



B-29 Superforts bomb Japan.

World War II, which started Sept. 3, 1939, when Germany marched into Poland, cost more in money and men than any other and lasted longer than any war in recent times.

The war which ended yesterday lasted 2173 days, compared with the 1563-day duration of World War I. It cost the Allies an estimated \$588,090,000,000, compared with an Allied World War I cost of \$145,287,690,622. The U. S. cost was estimated at \$325,000,000,000, compared with \$32,080,266,222 in the last war. The enemy cost was estimated at \$422,900,000,000, compared with a World War I cost of \$63,018,160,000. Allied casualties were estimated at 13,575,314, including 3,775,276 killed, those of Germany alone at 4,064,438, including 1,911,300 killed. The total casualties on both sides for the world show were estimated at 60,000,000, including 14,000,000 dead, compared with a World War I total of 37,508,686 casualties, of whom 8,538,315 were killed. Advances in medicine and military training on both sides apparently cut down the percentage of fatalities. Sixteen nations were involved in World War I, most of them actively; fifty eight were involved in World War II, most of them inactively.

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