

The Royal Air Force Second World War Timeline

1 September 1939

Germany invades Poland



Operation Pied Piper. The evacuation of thousands of children begins



3 September 1939

Britain and France declare war on Germany



January 1940

Food rationing begins in Britain



10 May 1940

Winston Churchill becomes British Prime Minister



10 May – 24 June 1940

Battle of France (France occupied)



26 May – 4 June 1940

Evacuation of British Forces from Dunkirk



5 – 6 June 1944

D-Day. The Normandy landings



8 May 1945

VE Day (Victory in Europe)



6 – 9 August 1945

The US drops atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan



15 August 1945

VJ Day (Victory in Japan)

February 1942 – 1945

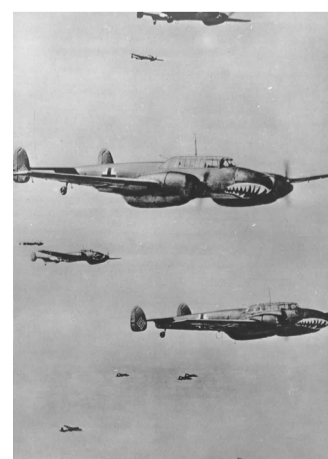
RAF Bomber Offensive. Strategic bombing attacks on German targets including Hamburg, the Dams Raids and Dresden

7 December 1941

Pearl Harbour. The US join the Allies on 11 December 1941

7 September 1940 – 11 May 1941

The Blitz



10 July – 31 October 1940

Battle of Britain