

THE SECOND WORLD WAR

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CHAPTER I

THE BEER HALL POOCH AND OTHER MAD DOGS

In early 1939 yet another human war began. And again, we had human opponents and the war became known as World War Two. This was a fortunate war for you and I, because we won it, and so increasing our lifetime records to two victories and no defeats.

The main countries of the war were Italy, Germany, Japan, England, France, Russia, and the United States, but that old wartime favorite, Spain, did not figure nearly so prominently in this war as it had in the 1588 affair. (fortunately for Spain)



One of the villains of the war was Benito Mussolini, dictator of Italy. He wanted to be a Modern Caesar, but the closest he ever got to being that romantic figure was in being wiped out by Italians. Before this, he conquered Highly Selassy, for lack of anyone better (or easier) and engaged them in what is now known as the comic war (by Italians). The Ethiopians were excellent spear-throwers, but turned out to be relatively ineffective against tanks and tuka dive-bombers. In a short space of time arms and soaked their feet, as they had run quite a bit.

There was another bad guy a little farther north, in Germany; Adolf Hitler. Hitler didn't much like being blamed for the last war, so he decided to start one he would be proud to be blamed for.

His New Germany was supposed to last 1000 years, but Hitler had to settle for 6. This disappointed him greatly.

One of Hitler's main drives was the re-acquisition of Applesauce-Lorraine, a territory lost in the First World War (a much duller war), which the French refused to give up any more.

Joining the peck of nasties was Japan, who was planning to take a few countries herself. The Japanese people believed that Hirohito, their emperor, was descended from the Sun Goddess, and that it was his divine mission to rule the world. Beliefs like these can prove to be of a most dangerous nature, especially for the emperors concerned, and as time would tell, the divinity of the Sun Goddess is open to great speculation. Japan invaded Manchuria in 1931, but since there was no one living there except a few abdominal snowmen, nobody thought anything of it. (Except the snowmen who were pretty put out with the whole thing).

So the keg was ready to explode the war into full activity, and Hitler and his number one aide, his faithful dog whom he had acquired in 1923 in Munich (the Beer Hall pooch) began the wheels of regress turning.

The Austrian government conveniently resigned a day before Germany invaded, and the peace of 1918 was officially and rudely concluded.

Hitler had a lot of self-determination and seemed eager to spread it evenly all over Europe. When Hitler tried to take the Sudetenland, Chamberlain (not Wilt) and Daladier went to Hitler to beg him to stop as they were not prepared for a war (though of course they did not tell Hitler the latter). After the talks Chamberlain returned triumphantly saying he had secured "peace in our time". This peace turned out to be a rather good imitation of a World War. Some experts say that Chamberlain really knew what was going to happen and that by "in our time" meant about six hours.

Hitler's next move was Poland, but he actually feared the Poles, because they were hard to see, being a very thin race. A typical scene during the war was a German armyman claiming exuberantly "Ya, mein camarades, I shotten ten Poles today!" The group would all laugh in unison with him, but with an air of hesitancy and wonder, since it could never be actually determined if in fact one had shot a Pole or a pole.

CHAPTER 2

RUSSIA CONQUERS ESTONIA, ETC.

Russia was an ally of ours then by necessity rather than friendliness, and seeing how easy it was to grab things, overran Finland and a number of other North Sea countries with little difficulty.

Soon Germany took Norway and Denmark, and Chamberlain resigned and became a comedian, a professor for which he had been well trained. Winston Churchill took over, making many great speeches about chickens and necks and other important war topics. It took the British people some time before they realized that he was not a comedian as well. But he was no comedian, and the Germans found him anything but funny.

CHAPTER 3

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