

The World Wars - Playoffs Packet

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NOTE TO MODERATOR: prompt on all partial answers unless otherwise specified

[T1] **These weapons first saw combat under Ivan Flyorov at Orsha during Operation Barbarossa. In order to keep their nature classified, these weapons were initially called Kostikov guns and were only operated by NKVD personnel. A (+) battery of four of these weapons was said to have as much firepower as seventy-two guns, and they were often mounted on Studebaker trucks. The distinctive sound produced by these weapons when fired earned them the moniker (*) "Stalin's Organ". Their official name comes from a Russian folk song by Matvey Blanter, and they were often marked with a capital "K". For ten points, name this type of Soviet rocket artillery.**

ANSWER: **Katyushas** (prompt on any form of **artillery** unless it mentions "guns")

[T2] **In one propaganda poster, a confused soldier from this country remarks "What was that scream?" as an American soldier carries away a kicking woman. Another poster shows a map of this country with a number of city names crossed out and replaced with (+) German counterparts. That poster asks the populace of this country to "arise" in order to "save her from this shame." Another poster from this country states, "It's fight work or perish" in response to an enemy soldier (*) "coming south". FDR is seen carrying this country away in one poster as its soldiers are run down by a Japanese warship. For ten points, name this nation whose diggers were commonly featured wearing slouch hats in propaganda.**

ANSWER: Commonwealth of **Australia**

[T3] **During this battle, a number of friendly ships nearly collided with each other in the Windy Corner. Following the loss of two warships, one commander in this battle remarked "there seems to be something wrong with our bloody ships today." The ironically named (+) Invincible was sunk during this battle, which included a phase called the Run to the South. This battle began with a baiting maneuver by Franz von (*) Hipper's battlecruisers against David Beatty's forces, though it soon devolved into a clash between the fleets of Reinhard Scheer and John Jellicoe. For ten points, name this massive clash of dreadnoughts in the North Sea, the largest naval battle of World War I.**

ANSWER: Battle of **Jutland**

[T4] **The Gideon Force was formed to fight guerillas in this territory, and the Yekatit 12 massacre occurred here. This territory marked the southern end of the Imperial Line flight route. The first viceroy of this territory, Rodolfo Graziani, was replaced by Prince (+) Amadeo, who was captured after a siege at the mountain fortress of Amba Alagi in this territory. Following defeats at Keren and Culqualber, an army in this territory finally surrendered after the Battle of Gondar. The Red (*) Sea Flotilla was based in this territory, which had been formed in 1936 through a merger of Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Italian Somaliland. For ten points, name this Italian colonial territory on the Horn of Africa.**

ANSWER: **Italian East Africa** (accept **Ethiopia** until mentioned)

[T5] **The protagonists of this movie visit Supply Sergeant Crapgame for help in financing their mission. One character in this movie equips his tanks with paint-filled shells and charges into battle with loud music playing in order to confuse his enemies. During this movie, a (+) Tiger is unable to bring its gun to bear on a Sherman behind it due to a wall and a tree blocking the barrel from turning. At the end of this film, Big Joe and Oddball approach a Tiger and make a deal with its commander to secure a cache of (*) gold before the American Army arrives. For ten points, name this 1970 film starring Clint Eastwood in which a rag tag team of American soldiers go AWOL to rob a German bank behind enemy lines.**

ANSWER: **Kelly's Heroes**

[T6] **One of these planes crash landed on Akutan Island and was later captured and analyzed. A floatplane variant of this aircraft was known as the “Rufe.” The Thach Weave was developed to counter this plane, which first saw service against Soviet-built biplanes over (+) Chongqing. This plane, the counterpart of the Army’s Ki-43 Oscar, could often be found escorting D3A Vals and B5N Kates, and it was the primary antagonist of the F4F Wildcat during the early war. The (*) Niihau Incident involved one of these planes which crash landed in Hawaii. For ten points, name this Japanese fighter plane which was known as an excellent dogfighter for its high maneuverability.**

ANSWER: Mitsubishi **A6M Zero** (accept either underlined portion; accept **Zeke**, Navy **Type 0 carrier fighter**; prompt on “fighter”)

[T7] **During one battle, a newly formed infantry regiment from this country was wiped out around the Danger Tree at Beaumont-Hamel. A sniper from this country, Francis Pegahmagabow, was credited with over 350 kills, and one of its fighter pilots, Billy (+) Bishop, earned the nickname “Hell’s Handmaiden” for his success. This country’s forces were led by Sir Julian Byng during one battle, which was fought on the north flank of the Battle of Arras. That battle was significant for the formation of this country’s (*) national identity, where this country was said to have been “forged in fire.” After the Battle of Vimy Ridge, the soldiers who “went up as Albertans and Nova Scotians” came down as, for ten points, members of what nation?**

ANSWER: Dominion of **Canada** (prompt on **United Kingdom**, **UK**, Great **Britain**)

[T8] **Wildcat pilot Henry T. Elrod was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for sinking the destroyer *Kisaragi* during this battle, and coastal guns under the command of James Devereaux sank the destroyer *Hayate*. The 98 rock commemorates the (+) 1943 execution of civilian workers who had been captured during this battle. After the initial assault in this battle was repulsed, Winfield S. Cunningham famously exclaimed (*) “Send us more Japs!”, after which the carriers Soryū [SOW-ryu] and Hiryū [HEE-ryu] were detached to assist in the siege as they returned from the Attack on Pearl Harbor. For ten points, name this battle which became known as the “Alamo of the Pacific” for the dogged defense of the namesake island by US Marines.**

ANSWER: Battle of **Wake Island**

[T9] **At the behest of Mike Reilly, one attendee of this conference was moved to the Russian embassy following intelligence reports of a possible assassination plot, Operation *Long Jump*. During this conference, Marshal Voroshilov accidentally dropped a commemorative (+) sword that had just been handed to him. The leaders of this conference discussed a possible Turkish entrance into the war and reaffirmed their support for the Yugoslav partisans, though the agreement by the Western Allies to (*) open a second front in France was its most significant development. For ten points, name this 1943 conference between the Big Three Allied leaders which was held in the capital of Iran.**

ANSWER: **Tehran** Conference (accept equivalents for “conference”; accept **Eureka**)

[T10] **In order to conceal this operation, the crew of the HMS *Seraph* were told that they were to be delivering a top-secret meteorological device. One participant in this operation carried a payment message from Lloyd’s Bank, a picture of his fiancée Pam, and documents referencing defenses in (+) Greece. During this operation, in which Glyndwr (Glen-DUR) Michael was disguised as the fictitious William Martin, the corpse of a (*) London bum who had recently died from ingesting rat poison was dropped off the Spanish coast, laced with false documents that pointed to an Allied invasion of the Balkans. Aimed to aid Operation *Husky*, for ten points, name this British deception operation which diverted Axis forces from Sicily.**

ANSWER: Operation **Mincemeat** (prompt on “Operation *Barclay*”)

[T11] **After it was found that this organization had circulated a false story about the destruction of several German submarines by ships escorting the First Division across the Atlantic, senator Boies Penrose called for an investigation into it. Charles (+) Dana Gibson headed this organization's pictorial division, and it produced films such as *America's Answer* and *Under Four Flags*. This organization, which employed the "Four Minute Men", produced a poster featuring an (*) ape wearing a pickelhaube and titled "Destroy this mad brute!"** For ten points, name this American propaganda organization which was named after the Colorado journalist who chaired it.

ANSWER: **Creel Committee** (accept **C**ommittee on **P**ublic **I**nformation)

[T12] **A light machine gun used by this organization used open half-moon magazines which were susceptible to mud, resulting in frequent jams. This organization developed the world's first modern artillery piece, which was known as "[this country's] (+) seventy-five".** This organization utilized Lebel rifles and Chauchat machine guns, and it became the first army to issue its soldiers with steel headgear with the Adrian helmet in 1915. This organization also developed the first modern tank with a (*) rotating turret. For ten points, name this organization which developed the Renault FT-17 tank and issued blue uniforms to its soldiers during World War I.

ANSWER: **French Army** (accept **G**round **A**rmy)

[T13] **This location was cut off from friendly forces after a rapid advance by Colonel "Harry the Horse" Liversedge drove through enemy lines. The 147th Infantry Regiment attempted to assault this location in order to suppress artillery batteries which had pinned down the (+) Fifth Marine Division. Tadamichi Kuribayashi was able to keep in contact with this location via an underground tunnel network, and American forces had difficulty attacking it as they could not dig foxholes into the (*) soft volcanic ash. Joe Rosenthal captured a famous photograph of six US marines raising an American flag atop, for ten points, what volcano on the island of Iwo Jima?**

ANSWER: Mount **Suribachi** (prompt on **Iwo** Jima)

[T14] **Paul Hausser earned the Oak Leaves after this battle despite disobeying Hitler and withdrawing the SS-Panzer Corps. Before this battle, one side's forces became overextended after rapid advances during Operations (+) *Star* and *Gallop*, allowing the other to execute a backhand blow counterstrike against the vulnerable spearheads. Despite being outnumbered five to one, Erich von Manstein managed to rout enemy forces during this battle, ending the initiative they had gained after the Battle of (*) Stalingrad.** For ten points, name this battle which saw German forces encircle and destroy several Soviet armored spearheads, allowing them to prepare defenses for the subsequent Battle of Kursk.

ANSWER: **Third** Battle of **Kharkov** (accept **D**onets **C**ampaign, **D**onbas and **Kharkov Operations**)

[T15] **During the Battle of Galicia, this man said "the 12th Cavalry Division is to die. Do not die immediately, but towards the evening." This commander of the Southwestern Front pioneered the use of brief, accurate artillery strikes and concentrated assaults on weak points as opposed to (+) human waves. In his greatest victory, his forces demolished the Fourth Army and achieved a major breakthrough at Lutsk, forcing the enemy to transfer forces from the (*) Italian Front and convincing Romania to enter the war.** For ten points, name this Russian general whose namesake 1916 offensive nearly resulted in a complete collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Army.

ANSWER: Aleksei Alekseevich **Brusilov**

[T16] **Over 2,000 soldiers were evacuated from this city during Operation Berlin. Communication problems with soldiers assaulting this city may have resulted from the issue of the wrong radio crystals. The First (+) Polish Parachute Division was unable to relieve friendly forces trapped in a pocket near this city, while an unexpected counterattack by two SS Panzer Divisions frustrated John Frost's attempts to secure a key bridge in this city. The failure of Brian Horrock's (*) XXX Corps to reach this city in time to relieve the First Airborne Division resulted in the operation going "a bridge too far". For ten points, name this Dutch town which the British fatally failed to capture during Operation Market Garden.**

ANSWER: **Arnhem**

[T17] **Aboard the USS New Jersey, this admiral commanded a detached task group of surface ships to sink the light cruiser Katori and the destroyer Maikaze. Ernest King noted that this admiral "did a fine good job" in response to criticism he received for not being aggressive enough while screening the (+) Saipan invasion fleet. This superior of Marc Mitscher oversaw the raid on Truk, as well as the destruction of over six hundred Japanese planes during the Great Marianas Turkey Shoot. After (*) Bull Halsey fell ill, this admiral was given command of a fleet which included the USS Enterprise. For ten points, name this commander of the US Fifth Fleet, the victor of the Battle of the Philippine Sea and the Battle of Midway.**

ANSWER: Raymond Ames **Spruance**

[T18] **An artillery officer nicknamed the Durchbruchmüller directed a barrage of one million shells in five hours to achieve this campaign's initial breakthrough. One part of this campaign was stalled at the Lys [LEES] River, while another targeted the city of Amiens. US Marines counterattacked at (+) Belleau Wood during this campaign, which included Operations Georgette, Gneisenau [NIZE-eh-now], and Blücher-Yorck. Ferdinand Foch was promoted to Marshal of France for stopping this offensive's final push at the Second Battle of the (*) Marne. Using troops freed from the Eastern Front, this offensive aimed to defeat France before American forces arrived in large numbers. For ten points, name this 1918 German offensive directed by Erich Ludendorff.**

ANSWER: 1918 **Spring Offensive** (accept **Kaiserschlacht**; accept **Ludendorff Offensive** before mentioned; accept Operation **Michael** before "Lys")

[T19] **Herbert Plumer criticized the initial version of this piece of equipment for being too shallow and light-reflective. The Zuckerman was a version of this piece of equipment issued to civil defense organizations. This object's shape, which was based off of the medieval (+) kettle hat design, led to it being nicknamed the "salad bowl". Other nicknames of this helmet included the tin hat and the Tommy helmet. The M1917 was an American version of this helmet and was nicknamed the (*) doughboy helmet for its use by the AEF during World War I. For ten points, name this helmet which was also the standard-issue helmet of British and Commonwealth forces during both World Wars.**

ANSWER: **Brodie** (accept Helmet steel **Mark I**, **shrapnel helmet**; accept **salad bowl**, **tin hat**, **Tommy helmet**, **doughboy helmet**, **M1917 Helmet** before mentioned)

[T20] **Bob Nelson may have been spared from execution after this event because he was believed to have been related to Admiral Horatio Nelson. The participants of this event were divided into two groups, the "serial offenders" and the "hard-arsers". Emil Schulz shot the leader of this event, Roger (+) Bushell, near Saarbrücken. Two Norwegians managed to reach Sweden during this event, and a Dutch pilot was able to make it to the British consulate in Spain. Tom, Dick, and Harry were the code names of three (*) tunnels created by the perpetrators of this event. For ten points, name this 1944 mass escape of 77 Allied airmen from the Stalag Luft III POW camp.**

ANSWER: The **Great Escape** (accept anything about an **escape** from **Stalag Luft III** before mentioned)

[T21] *Two Answers Required* **One of these leaders ordered his aid Frank Dorn to organize an assassination plot against the other by having him bail out of a plane with a faulty parachute. The Ledo Road was renamed by one of these leaders to honor the other's efforts to complete it. One of these leaders noted that he had "laid the (+) Peanut low" in a diary entry attacking the other. These leaders feuded over lend-lease supplies coming over "The Hump", and Claire Chennault helped convince one of these leaders to have FDR (*) remove the other from command in 1944. For ten points, name these two military leaders who frequently clashed over Allied operations in China, an American general nicknamed "Vinegar Joe" and the leader of the Chinese Nationalists.**

ANSWER: Joseph Warren **Stilwell** and **Chiang-kai Shek**

[T22] **Rodger Winn was able to predict the location of this period, and he was later sent abroad to advocate for the implementation of a convoy system during it. Reinhard Hardegen sank the Norwegian-flagged *Norness* and six other ships during the first phase of this period, Operation (+) *Drumbeat*. A propaganda poster entitled "Loose Lips Sink Ships" was created in response to this period. This period, which was attributed by some to the inaction of Ernest King, is sometimes called "America's Second (*) Pearl Harbor". For ten points, name this period during which Axis submarines sank 3.1 million tons of Allied shipping off the coast of the United States.**

ANSWER: **Second Happy Time** (accept **Golden Time**, **American shooting season**, Operation **Timpani Beat**, Operation **Paukenschlag**; accept Operation **Drumbeat** before mentioned; prompt on "Battle of the Atlantic"; do not accept "First Happy Time")

[T23] *Two Answers Required* **After one of these countries ceased hostilities with the other, Lionel Dunsterville led a small force in an attempt to replace their troops and maintain the front. One of these countries began a campaign against the other with the Bergmann Offensive. One of these countries attempted to seize the city of (+) Kars from the other, but failed after the disastrous Battle of Sarikamish. That city was later ceded between these countries along with Ardahan and Batumi in the Treaty of (*) Brest-Litovsk, and that battle led to Enver Pasha commencing the Armenian genocide. For ten points, name these two empires which fought over the Caucasus region during World War I.**

ANSWER: **Russian Empire** and the **Ottoman Empire** (accept Imperial **Russia**, **Russians**, **Ottomans**, **The Exalted Ottoman State**, **Turkish Empire**, **Turkey**)

[T24] *Description acceptable* **The Rafwaffe was the nickname of a fighter squadron which performed this action. The American 83rd Infantry Division was nicknamed "The Rag-Tag Circus" for performing this action, after which it no longer resembled an infantry division. This action was performed on (+) Mark V tanks as part of the Beutepanzer program. German soldiers often did this with PPSH submachine guns as they preferred them to MP-40s, and it was performed with French tanks in order to bolster the strength of Operation (*) *Barbarossa*. For ten points, name this action which was performed by German forces with Allied weapons and vehicles following the evacuation at Dunkirk.**

ANSWER: **using enemy equipment** (accept obvious equipments such as **using captured equipment**, **pressing captured equipment into service**, etc.; accept specific answers such as **using captured enemy aircraft**; generously accept **capturing enemy equipment** or similar answers)

[T25] **Horace Smith-Dorrien made a stand at Le Cateau in order to cover the retreat of this force, an action for which he was later criticized by this force's commander, John French. That action took place during the larger Battle of the (+) Frontiers and in the aftermath of this force's first major engagement, which saw them inflict disproportionate casualties on advancing German forces at Mons. This force struck between the armies of Karl von Bülow and Alexander von Kluck during the (*) First Battle of the Marne while they were pinned by French forces, forcing those armies to withdraw to avoid an encirclement. For ten points, name this British army which was sent to the Western Front at the start of World War I.**

ANSWER: **British Expeditionary Force** (accept **BEF**; prompt on **British Army**)

[T26] **Six French and five British divisions were deployed to the Mincio River to participate in this battle, but they saw no combat as the enemy advance was stopped before the fighting reached that line. Following this battle, the losers retreated more than 100 kilometers to Monte Grappa and the (+) Piave River. Luigi Cadorna was dismissed after this battle, during which Erwin Rommel earned the Pour le Mérite for capturing 9,000 men. Otto Hahn planned the massive (*) gas bombardment which began this battle, and which was soon followed up by effective stormtrooper assaults on the enemy trenches. For ten points, name this major 1917 Central Powers victory which routed Italian forces from the Isonzo River.**

ANSWER: Battle of **Caporetto** (accept **Twelfth** Battle of the **Isonzo**, Battle of **Kobarid**, Battle of **Karfreit**)

[T27] **A number of members of this movement were tried in San Francisco in what was at the time the longest and most expensive trial in US history. That case was connected to the Irish Republican Brotherhood and dealt with the (+) Annie Larsen affair. The Niedermayer-Hentig Expedition was a failed operation in this movement, which included a plot by the Jugantar Party to stage uprisings on Christmas Day. The most prominent sect of this conspiracy was ended after plans for the (*) Ghadar Mutiny were revealed by double agents. For ten points, name this plot by Indian nationalists to overthrow the British Raj with help from Europe.**

ANSWER: **Hindu-German Conspiracy** (accept equivalents for “Conspiracy”)

[T28] **Josef Kociok grounded this unit for the first time after he downed four of their planes in one night. This unit earned the designation “taman” for its service at the Kuban Bridgehead, and it was led in the field by Yevdokia (+) Berskanshaya. Along with the 586th Fighter Regiment and the 125th Guards Dive Bomber Regiment, this unit was founded by Marina Raskova. This unit flew Polikarpov Po-2 biplanes and earned its nickname from the (*) broomstick-like noise produced when its pilots idled their engines to produce less noise during low-altitude attacks. For ten points, name this all-female night bomber regiment of the Soviet Air Forces.**

ANSWER: **Night Witches** (accept **588th Night Bomber Regiment**, **46th “Taman” Guards Night Bomber Aviation Regiment**)

[T29] **This man nearly died after his Gloster Gladiator crashed in the desert, about which he later wrote a piece that was published in the Saturday Evening Post, “Shot Down Over Libya”. This man fought alongside top Commonwealth fighter ace Pat Pattle during the Battle of (+) Athens in a Hawker Hurricane, and he later man worked under Canadian spymaster William Stephenson on propaganda and intelligence duties in the United States, where he spied on Henry Wallace and (*) FDR. For ten points, name this British intelligence officer and fighter pilot who later authored children’s novels such as *James and the Giant Peach*.**

ANSWER: Roald **Dahl**

[T30] **An offensive planned by this man targeted the Chemin des Dames ridge and sought to break through German defenses on the Aisne to end the war in forty-eight hours. However, the failure of that operation resulted in massive (+) mutinies in the army and led to this man’s replacement by Philippe Pétain. This man, who succeeded Joseph Joffre in his highest post, had earlier replaced Pétain as commander of the Second Army during a battle in which he was accused of (*) wasting French lives with fruitless counterattacks. Becoming the commander-in-chief of the French Army in December of 1916, for ten points, name this general who famously gave the order “They shall not pass!” during the Battle of Verdun.**

ANSWER: Robert Georges **Nivelle**

[T31] Victory was secured in this battle after Polish troops secured Mount Ormel Ridge at Hill 262. Prior to this battle, one side's northern flank was pressed Canadian troops during Operation Goodwood. Despite lacking resources, Günther von (+) Kluge was ordered to counterattack against an enemy breakthrough during this battle. Occurring shortly after the success of Operation Cobra, this battle resulted in the destruction of Army Group B and paved the way for the Allied advance to (*) Paris. For ten points, name this battle during which 50,000 German troops were encircled by British and American forces south of Caen.

ANSWER: Battle of the Falaise-Pocket (accept Battle of the Falaise Gap, Battle of the Chambois Pocket, Battle of the Falaise-Chambois Pocket, Battle of the Argentan-Falaise Pocket, Battle of the Trun-Chambois Gap)

[T32] One of this unit's commanders, John Richard Easonsmith, was killed at the Battle of Lemnos. Patrick Clayton was captured during a battle between this unit and this unit's enemy counterpart, the Autosahariana, near Kufra. This unit conducted (+) 'Road Watch' duties while based at Siwa, and it was first led by Ralph A. Bagnold. This unit, which was composed of mostly New Zealanders, destroyed thirty-five planes during an attack on the Barce airfield as part of Operation Agreement, an assault on (*) Tobruk. For ten points, name this British special forces unit which using Chevrolet trucks performed intelligence and raiding missions behind enemy lines in North Africa.

ANSWER: Long Range Desert Group (accept LRDG, Long Range Patrol, LRP)

[T33] This ship failed to sink after nine torpedoes were fired to scuttle it by the destroyers *Mustin* and *Anderson*. Following one battle, George Gay was the only survivor of this ship's Torpedo Squadron Eight, whose ineffective attack (+) distracted enemy Zeroes and gave an opportunity for friendly dive bombers to strike. This ship became the last American fleet carrier lost to enemy fire after it was sunk during the Battle of Santa Cruz, and it became most famous for launching (*) sixteen B-25 bombers off its deck during a 1942 air raid on Tokyo. For ten points, name this *Yorktown*-class aircraft carrier which was best known for its participation in the Doolittle Raid.

ANSWER: USS Hornet (accept CV-8)

[T34] In order to divert attention from this battle, Arthur Currie's Canadian Corps launched an offensive targeting the village of Lens, resulting in the Battle of Hill 70. A famous photo from this battle depicts several Australian soldiers walking through Chateauwood across a (+) duckboard over mud puddles with severed bare tree trunks rising in the background. The attackers in this battle, which had earlier gained the initiative after a victory at Messines, sought to capture submarine pens on the (*) Belgian coast. An earlier battle at the same location saw the German Army's first large-scale use of poison gas. For ten points, name this 1917 battle in Flanders, also known as the Third Battle of Ypres.

ANSWER: Battle of Passchendaele (accept Third Battle of Ypres before mentioned)

[T35] Heinrich Himmler described this country as "ridiculous" and wished for it to be occupied by Waffen SS troops. This country established an extermination camp at Jasenovac, which has often been compared to Auschwitz. The Duke of Aosta was appointed as the monarch of this country under the name (+) Tomislav II despite never setting foot in this country. Despite initial conflict, the Chetniks ended up collaborating with this country's government, which was led by the Ustāše Party and Poglavnik Ante (*) Pavelić [PAH-veh-lich]. For ten points, name this fascist puppet state which was established in Yugoslavia following the Axis invasion in 1941.

ANSWER: Independent State of Croatia (accept NDH; prompt on Yugoslavia)