

World War 2

France and Britain were two of the first countries to declare war on Germany. In the war France and Great Britain were allies.

How France got involved: In the year 1939 Germany invaded Poland. France and Great Britain declared war on Germany because of this. They hoped there wouldn't actually be any gun fire.

In 1940 Germany took France and with it all hope of future assistance in the war. The Germans took lots of French prisoners to concentration camps in the Second World War. In many cases the Germans said that if the French surrendered the Germans would let them go free to their own country. This was not true. The Germans kept these prisons to break the French soldiers will. This would enable the Germans to make the French their own. When the Germans captured the French they sent them to gas chambers then they filled the room with toxic gas.



For the next four years France was out of the war but in 1944 the allies landed in France and fought Germany out. In 1945 World War 2 was

over. During WW2 France lost over 350,000 civilians and over 200,000 soldiers. In all, the French lost more civilians than soldiers.

WEAPONRY

When the Nazis invaded France they had the advantage of better weaponry. Shot guns, snipers, flamethrowers, and anti-tank weapons were all things that the French didn't have. The British had even more than that but the attack on France was so sudden that even the British couldn't save them.

The guns of WW1 AND WW2 were very different.



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VEHICLES

One of the vehicles that the French used was the DUKW. The DUKW was an amphibious truck used for carrying troops across water. The French did not invent the DUKW the Americans actually did but they supplied them to their allies.