



Kriegsmarine Operation Hannibal	
Belligerents	
 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	 Kriegsmarine, Nazi Germany
Commanders and leaders	
 General Ivan Chernyakhovsky 3rd Belorussian Front	 German Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz
 Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky 2nd Belorussian Front	 General Admiral Oskar Kummetz, Naval High Commander, Baltic
 Captain Alexander Marinesko, S-13	 Rear Admiral Konrad Engelhardt, head of Kriegsmarine shipping
Comments on deployed forces	
Red Army (~2,300,000 men; 6,252 tanks) • 1st Belorussian Front (Zhukov) • 2nd Belorussian Front (Rokossovsky) • 1st Ukrainian Front (Konev) Soviet Air Force (~7,500 aircraft)	Between 494 and 1,080 merchant vessels utilizing Germany's largest remaining naval units, carried between 800,000 and 900,000 German civilians and 350,000 soldiers across the Baltic Sea to Germany and Denmark
Casualties	
81,116 KIA; 280,251 WIA; 1,997 tanks and 917 aircraft destroyed	<i>Goya</i> , <i>Wilhelm Gustloff</i> , and <i>von Steuben</i> and 158 other merchant vessels sunk; 36 divisions and 766,750 soldiers KIA/WIA/CIA in Battle of Berlin; countless civilians killed; 3 rd Reich falls.



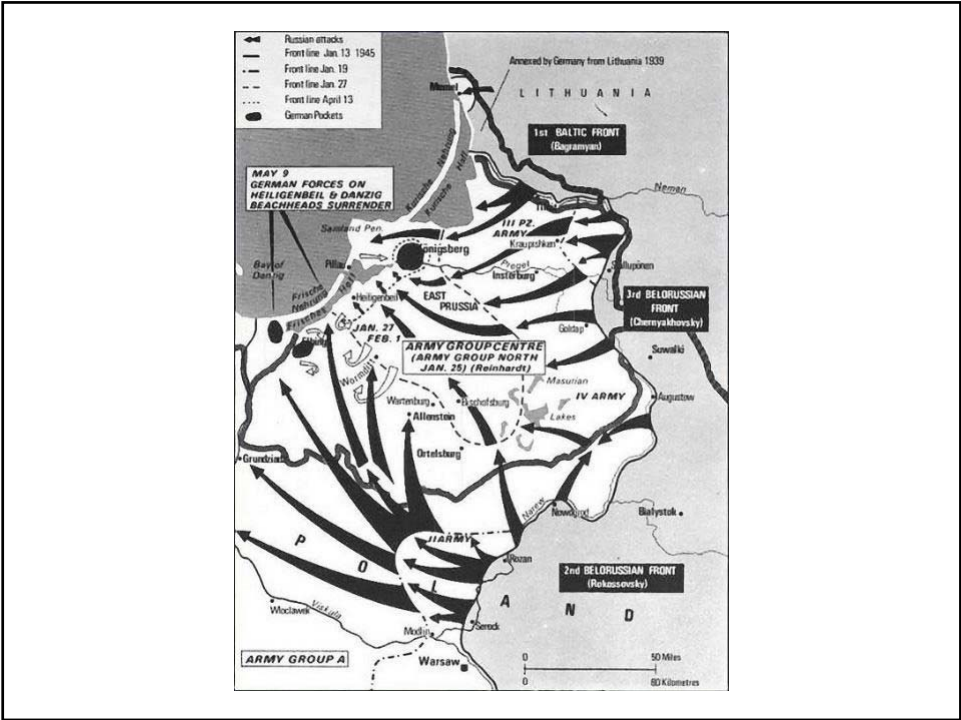


Figure 1 Wilhelm Gustloff



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Figure 3 SS Hansa



Figure 4 Former Norwegian Frigate German Torpedo Boat Lowe

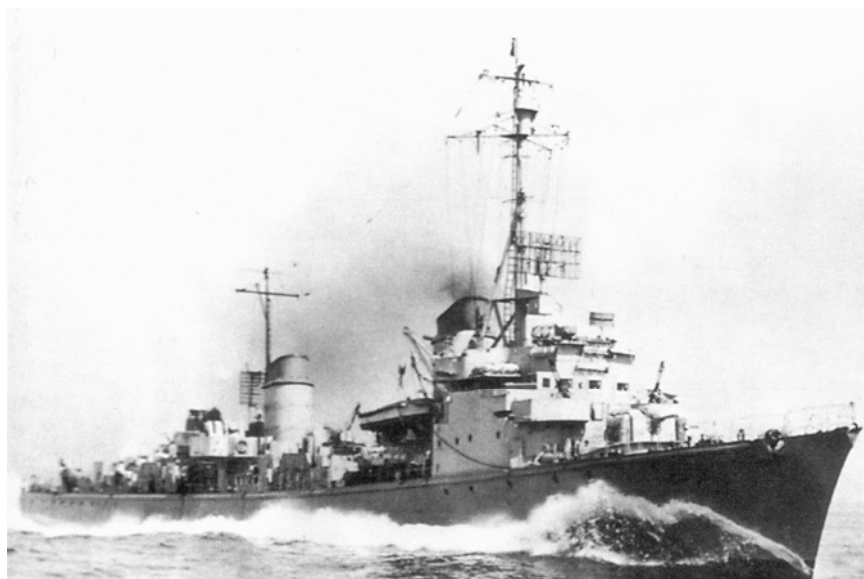


Figure 5 Captain Petersen and Captain Zahn



Figure 6 Escape Route Op Hannibal

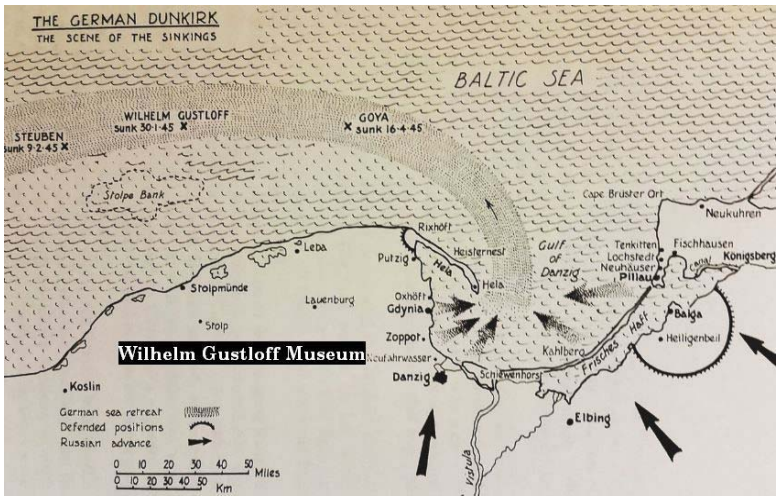


Figure 7 Captain Marinesko



Figure 9 SS General Von Steuben



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