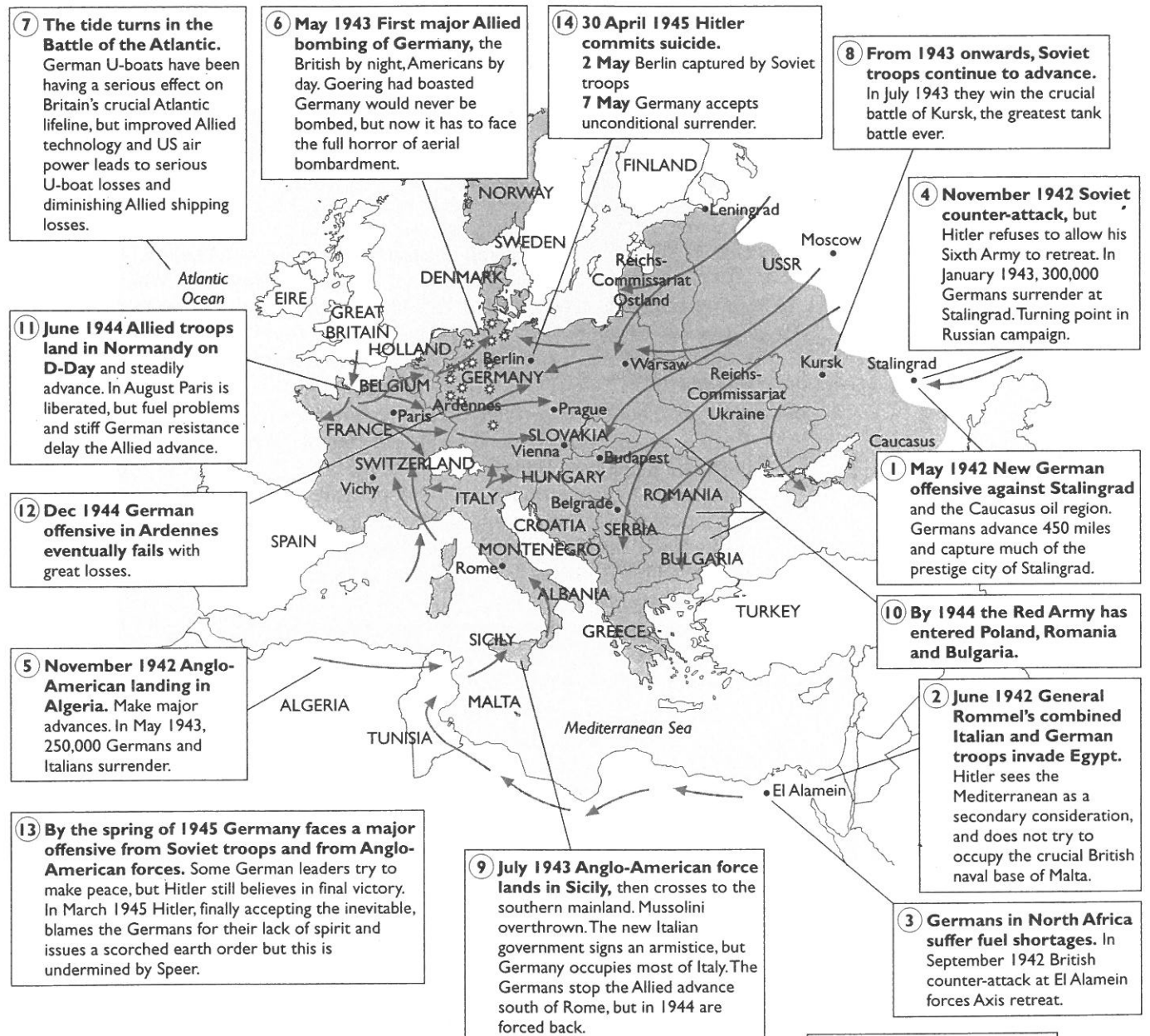


In 1943 the tide moved against Germany after its massive defeat at Stalingrad. Already forced out of Africa, Germany had to fight in the USSR, in Italy and, from June 1944, in France. To virtually everyone bar Hitler, it was clear that defeat was only a matter of time. Hitler's last hopes failed to materialise. The use of his secret weapons, the V1 and V2 rockets, was stopped by the Allied invasion of Europe, and the USA-USSR alliance failed to break up. Defeat finally came with the Soviet occupation of Berlin in May 1945.

21B The progress of the war in Europe 1942-5



SOURCE 21.1 The bombing campaigns: bombs dropped

Date	On Germany	On Britain
1940	10,000	36,844
1941	30,000	21,858
1942	40,000	3,260
1943	120,000	2,298
1944	650,000	9,151
1945	500,000	761

Germany's weaknesses

- Hitler's self-delusion and disagreements with his generals
- War effort diverted by Mussolini's failings
- War on two fronts
- Mistake of war against the USA
- Economy not prepared for major conflict

Key

- ☆ Main Allied bombing targets
- Allied attacks