

BACKGROUND TO THE SIEGE 1: KEY DATES ON THE EASTERN FRONT

1939	15 March	Germany occupies Czechoslovakia
	23 August	USSR-German non-aggression pact agreed
	1 September (3 September)	Germany invades western Poland (Britain and France declare war on Germany)
	17 September	Soviet troops invade eastern Poland
1941	22 June	Germany begins invasion of Soviet Union
	8 September	Siege of Leningrad begins
1942	September	Germans enter Stalingrad
1943	January	Soviet troops open land route to Leningrad
	2 February	German army surrenders at Stalingrad
1944	27 January	Germans driven from Leningrad
	1 August	Beginning of Warsaw Uprising
	14 September	Soviets reach Warsaw suburbs
	2 October November	Warsaw Uprising crushed by Germans Soviet advances in Hungary and Czechoslovakia
1945	17 January	Germans driven from Warsaw
	February	Yalta conference (Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill)
	22 April	Soviet forces enter Berlin suburbs
	2 May	Berlin captured
	7 May	Germany signs unconditional surrender

Women working on defences

