

PACIFIC WAR TIMETABLE — 1941	
07-Dec-1941	Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; also attack the Philippines, Wake Island, Guam, Malaya, Thailand, Shanghai and Midway.
08-Dec-1941	U.S. and Britain declare war on Japan. Japanese land near Singapore and enter Thailand.
09-Dec-1941	China declares war on Japan.
10-Dec-1941	Japanese invade the Philippines and also seize Guam.
11-Dec-1941	Japanese invade Burma.
15-Dec-1941	First Japanese merchant ship sunk by a U.S. submarine.
16-Dec-1941	Japanese invade British Borneo.
18-Dec-1941	Japanese invade Hong Kong.
22-Dec-1941	Japanese invade Luzon in the Philippines.
23-Dec-1941	Gen. MacArthur begins withdrawal from Manila to Bataan; Japanese take Wake Island.
25-Dec-1941	British surrender at Hong Kong.
26-Dec-1941	Manila declared an open city.
27-Dec-1941	Japanese bomb Manila.

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02-Jan-1942	Manila and U.S. Naval base at Cavite captured by the Japanese.
07-Jan-1942	Japanese attack Bataan in the Philippines.
11-Jan-1942	Japanese invade Dutch East Indies and Dutch Borneo
16-Jan-1942	Japanese begin an advance into Burma.
18-Jan-1942	German-Japanese-Italian military agreement signed in Berlin.
19-Jan-1942	Japanese take North Borneo.
23-Jan-1942	Japanese take Rabaul on New Britain in the Solomon Islands and also invade Bougainville, the largest island.
27-Jan-1942	First Japanese warship sunk by a U.S. submarine.
30-Jan-1942 to 03-Feb-1942	The British withdraw into Singapore and the siege begins
01-Feb-1942	First U.S. aircraft carrier offensive of the war as YORKTOWN and ENTERPRISE conduct air raids on Japanese bases in the Gilberts and Marshalls.
02-Feb-1942	Japanese invade Java in the Dutch East Indies.
08-Feb-1942 09-Feb-1942	Japanese invade Singapore.
14-Feb-1942	Japanese invade Sumatra in the Dutch East Indies.
15-Feb-1942	British surrender at Singapore.

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19-Feb-1942	Largest Japanese air raid since Pearl Harbor occurs against Darwin, Australia; Japanese invade Bali.
20-Feb-1942	First U.S. fighter ace of the war, LT Edward O'Hare from the LEXINGTON in action off Rabaul.
22-Feb-1942	President Roosevelt orders Gen. MacArthur out of the Philippines.
23-Feb-1942	First Japanese attack on the U.S. mainland as a submarine shells an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, Calif.
24-Feb-1942	ENTERPRISE attacks Japanese on Wake Island.
26-Feb-1942	First U.S. carrier, the LANGLEY, is sunk by Japanese bombers.
27-Feb-1942 to 01-Mar-1942	Major Japanese naval victory in the Battle of the Java Sea as the heavy cruiser USS HOUSTON and nine other Allied ships are sunk
04-Mar-1942	Two Japanese flying boats bomb Pearl Harbor; ENTERPRISE attacks Marcus Island, just 1000 miles from Japan.
07-Mar-1942	British evacuate Rangoon in Burma; Japanese invade Salamaua and Lae on New Guinea.
08-Mar-1942	The Dutch on Java surrender to Japanese.
11-Mar-1942	Gen. MacArthur leaves Corregidor and is flown to Australia. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright becomes the new U.S. commander.
18-Mar-1942	Gen. MacArthur appointed commander of the Southwest Pacific Theater by President Roosevelt.
18-Mar-1942	War Relocation Authority established in the U.S. which eventually will round up 120,000 Japanese-Americans and transport them to barb-wired relocation centers. Despite the internment, over 17,000 Japanese-Americans sign up and fight for the U.S. in world war in Europe, including the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most decorated unit in U.S. history.
23-Mar-1942	Japanese invade the Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal.
24-Mar-1942	Admiral Chester Nimitz appointed as Commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Theater.
03-Apr-1942	Japanese attack U.S. and Filipino troops at Bataan.
06-Apr-1942	First U.S. troops arrive in Australia.
09-Apr-1942	U.S. forces on Bataan surrender unconditionally to the Japanese.
10-Apr-1942	Bataan Death march begins as 76,000 Allied POWs including 12,000 Americans are forced to walk 60 miles under a blazing sun without food or water toward a new POW camp, resulting in over 5,000 American deaths.
18-Apr-1942	Surprise U.S. "Doolittle" B-25 air raid from the HORNET against Tokyo boosts Allied morale.
29-Apr-1942	Japanese take central Burma.
01-May-1942	Japanese occupy Mandalay in Burma.
03-May-1942	Japanese take Tulagi in the Solomon Islands.
05-May-1942	Japanese prepare to invade midway and the Aleutian Islands.

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06-May-1942	Japanese take Corregidor as Gen. Wainwright unconditionally surrenders all U.S. and Filipino forces in the Philippines.
07-May-1942 08-May-1942.	Japan suffers its first defeat of the war during the Battle of the Coral Sea off New Guinea; the first time in history that two carrier forces fought only using aircraft without the opposing ships ever sighting each other
12-May-1942	The last U.S. troops holding out in the Philippines surrender on Mindanao.
20-May-1942	Japanese complete the capture of Burma and reach India.
04-Jun-1942 05-Jun-1942	In the Battle of Midway, squadrons of U.S. torpedo planes and dive bombers from ENTERPRISE, HORNET, and YORKTOWN attack and destroy four Japanese carriers (AKAGI, HIRYU, KAGA, SAORYU), a cruiser, and damage another cruiser and two destroyers. U.S. loses YORKTOWN.
07-Jun-1942	Japanese invade the Aleutian Islands.
09-Jun-1942	Japanese postpone further plans to take Midway.
21-Jul-1942	Japanese land troops near Gona on New Guinea,



07-Aug-1942	The first U.S. amphibious landing of the Pacific war occurs as 1st Marine Division invades Tulagi and Guadalcanal in the Solomons.
08-Aug-1942	U.S. marines take the unfinished airfield on Guadalcanal and name it Henderson Field after Maj. Lofton Henderson, a hero of Midway.
08-Aug-1942 09-Aug-1942	A major U.S. naval disaster off Savo Island, north of Guadalcanal, as eight Japanese warships wage a night attack and sink three U.S. heavy cruisers, an Australian cruiser, and one U.S. destroyer, all in less than an hour. Another U.S. cruiser and two destroyers are damaged. Over 1,500 Allied crewmen are lost.

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17-Aug-1942	122 U.S. Marine raiders, transported by submarine, attack Makin Atoll in the Gilbert Islands.
21-Aug-1942	U.S. Marines repulse first major Japanese ground attack on Guadalcanal.
24-Aug-1942	U.S. and Japanese carriers meet in the Battle of the Eastern Solomons resulting in a Japanese defeat.
29-Aug-1942	The Red Cross announces Japan refuses to allow safe passage of ships containing supplies for U.S. POWs.
30-Aug-1942	U.S. troops invade Adak Island in the Aleutian Islands.
09-Sep-1942 10-Sep-1942	A Japanese floatplane flies two missions dropping incendiary bombs on U.S. forests in the state of Oregon; the only bombing of the continental U.S. during the war. Newspapers in the U.S. voluntarily withhold this information.
12-Sep-1942 to 14-Sep-1942	Battle of Bloody Ridge on Guadalcanal.
15-Sep-1942	A Japanese submarine torpedo attack near the Solomon Islands results in the sinking of the Carrier WASP, Destroyer O'BRIEN and damage to the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA.
27-Sep-1942	British offensive in Burma.
11-Oct-1942 12-Oct-1942	U.S. cruisers and destroyers defeat a Japanese task force in the Battle of Cape Esperance off Guadalcanal.
13-Oct-1942	The first U.S. Army troops, the 164th Infantry Regiment, land on Guadalcanal.
14-Oct-1942 15-Oct-1942	Japanese bombard Henderson Field at night from warships then send troops ashore onto Guadalcanal in the morning as U.S. planes attack.
15-Oct-1942 to 17-Oct-1942	Japanese bombard Henderson Field at night again from warships.
18-Oct-1942	Vice Admiral William F. Halsey named as the new commander of the South Pacific Area, in charge of the Solomons-New Guinea campaign.
26-Oct-1942	Battle of Santa Cruz off Guadalcanal between U.S. and Japanese warships results in the loss of the carrier HORNET.
14-Nov-1942 15-Nov-1942	U.S. and Japanese warships clash again off Guadalcanal resulting in the sinking of the U.S. Cruiser JUNEAU and the deaths of the five Sullivan brothers.
23-Nov-1942	Japanese air raid on Darwin, Australia.
30-Nov-1942 01-Dec-1942	Battle of Tasafaronga off Guadalcanal.
02-Dec-1942	Enrico Fermi conducts the world's first nuclear chain reaction test at the University of Chicago.
20-Dec-1942 24-Dec-1942	Japanese air raids on Calcutta, India.
31-Dec-1942	Emperor Hirohito of Japan gives permission to his troops to withdraw from Guadalcanal after five months of bloody fighting.

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02-Jan-1943	Allies take Buna in New Guinea.
22-Jan-1943	Allies defeat Japanese at Sanananda on New Guinea.
01-Feb-1943	Japanese begin evacuation of Guadalcanal.
08-Feb-1943	British-Indian forces begin guerrilla operations against Japanese in Burma.
09-Feb-1943	Japanese resistance on Guadalcanal ends.
02-Mar-1943 to 04-Mar-1943	U.S. victory over Japanese in the Battle of Bismarck Sea; over 6,000 Japanese soldiers are killed when virtually all troop ships are sunk.
18-Apr-1943	U.S. code breakers pinpoint the location of Japanese Admiral Yamamoto flying in a Japanese bomber near Bougainville in the Solomon Islands. Eighteen P-38 fighters then locate and shoot down Yamamoto.
21-Apr-1943	President Roosevelt announces the Japanese have executed several airmen from the Doolittle Raid.
22-Apr-1943	Japan announces captured Allied pilots will be given "one way to hell."
10-May-1943	U.S. troops invade Attu in the Aleutian Islands.
14-May-1943	A Japanese submarine sinks the Australian hospital ship CENTAUR resulting in 299 dead.
31-May-1943	Japanese end their occupation of the Aleutian Islands as the U.S. completes the capture of Attu.
01-Jun-1943	U.S. begins submarine warfare against Japanese shipping
21-Jun-1943	Allies advance to New Georgia, Solomon Islands
08-Jul-1943	B24 Liberators flying from midway bomb Japanese on Wake Island.
01-Aug-1943 02-Aug-1943	A group of 15 U.S. PT boats attempt to block Japanese convoys of Kolombangra Island in the Solomon Islands. PT-109, commanded by Lt jg. John F. Kennedy, is rammed and sunk by the Japanese cruiser AMAGIRI, killing two and badly injuring others. The crew survives as Kennedy aids one badly injured man by towing him to a nearby Atoll.
06-Aug-1943 07-Aug-1943	Battle of Vella Gulf in the Solomon Islands.
25-Aug-1943	Allies complete the occupation of New Georgia
04-Sep-1943	Allies recapture Lae-Salamaua, New Guinea.
07-Oct-1943	Emperor Hirohito states his country's situation is now "truly grave."
01-Nov-1943	U.S. Marines invade Bougainville in the Solomon Islands.
02-Nov-1943	Battle of Empress Augusta Bay. US suffers one heavily damaged destroyer; Japan loses 1 light cruiser, 1 destroyer and 2 heavily damaged destroyers.
20-Nov-1943	U.S. troops invade Makin and Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands.
23-Nov-1943	Japanese end resistance on Makin and Tarawa.
15-Dec-1943	U.S. troops land on the Arawe Peninsula of New Britain in the Solomon Islands.
26-Dec-1943	Full Allied assault on New Britain as 1st Division marines invade Cape Gloucester.

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09-Jan-1944	British and Indian troops recapture Maungdaw in Burma.
31-Jan-1944	U.S. troops invade Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands.
01-Feb-1944 to 07-Feb-1944	U.S. troops capture Kwajalein and Majuro Atolls in the Marshalls.
17-Feb-1944 18-Feb-1944	U.S. carrier-based planes destroy the Japanese naval base at Truk in the Caroline Islands.
20-Feb-1944	U.S. carrier-based and land-based planes destroy the Japanese base at Rabaul.
23-Feb-1944	U.S. carrier-based planes attack the Mariana Islands.
24-Feb-1944	Merrill's Marauders begin a ground campaign in northern Burma.
05-Mar-1944	Gen. Wingate's groups begin operations behind Japanese lines in Burma.
15-Mar-1944	Japanese begin offensive toward Imphal and Kohima.
17-Apr-1944	Japanese begin their last offensive in China, attacking U.S. air bases in eastern china.
22-Apr-1944	Allies invade Aitape and Hollandia in New Guinea.
27-May-1944	Allies invade Biak Island, New Guinea.
05-Jun-1944	The first mission by B-29 superfortress bombers occurs as 77 planes bomb Japanese railway facilities at Bangkok, Thailand.
15-Jun-1944	U.S. Marines invade Saipan in the Mariana Islands.
15-Jun-1944 16-Jun-1944	The first bombing raid on Japan since the Doolittle raid of April 1942, as 47 B-29s based in Bengal, India, target the steel works at Yawata.
19-Jun-1944	The "Marianas Turkey shout" occurs as U.S. carrier-based fighters shoot down 220 Japanese planes, while only 20 American fighters are lost.
08-Jul-1944	Japanese withdraw from Imphal.
13-Jul-1944	U.S. marines invade Guam in the Marianas.
24-Jul-1944	U.S. marines invade Tinian.
27-Jul-1944	American troops complete the liberation of Guam.
03-Aug-1944	U.S. and Chinese troops take Myitkyina after a two month siege.
08-Aug-1944	American troops complete the capture of the Marianas Islands.
13-Sep-1944	U.S. troops invade Morotai and the Paulaus,
11-Oct-1944	U.S. air raids against Okinawa.
18-Oct-1944	Fourteen B-29s based on the Marianas attack the Japanese base at Truk.
20-Oct-1944	U.S. Sixth Army invades Leyte in the Philippines.
23-Oct-1944 to 26-Oct-1944	Battle of Leyte Gulf results in a decisive U.S. Naval victory.

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25-Oct-1944	The first suicide air (Kamikaze) attacks occur against U.S. warships in Leyte Gulf. By the end of the war, Japan will have sent and estimated 2,257 aircraft. "The only weapon I feared in the war" Adm. Halsey will say later.
11-Nov-1944	Iwo Jima bombarded by the U.S. Navy.
24-Nov-1944	Twenty four B-29s bomb the Nakajima aircraft factory near Tokyo.
15-Dec-1944	U.S. troops invade Mindoro in the Philippines.
17-Dec-1944	The U.S. Army Air Force begins preparations for dropping the Atomic Bomb by establishing the 509th Composite Group to operate the B-29s that will deliver the bomb.

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03-Jan-1945	Gen. MacArthur is placed in command of all U.S. ground forces and Adm. Nimitz in command of all naval forces in preparation for planned assaults against Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Japan itself.
04-Jan-1945	British occupy Akyab in Burma.
09-Jan-1945	U.S. Sixth Army invades Lingayen Gulf on Luzon in the Philippines.
11-Jan-1945	Air raid against Japanese bases in Indochina by U.S. carrier-based planes.
28-Jan-1945	The Burma road is re-opened.
03-Feb-1945	U.S. Sixth Army attacks Japanese in Manila.
16-Feb-1945	U.S. troops recapture Bataan in the Philippines.
19-Feb-1945	U.S. Marines invade Iwo Jima. Iwo Jima is finally secure on 26 Mar 1945
01-Mar-1945	A U.S. submarine sinks a Japanese merchant ship loaded with supplies for Allied POWs, resulting in a court martial for the Captain of the submarine, since the ship had been granted safe passage by the U.S. government.
02-Mar-1945	U.S. airborne troops recapture Corregidor in the Philippines.
03-Mar-1945	U.S. and Filipino troops take Manila.
09-Mar-1945 10-Mar-1945	Fifteen square miles of Tokyo erupts in flames after it is fire Bombed by 279 B29s.
10-Mar-1945	U.S. Eighth Army invades Zamboanga Peninsula on Mindanao in the Philippines.
20-Mar-1945	British troops liberate Mandalay, Burma.
27-Mar-1945	B-29s lay mines in Japan's Shimonoseki Strait to interrupt shipping.
01-Apr-1945	The final amphibious landing of the war occurs as the U.S. Tenth Army invades Okinawa.
07-Apr-1945	B29s fly their first fighter-escorted mission against Japan with P-51 Mustangs based on Iwo Jima; U.S. carrier-based fighters sink the super battleship YAMTAO and several escort vessels which planned to attack U.S. forces at Okinawa.

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13-Apr-1945	President Roosevelt dies, succeeded by Harry S. Truman.
08-May-1945	Victory in Europe.
30-May-1945	Japanese begin withdrawal from China.
25-May-1945	U.S. Joint Chiefs of staff approve Operation Olympic, the invasion of Japan, scheduled for November 1.
09-Jun-1945	Japanese Premier Suzuki announces Japan will fight to the very end rather than accept unconditional surrender.
18-Jun-1945	Japanese resistance ends on Mindanao in the Philippines.
22-Jun-1945	Japanese resistance ends on Okinawa as the U.S. Tenth Army completes its capture.
28-Jun-1945	MacArthur's headquarters announces the end of all Japanese resistance in the Philippines.
05-Jul-1945	Liberation of Philippines declared.
10-Jul-1945	1000 bomber raids against Japan begin.
14-Jul-1945	The first U.S. Naval bombardment of Japanese home islands.
16-Jul-1945	First Atomic Bomb is successfully tested in the U.S.
26-Jul-1945	Components of the Atomic Bomb "Little Boy" are unloaded from the USS INDIANAPOLIS at Tinian Island in the South Pacific.
29-Jul-1945	A Japanese submarine sinks the Cruiser INDIANAPOLIS resulting in the loss of 881 crewmen (the greatest single loss of life at sea in the history of the U.S. Navy.). The ship sinks before a radio message can be sent out leaving survivors adrift for two days in shark-infested waters.
06-Aug-1945	First Atomic Bomb ("Little Boy") is dropped on Hiroshima from a B-29 (Enola Gay) flown by Col. Paul Tibbets.
08-Aug-1945	U.S.S.R. declares war on Japan then invades Manchuria.
09-Aug-1945	Second Atomic Bomb ("Fat Man") is dropped on Nagasaki from a B-29 (Bockscar) flown by Maj. Charles Sweeny. Emperor Hirohito and Japanese Prime Minister Suzuki then decide to seek immediate peace with the Allies.
14-Aug-1945	Japanese accept unconditional surrender; Gen. MacArthur is appointed to head the Occupation forces in Japan.
16-Aug-1945	Gen. Wainwright, a POW since May 6, 1942, is released from a POW camp in Manchuria.
27-Aug-1945	B29s drop supplies to Allied POWs in China.
29-Aug-1945	The Soviets shoot down a B29 dropping supplies to POWs in Korea;
30-Aug-1945	U.S. troops land near Tokyo to begin the occupation of Japan.
02-Sep-1945	Formal Japanese surrender ceremony on board the MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay as 1000 Carrier-based planes fly overhead; President Truman declares VJ Day.

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03-Sep-1945	The Japanese commander in the Philippines, Gen. Yamashita, surrenders to Gen. Wainright at Baguio.
04-Sep-1945	Japanese troops on Wake Island surrender.
05-Sep-1945	British land in Singapore.
08-Sep-1945	MacArthur enters Tokyo.
09-Sep-1945	Japanese in Korea surrender.
13-Sep-1945	Japanese in Burma surrender.
24-Oct-1945	United Nations is born.