Pacific War
1941-1945
Japan’s Frustration in China
Japan’s Situation in 1940

- China quagmire & U.S. relations
- Japan joins Axis Powers
  - Allows move into French Indo-China
- Tripartite Pact
- Nonaggression pact with USSR
- Konoe Fumimaro & Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere.
Events Leading to War with the United States

- U.S. embargo on weapons shipments to Japan (1938)
- U.S. trade treaty with Japan expires (1940)
- U.S., Holland, and Britain restrict sale of strategic goods.
  - Oil major Japanese need.
- ABCD encirclement perceived by Japan
- Failure of Hull-Nomura talks (summer, 1941)
Decision for War

- October, 1941 deadline for oil agreement.
- No agreement
- General Tojo Hideki made prime minister
- Why war was believed necessary.
- Logic of Japanese plan
- Pear Harbon (Dec. 7, 1941)
Early Phases of Pacific War
Pearl Harbor

December 7, 1942
Japanese Attack Routes

http://my.execpc.com/~dschaaf/routex.html
MAP OF THE FAR EAST AND THE PACIFIC, 1941-1942
AMERICAN CARRIER OPERATIONS
7 December 1941 - 18 April 1942

LEGEND
- American Carrier Divisions
- Japanese Carrier Divisions

OPERATIONAL AMERICAN CARRIERS:
- CV-2 LEXINGTON
- CV-4 SARATOGA
- CV-6 VINTAGE FLAT
- CV-19 ENTERPRISE
- CV-18 HORNET
MacArthur To Bataan

December 23, 1941
MacArthur to Australia
March 12, 1942

“I shall return!”
Singapore Captured

February 15, 1942
Dutch East Indies

March, 1942
Bataan Falls

April 7, 1942
Death March Route
Doolittle Raid

April 18, 1942
Mandalay Falls

May 2, 1941
Corregidor Falls

May 6, 1942
Battle of Coral Sea
Battle of Midway

June 4-7, 1942
Yorktown damaged
Photo # NH 73065  Japanese aircraft carrier Hiryu burning, morning of 5 June 1942
Mikuma just before sinking
Beginning of the End
Battle of Leyte Gulf

October, 1944
Battle of Iwo Jima
March, 1945
Fire Storm in Tokyo
March 9-10, 1945
Battle of Okinawa

April-June, 1945
Potsdam Declaration

Unconditional Surrender
A-Bomb Story
Hiroshima

August 6, 1945
Nagasaki
August 9, 1945
Russians Invade Manchuria

August 9, 1945
Emperor Surrenders
August 15, 1945
U.S. Occupation Forces Land in Japan
August 26, 1945
Formal Surrender

USS Missouri
September 2, 1945
Occupation Reforms