

# WW2 Time Line

# 7 July 1937

- Clash near the Marco Polo Bridge, close to Beijing
- Start of Sino-Japanese War

11 May – 16 September 1939

- Battles of Khalkhin Gol
- Border skirmishes since 1932
- Japanese now turn southward for resources.



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- anschluss

- Munich agreement

- Germany takes rest of Czechoslovakia

1 September 1939

- Germany invades Poland
- Soviet Union invades 17 September 1939

10 May 1940

- Germans launch offensive in the West
- Belgium, Netherlands, & France



12 August 1940

- Battle of Britain begins

22 June 1941

- Launching of Operation Barbarossa

7 December 1941

- Attack on Pearl Harbor

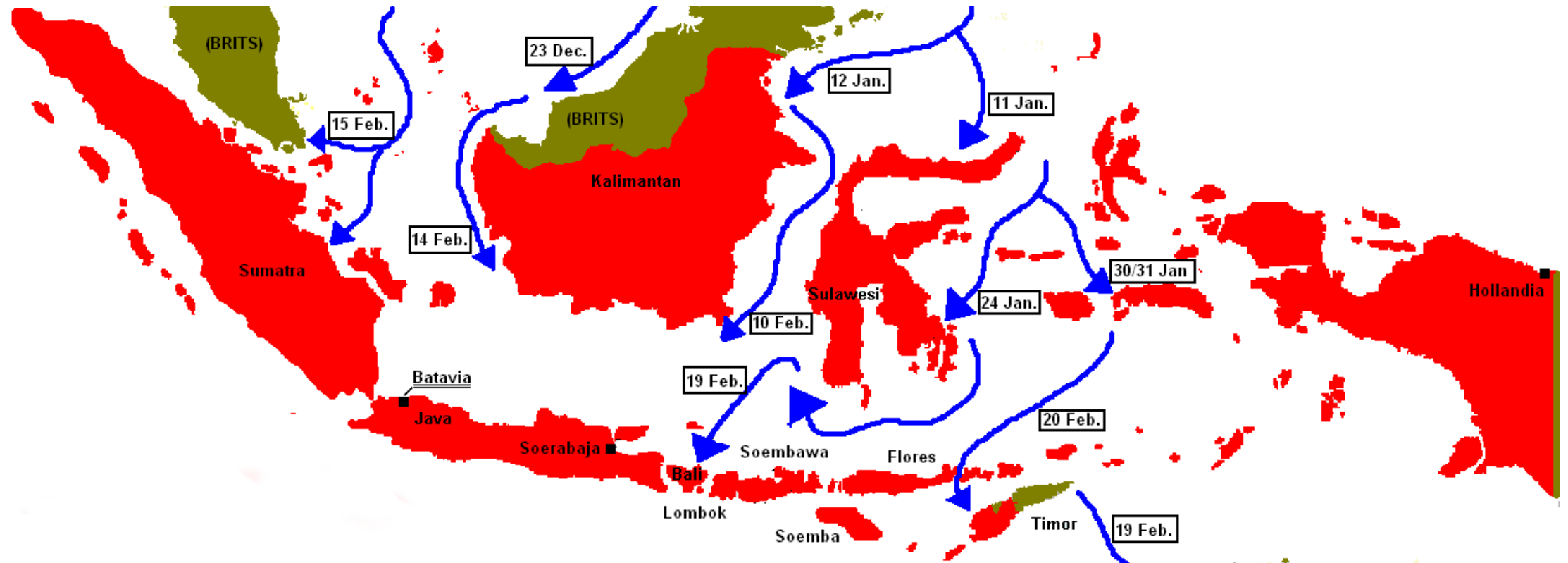
7 December 1941

- Attack on Pearl Harbor

8 December 1941

- Japanese invade Philippines

# 23 December – 19 February 1941-1942



- Japanese invade the Dutch East Indies (Indonesia)

# 4 June 1942

- Battle of Midway

# 23 August 1942 – 2 February 1943

- Battle of Stalingrad
- Turning Point on the Eastern Front



7 August 1942 - 9 February 1943

- Guadalcanal Campaign

# 5 July 1943:

- Germans launch battle of Kursk
- Last German offensive in the East

6 June 1944:

- D-Day

23 - 26 October 1944

- Battle of Leyte Gulf

# 24 July - 1 August 1944

- Battle of Tinian



# 19 February – 26 March 1945

- Battle of Iwo Jima



# 8 May 1945

- VE Day



# 9 August 1945

- Dropping of second atom bomb, on Nagasaki
- Why? Hiroshima



# August 9 – September 3, 1945

- Soviet-Japanese War

# 2 September 1945

- VJ Day

