



★ NEW RECORD
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Do you know when the first atomic bomb was used in battle? And what the greatest death toll from an atomic raid was? You'll find the answers on p.202.

BIGGEST CAUSES OF GENOCIDE IN THE 20TH CENTURY

COUNTRY	DEAD	REASON & DATE
China	30,000,000	Rape of Nanking (1937), Mao's "Great Leap Forward" (1958-61), "Cultural Revolution", 1966-69
USSR	20,000,000	Stalin's foreign and domestic policies, 1920-50s
Germany	11,400,000	Nazi extermination of "undesirables", 1930-40s (top right)
Japan	10,000,000	Sino-Japanese War, 1930-40s (centre right)
Pakistan	3,010,000	Persecution of Bengali people, 1970s
Sudan	2,850,000	State-sanctioned mass murders, 1990s
Nigeria	2,000,000	Persecution of the Ogoni people, 1990s
Afghanistan	1,800,000	Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, 1970-80s
Cambodia	1,700,000	Civilians murdered by Khmer Rouge, 1970s
Indonesia	1,200,000	Mass murder of East Timorese civilians, 1970-90s
Rwanda	1,020,000	Ethnic cleansing of Tutsi minority, 1990s (below)

Source: Barbara Harff, Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies

★ OLDEST FIGHTER PILOT

Uri Gil (Israel, b. 9 April 1943), a brigadier general in the Israeli Air Force, was an active fighter pilot from 1964 until his last flight in an F-16 jet on 20 June 2003 at the age of 60 years 72 days.

MOST PRODUCED WORLD WAR II FIGHTER

More than 36,000 Ilyushin Il-2 "Sturmovik" ground-attack aircraft are said to have been produced in Russia before, during and immediately after World War II, making this one of the most numerous combat aircraft of all time. The fighter's heavy armour and solid build earned it the nickname "flying tank".

MARINE WARFARE

FIRST NUCLEAR SUBMARINE

The world's first nuclear-powered submarine was USS *Nautilus*, launched at Groton, Connecticut, USA, on 21 January 1954. Built by General Dynamics Electric Boat, *Nautilus* was 98.7 m (324 ft) long with a beam of 26.8 m (88 ft).

★ FASTEST SHIP-BUILDING

Complete ships of over 10,000 tonnes (22 million lb) deadweight were built in record time at Kaiser's Yard, Portland, Oregon, USA, during the

World War II Liberty ship-building programme. In 1942, No. 440, named *Robert E Peary*, had her keel laid on 8 November, was launched on 12 November and was operational after 4 days 15 hr 30 min on 15 November.

LARGEST STEALTH SHIP

The Swedish Visby-class corvette is approximately 72 m (236 ft) long and has a displacement of 600 tonnes (1.32 million lb). Developed by the Kockums shipyard, the carbon fibre vessel is far lighter than a conventional ship of its size and features the large flat surfaces commonly used in aircraft to provide low radar visibility.

WORST DEATH TOLL FROM A SINGLE SHIP DISASTER

A total of 7,700 people died when the German liner *Wilhelm Gustloff* (25,893 tonnes; 57 million lb) was torpedoed off Danzig by a Soviet S-13 submarine on 30 January 1945.

★ LARGEST NAVY

The United States Navy is the world's largest in terms of manpower. In early 2006 there were 356,283 uniformed personnel on active duty, supported by 175,581 civilian employees.

The navy with the largest number of ships is also the United States Navy, which, in early 2006, had 281 deployable battle-force ships (including submarines) on active duty.

LARGEST DEATH TOLL FROM A CHEMICAL-WEAPONS ATTACK

An estimated 4,000 people died in the worst single chemical-weapons attack. The victims perished when President Saddam Hussein of Iraq attacked members of his country's Kurdish minority at Halabja, Iraq, in March 1988. The attack was ostensibly punishment for the support the Kurds had given to

Iran in the Iran-Iraq War of 1980-88.

