

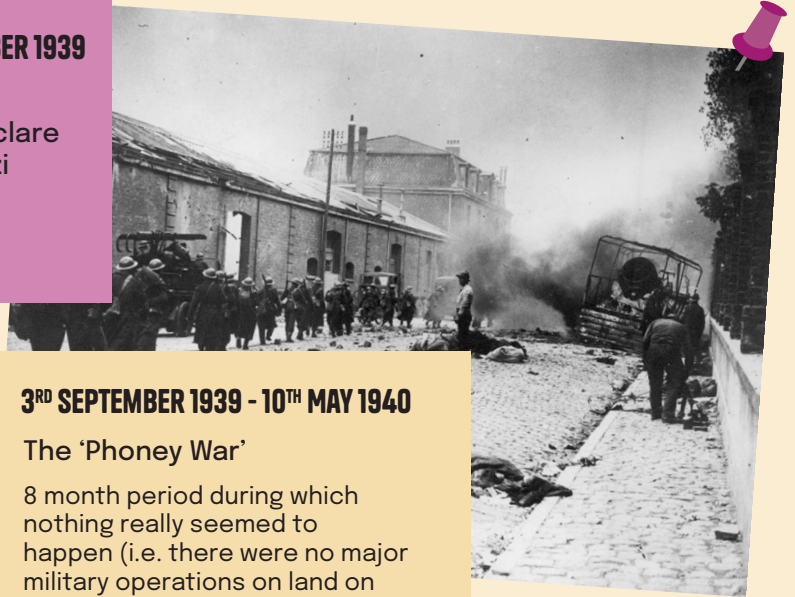
OPERATION DYNAMO

1ST SEPTEMBER 1939

Nazi Germany invades Poland.

3RD SEPTEMBER 1939

Britain and France declare war on Nazi Germany.



3RD SEPTEMBER 1939 - 10TH MAY 1940

The 'Phoney War'

8 month period during which nothing really seemed to happen (i.e. there were no major military operations on land on the Western Front).

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.

22ND MAY 1940

Halt order issued by German High Command.



26TH MAY 1940

Evacuation of Allied forces begins - just 7,669 men rescued on this first day of the operation.

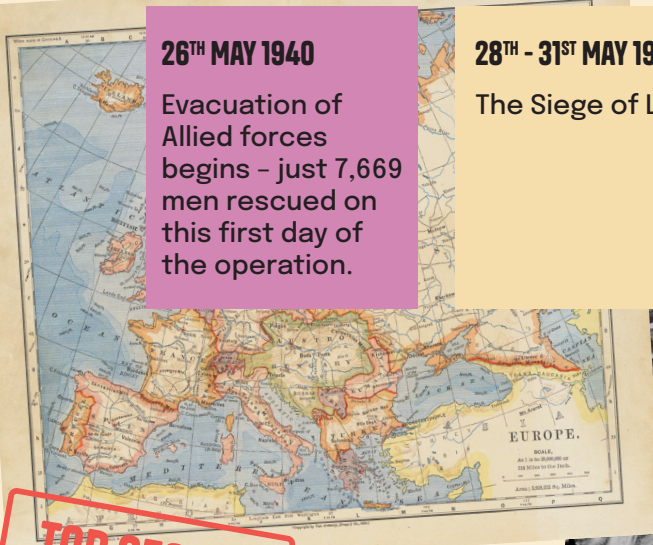
28TH - 31ST MAY 1940

The Siege of Lille.

4TH JUNE 1940

Operation Dynamo ends.

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



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