statistics represented are approximate: reference sources differ on exact numbers.

### **FIGHTER COMMAND**

#### **In the 114 days of the Battle of Britain**

RAF pilots killed -	544
Luftwaffe aircrew killed –	2,500
RAF aircraft destroyed –	1,000
Luftwaffe aircraft destroyed –	2,000

It is estimated that only 3% of RAF bullets hit German aircraft.

#### **Between 1939 -45**

RAF aircraft Fighter Command loses were:  
3,690 killed; 1,215 wounded; 601 POWs; 4,790 aircraft.

### **BOMBER COMMAND**

#### **Between 1939 – 45**

Survival chances in a Halifax bomber were 2.45 per crew of 7.  
In total 55,573 aircrew were killed and over 12,000 aircraft were lost.

For every 100 aircrew who served:

- 60 would be killed
- 3 would be badly injured
- 12 would be POWs
- 1 would evade capture
- 24 would survive unscathed

Of over 955,000 tons of bombs were dropped during the war.  
It is estimated that only 3% of bombs dropped fell within 100 yards of the target.

Halifax production totalled 6,178 with bomber versions flying a total of 75,532 sorties.

## **SPECIAL OPERATIONS EXECUTIVE**

No. 138 Squadron whilst based at Tempsford delivered 995 agents; 29,000 containers and 10,000 packages in 2,494 sorties and lost a total of 70 aircraft.

In all, over 33,000 clandestine flights were flown and over 43,800 tons of stores supplied to the Resistance. The SOE F-Section alone sent 39 women agents into the field. 91 men and 13 women gave their lives for France's freedom. It is said that the life expectancy of agents sent into German occupied territory in 1945 was 3 weeks.

## **D – DAY**

### **Run up to D – Day**

It is estimated 200,000 tons of bombs were dropped on occupied France and the Resistance cut the French railway lines no less than 950 times.

### **The Invasion**

The Allies: 36,976 dead and 209,672 wounded, another 16,714 aircrew and 4,101 aircraft were lost. There were 10,000 casualties on D-Day alone.

The Germans: 240,000 dead and wounded and 200,000 missing or captured. They lost over 3,600 aircraft, 1,500 tanks 3,500 guns and 20,000 vehicles.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 tons of bombs were dropped between the night of June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **V – BOMBS**

V-1 Flying Bomb: about 8,000 were launched against London; 2,400 reached their target and killed 6,184 and injured 17,981 people.  
V – 2 Rocket: about 1,300 were launched against London; 517 reached their target and killed 2,754 and injured 6,523 people.

## **HOME FRONT**

20,000 Bevan Boys went down the mines - 1 in every 10 conscripts was chosen by ballot to go to the mines.

By 1944, 1,000,000 tons of vegetables were being grown on allotments and more than a quarter of all fresh eggs were laid by chickens kept in garden sheds.

More than 12,000 women joined up to nurse the sick and wounded. By 1943, 90% of single women aged 20 to 30 were working in factories, on the land or in the services, of which about 640,000 worked in the armed forces.

1 in 10 women ATA – Ferry Command pilots were killed.

## **THE WAR**

### **British and Allied Merchant Shipping**

50,000 seamen perished.

5,150 merchant ships were lost 2,828 of them to U – boats.

### **Submarines**

76 British submarines were lost and 1 scuttled or surrendered of a fleet of 218, only 3 were sunk by U – boats.

52 US submarines were lost of a fleet of 288

782 U – boats lost and 380 scuttled or surrendered of a fleet of 1,219.

Of the 40,000 German submariners who set to sea, 27,491 crew and officers were killed and approximately 5,000 were taken prisoners of war.

### **Royal Navy**

90 Allied warships were sunk with the loss of 6,000 seamen.

## **Coastal Command**

Coastal Command lost 5,000 men and 700 aircraft.

### **THE WAR WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EVENTUAL LOSS OF APPROXIMATELY 50 MILLION MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM ACROSS FIVE CONTINENTS.**

1.8 million Frenchmen, 5% of the population were taken prisoner;  
810,000 military and civilian fatalities and 230,000 wounded.

By the end of 1945, 60,595 British civilians had died, 86,182 were seriously injured and in total 326,000 military personnel lost their lives. Three and a quarter million properties had been destroyed by bombs,  
92% private dwellings.  
130,000 children had lost one or both parents.

7,060,000 Germans lost their lives and 25,568,000 Russians lost theirs.

11 million American men enlisted; 6 million women replaced them in armament factories and 295,000 men were killed.

300,000 Italians went to war, 10,000 returned home.

Over five and a half million Jews disappeared under the rule of the German Nazis. More than 400,000 died in the Warsaw area alone.

The Soviet troops discovered, when they entered Auschwitz,  
348,820 men's suits, 38,000 men's shoes;  
836,000 items of women's clothing, 5,525 women's shoes;  
an enormous quantity of toothbrushes, spectacles, toys and 7 tons of human hair.

