OPERATION DYNAMO

The real story behind the Hollywood blockbuster DUNKIRK



1st SEPTEMBER 1939 Nazi Germany invades Poland

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10TH MAY 1940 Nazi Germany invades France and the Low Countries (the Netherlands and Belgium)

21st MAY 1940 German forces trap Allied forces in an area along the northern coast of France **3RD SEPTEMBER 1939** Britain and France declare war on Nazi Germany

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3RD SEPTEMBER 1939 – 10TH MAY 1940 The 'Phoney War'



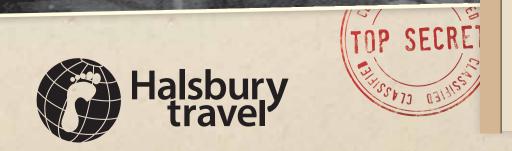
22[№] MAY 1940 Halt order issued by German High Command

28TH – 31ST MAY 1940 The Siege of Lille **27TH MAY 1940** Evacuation of Allied forces begins – just 7,669 men rescued on this first day of the operation

4TH JUNE 1940

Operation Dynamo ends with more than 338,000 troops rescued by a fleet of over 800 boats.





4TH JUNE 1940

Winston Churchill gives famous 'We Shall Fight on the Beaches' speech to the House of Commons.