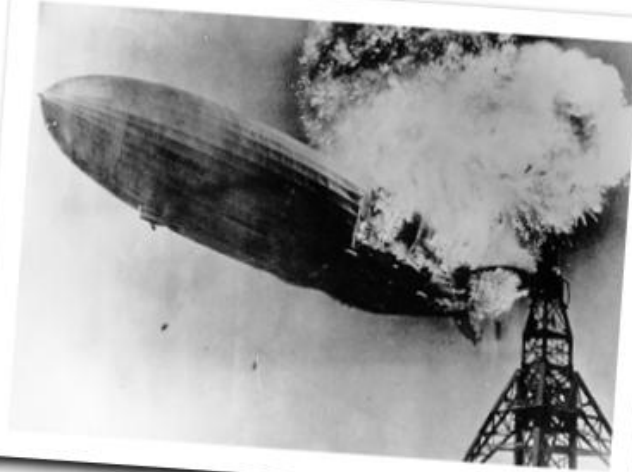


Dirty 30s



The Sourcebook

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Introduction

The Dirty 30s! is a dark, gritty, hopeless place where conflict is brewing across both oceans. It is a stark contrast to the previous decade, the Roaring 20s, which was a period of unprecedented growth and opportunity. It is in this world you now stand, but you can find your own opportunities if you can avoid the pitfalls and the dangers.

The Dirty 30s! starts with Black Thursday (Oct 24th, 1929) & Black Tuesday (Oct 29th, 1929) which marked the beginning of the collapse of the stock market. This collapse brought the entire world's economy down with it. The Dow dropped 74% by 1932. By 1934 over 9000 banks closed their doors, and one out of every four workers was unemployed. To get some of those workers working again, Government work programs were established with projects including many dams & roads.

The reason for the 30s being dirty was the "Dust Bowl" which was caused by a combination of poor farming practices and a 7 year drought. Topsoil, once held in place by the deep roots of the prairie grasses was lifted up into great clouds of dust consuming everything in its path, One such storm in 1934 went as far east as Washington DC & New York. In another storm a cloud of dirt moving at 60 mph was so dense the day was remembered as "Black Sunday" as it completely blotted out the sun. The drought became so prominent that 27 states, or 75% of the country, was under its effect. To escape the "Dust Bowl" many people traveled thousands of miles down the "Mother Road" to the west coast looking for opportunities that did not exist there either.

The Dirty 30s! also saw the wrapping up some loose ends from the 1920s. After an almost 400% increase in alcohol

related crimes, and the emergence of "Organized Crime", Prohibition was repealed in 1933, Al Capone was convicted in 1931 for Tax evasion, Bonny & Clyde were shot down in a police ambush in 1934, as was "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Overseas, Europe was gearing up for the next war. In 1933 Adolph Hitler becomes chancellor of Germany. After the death of German President Paul von Hindenburg in 1934, Hitler combines the offices of president and chancellor; assumes the title of Führer. Italy's Mussolini goes on the offensive and Spain falls into civil war. China & Japan, exchanging hostilities for most of the decade, go to war in 1937. In 1939, Germany invades Poland which Britain and France declare war on Germany two days following.

One bright spot for **the Dirty 30s!** was it's entertainment. Radio was one of the biggest outlets for most families. Jazz offshoots, Big Band and Swing, became increasingly popular. Blues came into its own feeding off of the hardships of the people. People also listened to the music on 78 (RPM) records, which usually consisted of one song per side.

Dime Novels and Pulp Action books also remained popular with new characters, like Doc Savage and The Shadow, coming to the forefront. It is characters like these that you will probably be portraying in your campaigns, solving mysteries, fighting organized crime or the Nazis! Like the characters in the pulps you may be looking for treasure in Egypt, or stopping mad scientists while avoiding despots and agents of the enemy, the possibilities are endless. **The Dirty 30s!** is just a backdrop to help define the world in which the characters live.

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Timeline



1920

The 18th Amendment goes into effect, established Prohibition, which made the manufacture, transportation, import, export, and sale of alcoholic beverages illegal.

1929

October 24th, 1929 - Black Thursday, Marks the beginning of the great depression.

1930



The planet Pluto is discovered.
 En route to India, British Airship R101 crashes in France.
 Radar used to detect airborne objects.
 American Interplanetary Society founded.
 Russian biologist Ilya Ivanov arrested for failing to produce human-ape hybrid for Stalin.
 Wonder sliced bread introduced to the market.
 Construction on the Hoover Dam begins, the last concrete was poured in 1935.
 Constantinople renamed Istanbul.
 Federal Bureau of Narcotics formed.

US War Department approves plan to invade, seize and annex Canada.

The game *Battleship* produced by the Milton Bradley Company.
The Shadow Appears on CBS Radio & In Print.
The Lone Ranger makes his radio debut.
Sherlock Holmes debuts on radio.
Betty Boop debuts in "Dizzy Dishes".

1931

Al Capone convicted of income tax evasion & sentenced to 11 years in prison.
 "The Night of the Sicilian Vespers", Lucky Luciano assassinates mob competitors.
 The Castellammarese War ends in NYC.
 Dust Bowl begins, thanks to a drought that continues on until 1939.
 The Empire State Building is opened, making it the world's tallest structure.
 First Las Vegas gaming license issued to "The Northern Club" for \$1410.
 Amelia Earhart is first president of the 99s, the Association of Female Aviators.
 Mayan ruins of Calakmul discovered in Mexico.
 Mao Tse-Tung elected Chairman of the Soviet Republic of China.
 Japan invades Manchuria, effectively the first shot of World War II.
 Robert Johnson sells his soul at the intersection of Highways 61 and 49.
 Thomas Edison dies at the age of 84.
 Adolph Rickenbacker applies for a patent on the Electric Guitar.
 H.P. Lovecraft writes *At the Mountains of Madness* (serialized in 1936)
Dracula, starring Bela Lugosi, appears on the silver screen.
Frankenstein, starring Boris Karloff, appears on the silver screen.
Dick Tracy arrives in newspaper comics as "Plainclothes Tracy."

1932

Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.
 Karl Jansky discovers radio waves coming from space.
 Charles Lindbergh's infant son is kidnapped.
 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Elected President.

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Stalin institutes *Holodomor*, a forced famine in the Ukraine, killing 7 million people.
 NFL's first playoff game was played at Chicago Stadium. Bears 9, Spartans 0.
 Iraq achieves independence from Britain.
 Shiro Ishii begins his preliminary experiments with Biochemical warfare.
 Murder, Inc. hired by Luciano for Syndicate-ordered assassinations.
 FBI's Law Enforcement Bulletin, better known as "Most Wanted", implemented.
 FBI's Federal Crime Lab Established.
 US Post Office increases first class postage from 2¢ to 3¢ & air mail from 5¢ to 8¢ per oz.
 July 8, the Dow Jones Industrial Average falls to 41, the lowest point of the Great Depression.
 The Cipher Bureau breaks the German Enigma cipher.
 Sir James Chadwick discovers the neutron.
 Route 66 opens connecting Chicago, IL to Los Angeles, CA.
 First section of the Autobahn opens between Cologne and Bonn.
 Ford introduces the V-8 motor.
 The Radio City Music Hall opens in New York City.
Buck Rogers airs on CBS radio.
Conan the Barbarian debuts in *Weird Tales* magazine.
The Mummy, starring Boris Karloff, appears on the silver screen.
The Island of Dr. Moreau is shown in theaters.
White Zombie, starring Bela Lugosi, appears on the silver screen.

1933



Prohibition repealed with the XXI Amendment.
 Guisepppe Zangara, an Italian anarchist, attempts to assassinate President Roosevelt.
 Kansas City Massacre committed by "Pretty Boy" Floyd in an attempt to free Frank Nash.
 Construction begins on San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge.
 The Loch Ness Monster caught on film.
 Adolf Hitler named Chancellor of Germany.
 Hitler makes concordat with the Vatican.
 The Nazis erect the first concentration camps in Germany.
 Germany withdraws from League of Nations.
 Work begins on Villa Gustav Winter, a secret Nazi base on Fuerteventura, Canary Islands.
 The Gestapo, the secret police force of Nazi Germany established.
 The airship USS Akron crashed off the New Jersey coast during severe weather.
 President Roosevelt gives his first "fireside chat".
 Albert Einstein flees from Nazi Germany.
 Chicago hosts the World's Fair.
 Wiley Post completes first solo airplane flight around the world.

First transatlantic air line links Africa to South America.
 Blood typing is used as evidence in murder trials.
 Unemployment reaches 24.9%.
Doc Savage appears in print.
King Kong climbs the Empire State Building.
Shangri-La described in the novel *Lost Horizon*.
 Ford introduces a car radio tailor made for the dashboard.

1934



Bonnie & Clyde were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, LA.
 "Pretty Boy" Floyd gunned down by Federal agents.
 John Dillinger, killed outside a cinema in Chicago by federal agents.
 Baby Face Nelson died after a gun battle on Hwy 14 with federal agents.
 Alcatraz Island established as a federal prison.
 Al Capone moved from federal prison in Atlanta to Alcatraz (cell #181).
 Boston Police begin using the two-way radio.
 The drought covers 27 states, 75% of the country, the worst in US history.
 US experiences its hottest year on record.
 National Firearms Act passed, restricting the sale of machineguns and others arms.
 Gold Reserve Act passed, outlawing the circulation & private possession of U.S. gold coins.
 "Night of the Long Knives" carried out by Hitler against the "Storm Battalion" (SA).
 Adolf Hitler becomes Führer of Germany.
 USSR joins League of Nations.
 Death Ray Machine claimed to be invented by Cleveland Scientist.
 Fritz Lang, director of *Metropolis* and *M* Leaves Nazi Germany.
Flash Gordon makes his first appearance in the *New York American Journal*.
Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie is published.

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1935

Parker Brothers releases board game, *Monopoly*.
Italian troops invade Ethiopia.
Black Sunday, named after a dust storm of mythic proportions blotted out the sun.
The phrase "Dust Bowl" coined by AP writer Robert Geiger, after Black Sunday.
Will Rogers & Wiley Post die in airplane crash near Point Barrow, Alaska.
Land speed record of 301.129 MPH set by Sir Malcolm Campbell.
Babe Ruth ends his Major League career after 22 seasons, 10 World Series and 714 home runs.
The first Heisman Trophy awarded to halfback Jay Berwanger of the Chicago Maroons.
Fort Knox created to house US gold bullion.
Bureau of Investigation officially renamed Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
President Roosevelt signs the Social Security Act into law.
The Ahnenerbe (Ancestral Heritage), An SS occult research department, was established.
Turkish leader Atatürk promotes research on the lost continent of Mu
Hitler signs a secret decree to establish the Luftwaffe.
Hitler implemented the Nuremberg laws, separating Jews from society.
J. Edgar Hoover becomes director of the FBI.
Persia becomes Iran.
First lobotomy performed by Egas Moniz.
U-235 (uranium isotope) discovered.
.357 Magnum cartridge introduced.
Beer in a can first sold.
The first parking meter installed in Oklahoma City.
The USS Macon, twin of the USS Akron, plunged into the Pacific during severe weather.

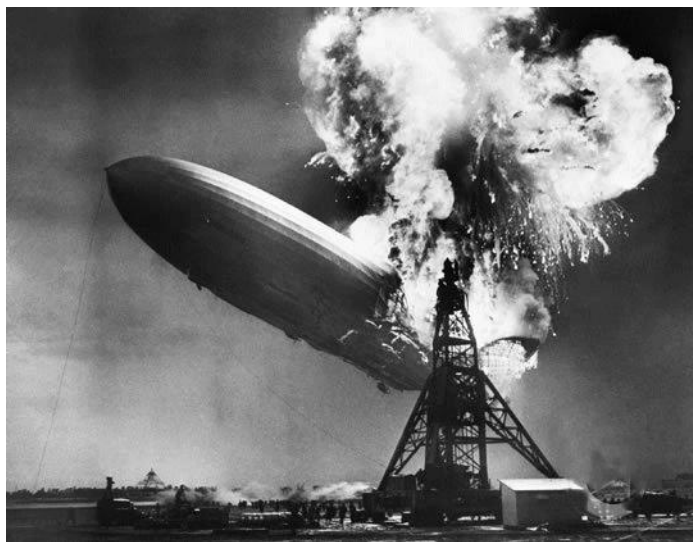
1936



Civil War breaks out in Spain. Italy & Germany send assistance to Francisco Franco.
Chiang Kai-Shek declares war on Japan
Roosevelt is re-elected to a second term as President.
King George V of the UK dies, Edward VIII ascends to the throne.
Edward VIII relinquishes the throne to marry Wallis Simpson,

becoming the Duke of Windsor.
Arab Revolt in Palestine, Britain crushes rebellion in 1939.
Heinrich Himmler is appointed chief of the German Police.
Prince Albert, Duke of York, takes the throne as King George VI.
The Anglo-Egyptian treaty makes Egypt virtually independent of British rule.
Lucky Luciano convicted on trumped up prostitution charges.
Robert E. Howard commits suicide.
Jesse Owens wins 4 gold medals at the Olympics in Berlin.
Konrad Zuse invents the Z1 Computer.
2000 year old "battery" discovered in an archeological dig near Baghdad, Iraq.
Germany & Japan sign the Anti-Comintern Pact against international communism.
Unit 731, a secret military experimentation unit of the Imperial Japanese Army established.
The first of 48 "Lost Colony" stones are found in North Carolina.
The BBC begins broadcasting.
The Phantom appears in the daily newspapers.
The Green Hornet radio program airs on WXYZ in Detroit.

1937



HP Lovecraft dies at the age of 47.
Pablo Picasso, inspired by the Spanish Civil War, paints *Guernica*.
The Hindenburg air ship explodes over Lakehurst Naval Air Station.
Hormel introduces SPAM® to the market.
The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien Published.
Amelia Earhart is lost at sea during her around the world flight.
Japan invades China, captures Beijing, Shanghai, & Nanjing; starts the 2nd Sino-Japanese War.
US Gunboat, USS Panay, sunk by Japanese in Chinese waters
Italy joins the Anti-Comintern Pact
The Duke and Duchess of Windsor visit Germany as personal guests of Adolf Hitler
Leon Trotsky, founder of the Red Army and the Politburo, flees to Mexico.
Joe Louis wins the world heavy weight title.
Route 66 paved end-to-end.
Waldo Waterman builds first (working) flying car.
First blood bank opens in Chicago.
Maiden voyage of the RMS Queen Mary
Marijuana Tax Act of 1937 passed, which made the use of marijuana illegal.

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1938



The Devil Collects on Robert Johnson's Soul.
FBI's first spy case, unearthing & prosecuting a Nazi spy ring.
Austria annexed by Nazi Germany.
Hitler gains possession of the *Spear of Destiny* from the Hofmuseum in Austria.
Kristallnacht or "Night of broken glass" - Nazis loot and burn Jewish businesses.
Nazi expedition goes to Antarctica in search for resources needed for the war effort.
German scientists discover fission.
Oil discovered in Saudi Arabia.
Electroshock therapy introduced as a psychiatric practice.
Ahnenerbe sends expedition to Tibet to find origins of Arian race. a.k.a. "Himmler's Crusade".
War of the Worlds by Orson Welles broadcasts on Radio causing widespread panic.
Abbott and Costello perform *Who's on First?*
Organized labor rift, the CIO splits from the AFL.
Henry Ford receives Germany's highest honor for a non-German, with a note from Hitler.
Adolph Hitler named TIME Magazine's Man of the Year
Provisional committee established that would become the World Council of Churches.
A powerful hurricane called "The Long Island Express" strikes New England, killing 600.
Steam locomotive "Mallard" sets the world speed record for steam by reaching 126 mph.
Howard Hughes sets a new record by flying around the world in 91 hours.
"Wrong Way" Corrigan flew from New York to Ireland, he was supposed to be flying to California.
First issue of *Action Comic* appears with Superman on the cover.

1939

Germany & Italy sign the Pact of Steel.
Germany and the Soviet Union sign a non-aggression pact.

Germany invades Western Poland. 16 days later, USSR invades Eastern Poland.
USSR invades Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.
USSR attacks Finland.
USSR Expelled from the League of Nations.
Britain, France declare war on Germany.
General Franco's forces capture Madrid, ending the Spanish Civil War.
Germany stakes a 600,000km area of Antarctica as "Neuschwabenland".
Einstein writes President Roosevelt about developing the Atomic Bomb (the Manhattan Project).
Thailand Changes it's Name From Siam
Helicopter invented.
Attila von Szalay claims to record spirit voices using a phonograph record cutter.
Professor Heinrich Focke patents a saucer-type aircraft with enclosed twin rotors.
Jackie Cochran breaks the int'l open-class speed record for men and women.
German firm Heinkel tests the first jet powered aircraft, the HE-178.
Batman makes his debut in Detective Comics #27.
Wizard of Oz appears on the silver screen.
The drought that caused the Dust Bowl finally ends.
John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* published.
Joseph Stalin named TIME Magazine's Man of the Year
Assassination attempt on Hitler fails.
Jewish refugees on the *SS St. Louis* from Germany were not allowed refuge in Cuba or the USA.
New York City hosts the World's Fair.
Television introduced at the World's Fair
Lock pick gun invented, could open a lock in as little as 2 seconds.
Pope Pius XI dies and is succeeded by Pius XII.
Al Capone is released from Alcatraz
Margaret Sanger starts "Negro Project" to quell the black population.
J. R. Oppenheimer discovers the properties of what is later known as a "black hole."
Teflon® was accidentally discovered by a DuPont chemist.
Western Union introduces coast-to-coast fax service.



1940+

June 22, 1941 - Germany invades the Soviet Union (Operation Barbarossa).
December 7th, 1941 - Japanese attack Pearl Harbor.
December 8th, 1941 - U.S. declares war on Japan.
December 11th, 1941 - Germany and Italy declare war on U.S.

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Slang of the 1930s

\$1 bill - *Check or checker*
 \$5 bill - *Five spot, a Lincoln*
 \$10 bill - *Sawbuck*
 Adding day-old bread to ground beef. - *Slugburger*
 All the information - *Low down*
 Ambulance - *Meat wagon*
 An extremely, unbelievably, dumb person - *Genius*
 Any big town or city - *Apple*
 Attractive person - *Pip*
 Attractive woman - *Butter and egg fly, hot mama, sweet mama, sweet patootie, dish, looker, tomato*
 Attractive young woman actively hunting for a rich man - *Golddigger*
 Average guy - *Joe*
 Bad dancer - *Dead hooper or cement mixer*
 Bar disguised as something else or hidden behind an unmarked door - *Speakeasy*
 Become very excited - *Blow your wig*
 Behind in one's studies - *Behind the grind*
 Big and strong - *Plenty rugged*
 Broke - *Beat*
 Car - *Tin can, flivver*
 Carrying a gun - *Packing heat, wearing iron*
 Caucasian - *Face*
 Cigarette - *Snipe*
 Coffin - *Chicago overcoat*
 Color of money - *Cabbage, lettuce, kale, folding green, long green.*
 Con man or woman - *Grifter*
 Congratulate me - *Mitt me kid!*
 Constant girl companion to a boy - *Fem, filly, flame, flirt, fuss*
 Counterfeit money - *Sourdough*
 Corny - *Off the cob*
 Crazy - *Whacky*
 Crude person - *Egg*
 Dance or party - *Hop, rag, jolly up, romp, wingding*
 Detective - *Dick, shamus, gumshoe, flatfoot, Fly cop*
 Disagreeable person - *Pill*
 Disappointment - *Curve*
 Dressed up - *Togged to the bricks*
 Drink spiked with a knock out drugs - *Micky, Micky Finn*
 Drummer - *Skin tickler*
 Electric chair - *Hotsquat*
 Enjoyable - *Juicy*
 Eyes - *Blinkers, lamps, pies, shutters, peepers*
 Fans of swing music - *Cats or alligators*
 Federal agent, term coined by Machine Gun Kelly - *G-man*
 Feet - *Hocks, plates*
 Fool or Idiot - *Twit*
 Free dance - *Egg harbor*
 Friend, chum, sometimes used sarcastically - *Pally*
 Gangster's girlfriend - *Moll*
 Glass of milk - *Baby*
 Glass of water - *City juice, dog soup*

Good time at a party - *Ring-a-ding-ding*
 Gun - *Bean shooter, gat, rod, roscoe, heater, convincer*
 Gunman with a hint toward being a reckless loose cannon or young homosexual (insult) - *Gunsel*
 Hands - *Dukes, paws, grabbers, meat hooks*
 Having the advantage - *Bulge*
 Hired gunmen and other tough guys - *Brunos, goons, hatchetmen, torpedoes, trigger men*
 House detective - *House dick, house peeper*
 Hurry up - *Shake a leg*
 I agree - *You and me both*
 I'll be seeing you - *Abyssinia*
 In a bad mood - *Evil*
 Innocent man framed for a criminal charge - *Patsy*
 Kiss - *Honey cooler*
 Know-it-all - *Abercrombie*
 Leave - *Take a powder, blow, split, scam, drift*
 Leave in a hurry, leave abruptly - *Make tracks, dangle*
 Legs - *Drumsticks, pins, pillars, stems, uprights, get away sticks, gams*
 Loser, by social standards - *Crumb, Fink*
 Making love - *Pitching woo, making whoopee*
 Migrant worker from Oklahoma - *Okie*
 Mistake - *Brodie*
 Money - *Suds, salad, dough, moolah, rhino, bacon (as in bring home the bacon), bread*
 Name for a woman when a man is pleading his case or apologizing - *Dollface*
 Neat - *Kippy*
 Night club or gambling joint where patrons get flimflammed - *Clip joint*
 No good - *All wet*
 Nothing - *Squat*
 One ounce packet of cocaine or heroin - *Cadillac*
 One's house or apartment - *Cave*
 Person unused to city ways - *Wheat*
 Phone call - *Dil-ya-ble*
 Place that serves liquor, sometimes illegally - *Gin mill*
 Police badge - *Buzzer*
 Policeman - *Copper, Bull*
 Poor student - *Scrub*
 Prison - *Big house, hoosegow, stir*
 Prohibition alcohol usually made in back rooms and of low quality - *Rot gut, bathtub gin*
 Railroad detective - *Cinder dick*
 Record - *Platter*
 Response in which one excludes another with irreverence and intent to offend - *The high hat*
 Run smoothly - *Eggs in coffee*
 Salvaging parts from junked rail cars to rebuild others - *K balling*
 Saxophone - *Gobble-pipe*

Shake my hand - *Slip me five*
 Shooting a gun (at someone) - *Drilling, plugging, throwing lead, filling someone with daylight, giving someone lead poisoning*
 Silly - *Dingy*
 Sleep - *Doss*
 Small change - *Tin*
 Someone who did not like popular music - *Tin ear, Ickie*
 Someone who informs to the police - *Stool pigeon, snitch, Mouthpiece*
 Someone with tuberculosis - *Lunger*
 Squelch - *Kibosh*
 String bass - *Dog house*
 Swindle, cheat, work an angle - *Chisel*
 Taking responsibility for someone else's crime or crimes - *Taking the rap, taking the fall*
 Talk about nothing useful - *Bumping gums, booshwash*
 Task that yields nothing - *Trip for biscuits*
 Telephone - *Ameche, horn, blower*
 Telling someone they are full of nonsense - *Nuts!*
 The final goodbye as in exile or death - *The kiss off*
 The money man, the man with the bankroll - *Butter and egg man*
 Think hard or understand - *Dig*
 Thompson Submachine Gun - *Chicago typewriter, chopper, gat, Tommy gun*
 Tired - *Joed*
 To cause something to run less smoothly - *Gumming the works*
 Extort or blackmail - *Bleed*
 To insult - *Crust*
 Tough - *Hard boiled*
 Unpopular person - *Greaseball, half portion, wet smack, wet sock, jelly bean*
 Very cute - *Cute as a bug's ear*
 Very good - *Aces, snazzy, hot, nobby, smooth, sweet, swell, keen, cool*
 Very much in love with a woman, sometimes at great risk to themselves, especially if she's someone else's moll - *Dizzy with a dame*
 Vocalist who improvises lyrics, substituting nonsense syllables for words - *Scat singer*
 Vocalist, Female - *Canary*
 Well dressed but in a self conscious way - *Doggy*
 Well dressed without qualification - *Smooth*
 What do you mean by that? - *What's your story, morning glory?*
 Whiskey - *Booze, hooch, giggle juice, mule*
 Wild swing - *Clam-bake*
 Woman - *Babe, broad, dame, doll, frail, twist, muffin, kitten*
 Wow! - *Murder!*
 Yes - *Yo!*
 You said it - *"You shred it, wheat"*
 Young Mexican living in the US - *Pachuco*

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Top 100 names of the Dirty 30s!

The chart below represents the top 100 names given to children between the years of 1900-1910, as taken from a 5% sampling of Social Security card applications. This will represent a large portion of the 20-40 year olds during the **Dirty 30s!**

Unique spellings have been grouped together, as were derivative names (Leo, Leon, Lee, etc) to allow for a larger range of names, the more popular spelling/derivative is listed first.

The total number of males in the sample is 477,834 and the total number of females is 478,865. Criteria to be included in the sample is simply that a Social Security card application was filed, that the year of birth was between January 1, 1900 and December 31, 1909, and that the birth was on US soil.

Rank	Male Name	Female Name
1	John, Juan	Mary, Marie, Maria, Marion, Marian
2	William, Willie	Helen
3	James	Margaret, Marguerite, Marjorie, Maggie
4	George	Anna, Annie, Ann, Anne
5	Joseph, Joe, Jose	Ruth
6	Charles, Charlie	Elizabeth, Bessie, Betty
7	Robert	Dorothy
8	Frank, Francis	Mildred
9	Edward, Eddie	Alice
10	Henry	Florence, Flora
11	Walter	Ethel
12	Thomas, Tom	Lillian, Lillie
13	Harry, Harold	Rose
14	Arthur	Gladys
15	Albert, Al	Frances, Fannie
16	Paul	Edna
17	Clarence	Grace
18	Fred	Catherine, Katherine, Kathryn, Kathleen
19	Carl	Hazel
20	Louis	Irene
21	Raymond, Ray	Gertrude
22	Ralph	Clara
23	Roy, Leroy	Louise, Lois
24	Richard	Edith
25	Ernest	Bertha
26	Earl	Mabel
27	David	Emma
28	Howard	Esther
29	Samuel, Sam	Martha
30	Herbert	Josephine
31	Alfred	Evelyn
32	Lawrence	Elsie
33	Elmer	Pearl
34	Michael	Agnes, Inez
35	Andrew	Thelma
36	Jack, Jacob	Eva
37	Theodore	Myrtle
38	Anthony, Antonio	Ida
39	Leo, Leonard, Lee, Leon	Ruby
40	Herman	Minnie
41	Peter	Beatrice
42	Kenneth	Julia
43	Eugene	Sarah, Sara
44	Floyd, Lloyd	Viola
45	Donald	Nellie
46	Stanley	Lucille, Lucy
47	Russell	Laura
48	Lester	Virginia
49	Edwin	Pauline
50	Daniel	Ella

Rank	Male Name	Female Name
51	Oscar	Alma
52	Clyde	Blanche
53	Frederick	Lena
54	Clifford	Jessie
55	Benjamin, Ben	Mae, May
56	Chester	Vera
57	Martin	Eleanor
58	Jesse	Stella
59	Cecil	Bernice
60	Bernard	Mattie
61	Lewis	Jennie
62	Claude	Carrie
63	Norman	Doris
64	Philip	Leona
65	Edgar	Hattie
66	Victor	Beulah
67	Harvey	Ellen
68	Milton	Cora
69	Melvin	Mamie
70	Everett	Violet
71	Max	Ada
72	Morris	Dora
73	Homer	Rosa
74	Leslie	Lula
75	Stephen	Hilda
76	Alvin	Sadie
77	Otto	Theresa
78	Manuel	Nora
79	Alexander	Charlotte, Lottie
80	Glenn	Jean
81	Vincent	Emily
82	Marvin	Opal
83	Julius	Georgia
84	Maurice	Sylvia
85	Luther	Daisy
86	Hugh	Maude
87	Virgil	Velma
88	Vernon	Olive
89	Irving	Susie
90	Patrick	Genevieve
91	Sidney	Lydia
92	Arnold	Lola
93	Emil	Nettie
94	Allen	Eunice
95	Gerald	Loretta
96	Gilbert	Harriet
97	Gordon	Effie
98	Wilbur	Sophie
99	Guy	Della
100	Archie	Verna

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Wars and Rumors of War

By the time WWII was officially declared in 1939, most of the world was already fighting, Germany, Japan, Russia, and Italy had been on the offensive since the early to mid 30s and Spain was involved in a civil war.

Japan starts the series of conflicts in 1931 with the invasion of Manchuria (Manchurian Incident). When Japan's South Manchuria Railway was blown up, the Japanese military used the incident as the focal point of annexing Manchuria, claiming the destruction was caused by Chinese dissidents. Some point to this as the beginning of the Second Sino-Japanese War, even though Japan doesn't wage a full scale invasion until 1937 when they capture Beijing, Shanghai, & Nanjing.



Italy is next on the list with their invasion of Ethiopia, in which Mussolini used a skirmish at Ualval as the pretext for the war. Italy lost their Ethiopia colony in Africa at 1896 Battle of Adua, and this was their chance at glory and revenge. The Ethiopian city of Adowa was ordered to be bombed and gassed with the poisonous mustard gas. Later Albania was invaded by the Italians, in 1939.

Meanwhile between 1936 and 1939 Spain was embroiled in a civil war between the Nationals and the Popular Front. Gen. Francisco Franco conducts successful military uprisings in Morocco and Seville. Lines were drawn as the British supported the Popular Front government, the French closed the border to Spain and Gen. Francisco Franco receives military aid from Adolph Hitler.



In 1933 Adolph Hitler begins his reign by orchestrating the burning of the Reichstag, Germany's parliament building, blaming the communists. Less than a month later he becomes the dictator of Germany. One night in 1934 the "Night of the Long Knives" transpired where leaders of the SA and political opponents were rounded up by the SS, 77 men were executed on charges of treason. Hitler quickly builds an army using conscription which was in violation of the conditions of the Treaty of Versailles. In 1937 Austria is annexed followed in 1939 by the invasion of Czechoslovakia and Poland, in which the next day Britain & France declare war on Germany, starting WWII.



Joseph Stalin and the USSR was also active in the 1930s, they were responsible for the 1932 genocide in the Ukraine. Starting in 1936 the Communist Secret Police arrested all the leading political figures in the Soviet Union who were critical of Stalin, by 1937 Stalin began purging the Red Army's leaders believing they were about to attempt a military coup. 30,000 members of the armed

forces were executed.

In 1939 the Red Army invaded Eastern Poland 16 days after the Germans invaded western Poland and the attempted annexation of Finland in 1939, known as the "Winter War", in which the Russians expected an easy victory but were met with stiff resistance from the Finns.

The Versailles treaty, which ended the Great War, can be directly attributed to the skirmishes and battles in Northern Europe, leading up to and including WWII. Germany, Austria (via Austrian Adolph Hitler) and Russia were fighting to get the land back that they lost in the previous war. The Treaty of Versailles took from Germany 1/8 of all its land, all of its colonies and all overseas financial assets. Russia was forced to give back the lands it took from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, and Poland.

The League of Nations, which was formed in 1919 under the Versailles Peace Conference, had proven to be an organization without any teeth. They sat by and watched Italy invade Ethiopia as the Ethiopians were pleading for assistance. Nothing was done when Hitler began conscripting an army and did little more than complain when Hitler reoccupied the Rhineland.

Other conflicts in the decade include Turkish troops moving into Persia to fight Kurdish insurgents, the Chaco war between Bolivia and Paraguay, the Nationalist Uprising in Egypt, and Military coups in Chile & Greece.



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Territory lost by Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary & Bulgaria after WWI



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Nazis, Commies & the Mafia

Mafia

With alcohol being made illegal through Prohibition, the public turned to the criminal element to supply them with their spirits. Gang warfare during Prohibition over territory between the Sicilian, Jewish, and Irish Gangs left many dead and the Mafia on top.



The largest syndicate during the Dirty 30s! is the Mafia, with their influence being felt throughout major cities across the United States. During prohibition the mafia had a monopoly on bootleg liquor and a controlling interest in loan sharking & gambling. In the early 30s with the end of prohibition in sight, a war broke out in the mafia ranks which led to new leadership and a new direction for the mafia which included prostitution and the heroin trade.

The Mafia is set up in a hierarchy, being held together with strongly enforced bonds of honor and loyalty, which included the Omerta, a code of silence that is a promise not to reveal any Mafia secrets or members even under threat of torture or death (See Murder Inc., below). Within this hierarchy are several smaller gangs that keeps the leaders as far away from the crimes as possible. Some of these leaders moved into the limelight and gained celebrity status as "Public Enemies".

Murder Inc., a Murder-for-Hire gang responsible for the killing of dispensable lackeys and informers, was the enforcement arm of the syndicate, meaning they didn't kill anyone outside of the organization. The Teamsters Union's upper echelon was heavily influenced by the Mafia in the 1930s, and the United States government encouraged its involvement as a way to battle the influence of the communists & the CIO (Congress of Industrial Organizations).

Nazis

Though not a major force in America, they still had a presence here and groups of pro Nazi supporters tried to influence policies. The most notorious being the "German-American bund" lead by Fritz Kuhn. The bund, organized in 1936, had evolved from a series of nationwide German-American groups that formed following World War I. These groups envisioned a day when the US would be ruled by Nazism.



In 1936 the German-American bund developed Camp Siegfried on Long Island, NY where they proclaim in a brochure that

"You will meet people who think as you do." By 1937, up to 40,000 bundists would arrive at the camp. It was from this camp that the Nazi party itself is believed to set up operations. Those joining the bund were required to swear an oath of allegiance to Hitler.

Though Kuhn claimed to have over 480,000 followers, records show they only had 8500 members and 5000 "sympathizers". Overseas, however, the Nazi party was gaining strength and by 1939 they had invaded Poland and started WWII.

Communists

Believing Karl Marx's prediction about the fall of capitalism, communists envisioned the overthrow the capitalist system and implementing the communist one. The communists strongly influenced the union movement, rising through the ranks of the CIO, organizing labor strikes and urging black and white workers to 'unite and fight'. Blacks were heavily recruited, citing the same hardships that the two groups shared.

In the 1930s the communists spearheaded a broad-based American movement that tried to separate itself from the Soviet model. The Popular Front allied with non-communists in the political and economic arenas, specifically the Democratic party, to garner more strength.



Hollywood leftists embraced the Popular Front movement with open arms and donated heavily to their cause. The communists used this newfound alliance as a way to control the movie industry.

The influence of the communists & socialists in some of the New Deal programs were seen as a partial success, but the revolution they had hoped for never materialized.

Ku Klux Klan (KKK)

Organized in 1865, The Klan is alive and well in the Dirty 30s! though their numbers have dwindled from 4,000,000 at their peak in 1925 to 30,000 in the 1930s after the murder conviction of the Klan leader, David C. Stephenson for second-degree murder in 1925. Those that remained with the organization terrorized new immigrants, blacks and Catholics, while complaining that the government had too many Jews and Catholics.

Klan factions in the North formed a loose bond with the Nazi party and are commonly found in union busting actions. Towards the end of the 1930s they focused on communism, using the "red scare" as their battle cry.



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Explorers, Daredevils & Record Setters

Though times were tough the people of the **Dirty 30s** always had heroes to look upon to give them much needed inspiration, whether it be Howard Hughes or Amelia Earhart with their record setting aviation feats, Commander Gatti's expedition into the African Congo, or Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd's expeditions into Antarctica.

Howard R. Hughes, Jr., was one of America's most famous billionaires. Part of that fame came from his movie making ventures which included films like *Hell's Angels*, *Scarface* and *The Outlaw* with Jane Russell. Another part of that fame came by setting world aviation records. In the Hughes H-1 Racer, that he designed, he set the straightway speed record of 212 miles per hour in 1933, world speed record of 352 mph in 1935, and a coast-to-coast record of seven hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds in 1937. Using a Lockheed Super Electra, Huges flew around the globe in 91 hours in 1938.



Wiley Post was one of the most celebrated pilots in aviation history. He set two trans-global speed records during the 1930s in a Lockheed Vega nicknamed *Winnie Mae*, one in 1931 with copilot Harold Gatty, and the other in 1933 where he became the first man to fly around the world solo. After the first flight he and Gatty published an account of their flight titled *Around the World in Eight Days*. Another significant accomplishment was the invention of the first pressure suit in 1934 that allowed him to fly the *Winnie Mae* into the stratosphere. Post died in a plane crash near Point Barrow, Alaska with humorist and friend Will Rogers.



Amelia Earhart, probably the most famous female aviator, became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic, in 1928, under sponsorship of Amy Guest who decided it was too dangerous to do the feat herself. In 1930, Amelia becomes the first president of the 99s, the Association of Female Aviators. In the 30s Amelia set the world altitude record of 18,415 feet, was the second person to fly solo across the Atlantic and the first person to solo from Hawaii to California. In 1937 she began her fateful round-the-world flight in a Lockheed L-10E Electra, she would not be the first to circumvent the globe, but her flight would be the longest because of the route she would take. 22,000 miles into the 29,000 mile flight she disappeared over the Pacific Ocean.



Charles Lindbergh, whose initial claim to fame came from the first solo flight across the Atlantic in 1927, was in the spotlight for a completely different reason in the early 30s. His infant son was kidnapped from their home in New Jersey and found murdered in a field after a ten week search. Three years later the murderer was captured and put to death in New Jersey. The Lindbergh's, still mourning the loss of their son, moved to Europe to escape the publicity.



Admiral Robert Byrd and the Antarctica expeditions



Admiral Robert Byrd's first expedition, where he flew to the South Pole and back and established the Little America Research base on the Ross Ice Shelf, ended in 1930. 4 years later Byrd spent five winter months alone operating a meteorological station 123 miles inland from the Little America Research Center called Advance Base, where he almost died of carbon monoxide poisoning from a faulty heater. He was rescued after his colleagues back at Little America noticed something wrong with his radio messages and made the treacherous trek across the frozen wasteland.

In late 1938, Byrd visited Hamburg and was invited to participate in the 1938/1939 German "Neuschwabenland" Antarctic Expedition, but declined.

Byrd's third expedition was the first backed by the US Government. The project included extensive studies of geology, biology, meteorology and exploration. Because of the outbreak of WWII Admiral Byrd was recalled after a few months.

The Antarctic Snow Cruiser (aka Penguin)

Towards the waning months of 1939, a massive 55ft long, 75,000 lbs. vehicle rolled out onto Chicago streets en route to its final destination... Antarctica. The theory was that scientists would live and work while driving across the harsh frozen landscape on its huge tires. Unfortunately, that's not how it turned out.



The vehicle was designed by Thomas C. Poulter based on difficulties experienced during the rescue of the 2nd Byrd expedition. This vehicle, designed for the third polar expedition, would support 5 people for one year and traverse 5000 miles. The vehicle arrived in Antarctica early in January of 1940, where assumptions about traction were found to be wrong, as the giant wheels spun out most of the time and the Underpowered Engines would overheat after traveling just a few hundred feet. The cruiser was abandoned when the expedition left Antarctica in early 1941.



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Commander Gatti's expedition



Attilio Gatti, an Italian, World War I army officer, author, film-maker and explorer first set out to explore Africa in 1924. By the time he set out for his "final expedition" in 1938 he had already led 9 previous expeditions, one of those resulting in the 1927 film *Siliva the Zulu*. It was because of these films, plus his adventure writings in magazines like the *Saturday Evening Post* that he was able to obtain financing to further his travels.

Exploits if his 10th expedition were later published in 1945 as *South of the Sahara*.

For this expedition into to Africa Congo, International Harvester specially produced the "Jungle Yachts" which were trucks and truck/trailer combinations. The 5 vehicles combined traversed 66,000 miles, almost none of it on pavement, and only experienced minor breakdowns, totaling \$38.00.

To prevent the expedition from becoming a political nightmare, Gatti pulled his expedition out of Africa after only 15 months when WWII broke out

German Exploration

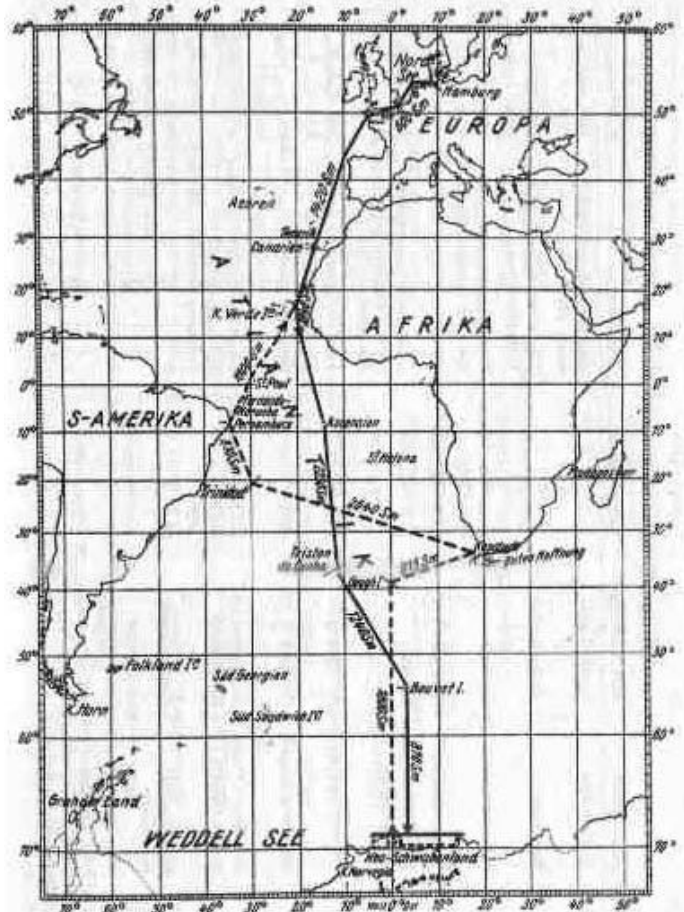


Even the Nazis got into the exploration act. Himmler, a member of the Thule society and leader of the SS, formed the Ahnenerbe (German Ancestry - Research and Teaching Society) in 1935. The organization's goal was to "promote the science of ancient intellectual history", using scientific, anthropological and archaeological evidence to find the origins of the Aryan race. This evidence was to be gathered by sponsoring various expeditions to find

the Holy Grail, the lost city of Atlantis and Shambhala. These quests took the Nazis to South America to study Indian Medicines, Sweden to study ancient ideograms, The Middle East to study the conflict between the Roman Empire and the Semites and finally in 1938 to Tibet under official invite by the Tibetan Government who wanted to solidify their relationship

with the Germans. Himmler went to Tibet believing it to be the likely home of the survivors of the mythic Thule race.

Not to be outdone by the Americans, the Germans laid claim to a 232,000 sq mile area of Antarctica as "Neuschwabenland" in 1938. Unlike the American's scientific bent to their expeditions, the purpose was to secure an area in Antarctica for a German whaling station, to increase Germany's production of whale oil and to eliminate the need for importing the raw material from Norway.

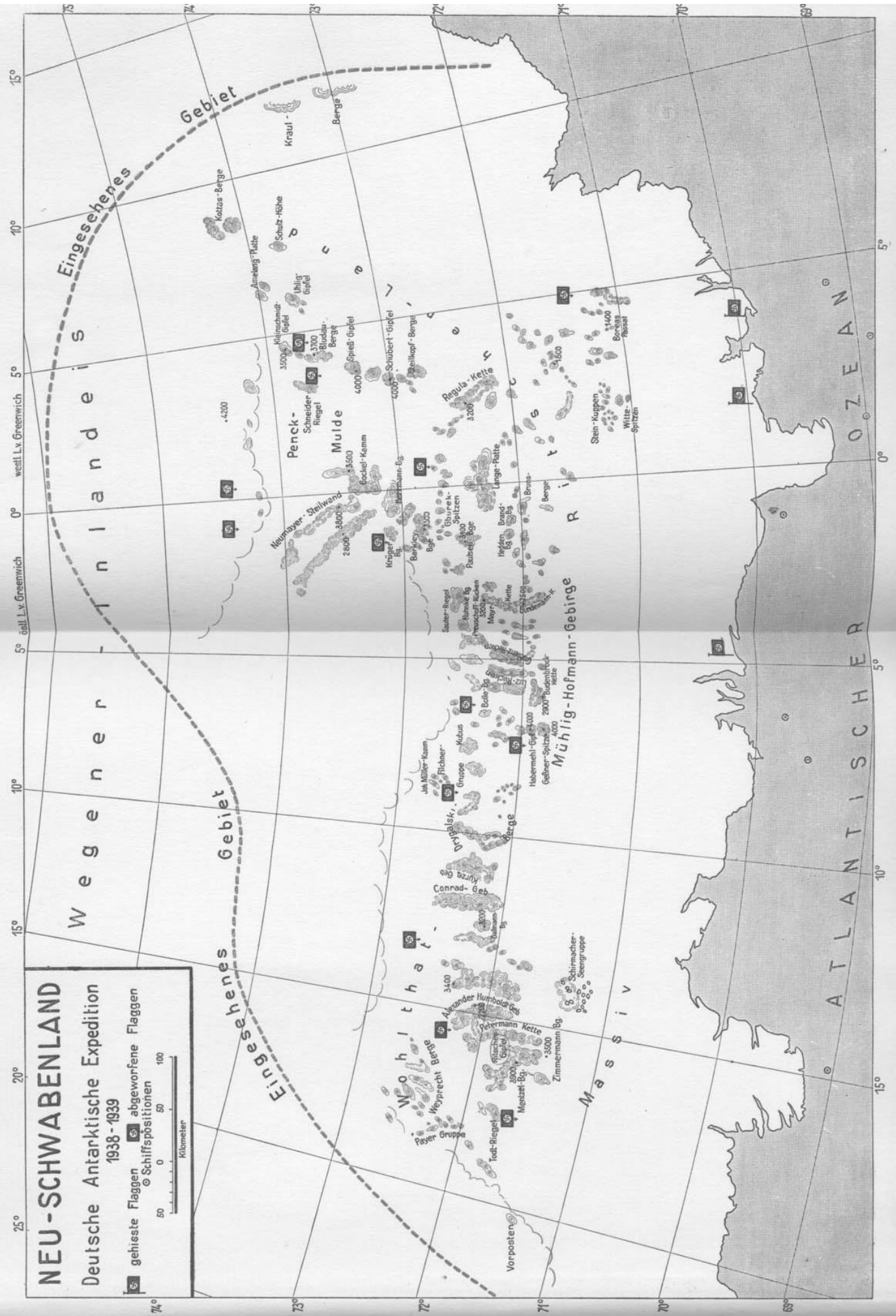


Streckenkarte der SCHWABENLAND-Expedition 1938/1939 (Luftwaffen-Archiv).



NEU-SCHWABENLAND
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Schubert-Gipfel

Steilkopf-Berge

Ankerberg Tüte

Schult-Höhe

Mühlig-Büchel

Blüden-Berge

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Paumotu-Bg.

Heiden-Berg

Lange-Kette

Sauer-Regel

Hubnik-Bg.

Proszdorf-Buchen

Meyer-Kette

Stellenberg

Salter-Regel

Wagner-Berg

Conrad-Geb.

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Joh. Müller-Kamm

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The Big Apple



New York City c.1932

New York City a.k.a. the Big Apple, Gotham

New York City's population in the Dirty 30s is twice the size of the second largest city in the United States (Chicago) while residents are condensed in an area that consists of a little under 300 square miles. In 1930 there were 7,000,000 inhabitants, or 23,179 people per sq. mile.



Grand Central Terminal - (1913), the Grand Central Terminal was the main hub for rail travel in and out of NYC. With 44 platforms servicing 67 lines coming in on two levels (41 tracks on the upper level and 26 on the lower). Above the main entrance of the terminal is a sculpture of Hermes, the herald of the Olympic gods standing on top of a clock. On the ceiling of the main concourse, a mural of stars is presented including the zodiac, which was painted in reverse as if looking from above. There are also many secret passages, one of which leads to a train platform under the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. President Roosevelt used this in order to avoid reporters on his trips to the Big Apple. On the lower level of the terminal resides the Oyster Bar which also opened in 1913.

Empire State Building - (1931) The endeavor was a purely commercial effort in competition with the builders of the 40 Wall St and Chrysler buildings to make the world's tallest building. At 102 stories (1250 ft), the Empire State building won the competition and remained the tallest in the world until 1972. Construction of the Empire State Building began on

March 17, 1930 on the site of the former Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, and was officially opened May 1, 1931. The total cost of the building including the land to build it on was \$40,948,900.

Construction required the use of up to 3400 workers working 7 million man hours over the period of 1 year & 45 days including Sundays and holidays. By official accounts, and only 5 men died during the construction.

The building itself is wrapped in Indiana limestone and granite, aluminum and chrome nickel steel. There are observation decks on the 86th and 102nd floors, which were originally to be used as a mooring mast and depot for dirigibles, but because of severe updrafts and wind gusts caused by the effects of the city below, those plans had to be abandoned.



Rockefeller Center - (1931-1939) This commercial and entertainment district is a collection of 14 buildings in the style Art-Deco. Some of the most notable buildings include the Radio City Music Hall (1932) which was the largest and most opulent theater in the world and could seat 5933 people. In 1933 it hosted the world premiere of King Kong. The RCA building (1933) is a 70 story skyscraper whose principle tenant in the 30s was RCA/NBC which was one of the few corporations that was actually thriving during the Great Depression. In 1936 the Ice Skating rink was opened, and in 1937 the sculpture of Atlas was unveiled to protests that it resembled Mussolini.

Coney Island - Not really an Island, Coney Island is a peninsula on the south end of Brooklyn and was home to a myriad of entertainment venues. Two competing amusement parks were in operation during the 1930s Luna Park & Steeplechase Park, but with the Great depression, they

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struggled to stay afloat, as the area became a "Nickel Empire" of cheap amusements; a nickel paid the fare on the new subway line and paid for a five-cent hot dog. Besides the amusement parks, Coney Island had many other attractions including the beach, a 3 mile long boardwalk, side-shows, hotels & bathhouses.

Central Park - Designed in the mid 1800s to be a playground for the wealthy, Central Park was the first landscaped urban park in the United States. It is 2.6 miles long and .5 miles wide.

In 1934 Fiorello LaGuardia, newly elected mayor of New York, consolidated the various park departments that controlled Central Park in an effort to clean it up, as it was the target of vandals and had fallen into disrepair. During this time a major redesign was also implemented, which included filling in the existing Croton Lower Reservoir so that the Great Lawn could be created.

One distinctive landmark in the park is "Cleopatra's Needle," a red granite obelisk, inscribed with Egyptian hieroglyphs. In 1881, the 3500 year old artifact was donated to New York by the Khedive of Egypt. It is one of three, the others are located in London and Paris.



Times Square

Times Square is a major intersection in Manhattan and was named after the New York Times building that became the cornerstone of the new district. Unfortunately, the Great Depression hit the area hard, turning once-elegant restaurants into cheap luncheonettes and once flourishing theatres had turned into movie houses. Crime also kept many visitors away from the area's hotels.

Savoy Ballroom – Harlem

*Savoy, the home of sweet romance,
Savoy, it wins you with a glance,
Savoy, gives happy feet a chance to dance.*

The Big Apple?

They were so glad now to come to New York, where the big money was. The city was so huge to them and so full of opportunity that they called it the 'Big Apple.'

The origins of the term "The Big Apple" is believed to have come from The Daily Racing Form in the New York Morning

Telegraph, where, in 1920, the term was coined by John J. FitzGerald in reference to the horse racing industry in the city.

Though it isn't known for sure when NYC itself was nick-named the big apple, the term was commonly used in the 1930s by Jazz musicians, usually in reference to playing in Manhattan which meant playing to the biggest and most favorable audiences in the United States, if you were playing in the Big Apple, you were playing the Big Time!. It was also the name of a popular jazz nightclub located in Harlem, a popular swing dance that originated in South Carolina but took Harlem by storm when it was introduced at the Savoy, or it could have been in reference to the thousands of apple vendors on the sidewalks during the great depression.

Crime in the Big Apple.

Besides Chicago, lots of Gangsters liked to call New York City home. After the Castellammarese War, Salvatore Maranzano was considered the "Boss of Bosses, at least until "Lucky" Luciano had him snuffed out. In his place The Commission, an organization of five families was formed. Besides the Sicilian mafia, there was also a large contingent of Jewish gangsters as well.

Getting Around

New York City is a BIG place, yet everything you can want is usually within walking distance, and if not you can pay a nickel to ride on 293 miles of subway and elevated tracks, 437 miles of street trolleys or 239 miles of bus routes. In 1939 the competing BMT, IRT and Independent lines became unified.

The Great Depression

The effects of Great Depression were evident all around the Big Apple with the unemployed standing in long breadlines and soup kitchens for food (bottom) while others found themselves living in homeless encampments called Hoovervilles. (right)

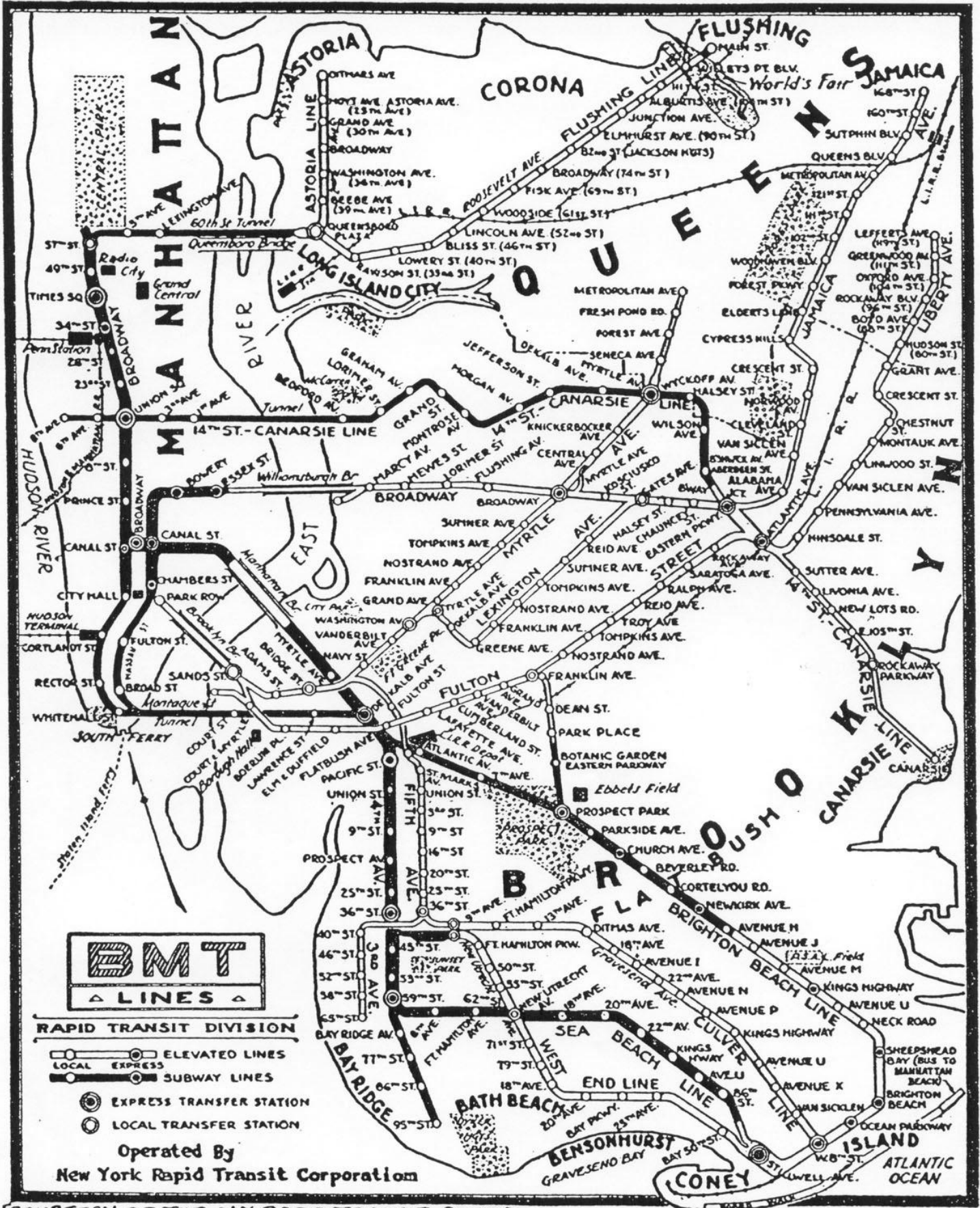
*I'm spending my nights at the flophouse -
I'm spending my days on the street.
I'm looking for work and I find some
I wish I had something to eat!
Sou-oopp! Sou-oop!
They give me a bowl of sou-oo-ooop
Sou-oopp! Sou-oop!
They give me a bowl of soup.*

It is estimated that in 1932 there were 750,000 on city assistance with an additional 160,000 on the waiting list. Some enterprising New Yorkers, around 6000, sold apples out of carts on the street corners for a nickel apiece.

Despite the grimness of it all, the city still saw amazing growth with the construction of some of the worlds largest skyscrapers many using Art-Deco in their both their design and decoration. With the most famous examples being the Chrysler Building (1930) and the Empire State Building (1931).

Even through the turmoil of the Dirty 30s! New York City was known as a center for industry, commerce, and communication.

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Fashion



Women's fashions in the Dirty 30s

Women's fashions in the 1930s were a stark contrast to the flapper look of the roaring 20s. Hemlines were lowered and evening outfits became more glamorous and sensual. Fabrics were draped and usually showed off the woman's back. Hollywood was the major contributor on the styles worn, as movie star endorsements of styles and accessories became common.

Other trends included women's sportswear became more masculine, hats were worn, but usually at an angle to the face and fur of all kinds was worn extensively during this era including coats, capes and accessories.

Men's fashions in the Dirty 30s

In the first part of the 30s, Suits were tailored in such a way to give the visual effect of a large torso, by squaring the shoulders of the jacket. The double breasted jacket also became popular in the early part of the 30s. After things started to look up with the economy the lines softened on the jackets. One thing didn't change, hats were mandatory for the well dressed male.

One thing that could not be helped but be noticed was the "gangster" influence of clothing, after all, the gangsters seemed to be the only ones being successful in the 30s. Their style became what was thought of for "Successful Businessman"

Another interesting piece of fashion was the Zoot Suit. Born in Black Harlem's nightlife subculture the style eventually spread and became popular with segments of the Hispanic population (Pachucos). The suit has an exaggerated style with baggy pants, an oversized jacket, gold chains and a hat called a tando.



Jazz entertainer Cab Calloway, wearing a zoot suit.

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And All That Jazz! . . .

Radio

In the Dirty 30s! the most pervasive form of entertainment was the radio, which allowed people to receive the news, music and shows. In 1933 Ford introduced dashboard radios, further expanding radios influence. By 1935 there were an estimated 23 million radios in the United States with approximately 91 million listeners and by 1939 80% of the population had radios. Because of this, the Dirty 30s! is considered to be the "Golden Age" of radio.

Big Band Swing

Though the appearance of Benny Goodman and his big band in 1935 at the Palomar Ballroom in Los Angeles is considered to be the "official" start of the Big Bands, the style had been brewing for over a decade, starting out in New Orleans as Dixieland jazz.



*It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing,
It don't mean a thing, all you've got to do is sing,
It makes no difference if it's sweet or hot,
Just keep that rhythm, give it everything you've got!*

Swing became increasingly popular thanks in part to radio play of such legends as Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and Glenn Miller. The style of music and dance spreading from dancehall to dancehall on both coasts with variations of the swing dance appearing in different regions of the country like the Lindy hop and Jitterbug

Texas Swing



Texas swing (renamed Western Swing in 1940) is a style of country music that loosely resembles the big band music that is popular on the coasts at the time. Also to be heard in the music were other elements of other ethnic music from Mexican, Blues, German Polkas, & Ragtime.

*Been runnin' around, seen many a town,
and maybe you'll find I'm the kind of guy that brags.
But listen to me and see if you don't agree
No melody rolls like that old steel guitar rag*

Delta Blues

The Blues were mostly a black art form, which grew out of black spirituals and work songs. It spread from the deltas in the south, northward to Chicago, where the stories changed but the themes remained the same. Blues popularity can largely be attributed the hardships of the people living in the depression era.

*I went to the crossroad
fell down on my knees
I went to the crossroad
fell down on my knees
Asked the Lord above "Have mercy, now
save poor Bob, if you please"*

One of the more memorable bluesmen of the 1930s was Robert Johnson. Legends hold that Robert Johnson sold his soul to the Devil for his musical talent at the crossroads of Routes 61 and 49 in Mississippi. At the age of 27, in 1938, the Devil came to collect on that debt, but not before Robert Johnson recorded such hits as Sweet Home Chicago & the Crossroads Blues.

Radio Shows

The shows coming over the airwaves was a very diverse collection of mystery, drama, pulp, action, comedy & music.

FDR's fireside chats were used to lift the spirits of the American people, Orson Welles telling of HG Wells "War of the Worlds" put the nation in a panic, Bob Wills was churning out Texas Swing from the 50,000 Watt radio station KVOO in Tulsa Oklahoma, and pulp characters like the Lone Ranger, the Shadow, Doc Savage & the Green Hornet were born.

Silver Screen

Radio wasn't the only form of entertainment in its "Golden Age" during the Dirty 30s! Hollywood released movie after movie to entertain people who wanted mainly escapist fare that let them forget their everyday troubles for a while. Many fantastic films were produced in the 1930s including, King Kong, Dracula, Frankenstein, Gone with the Wind and The Wizard of Oz.

Movie Serials, which were multiple episodes surrounding one plot, remained popular in this era as well, they were usually 20 minutes long and were shown after the cartoon shorts, and just before the feature presentation. The characters of the serials included the likes of Buck Rogers, Dick Tracy, Flash Gordon, and The Shadow, and each time up until the climatic end of the series they would end the show with a cliffhanger... to be continued...

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Price guide for the 1930s

ANNUAL INCOME 1932-1934

Airline Pilot \$8,000
 Airline Stewardess \$1,500
 Apartment Superintendent \$1,500
 Bituminous Coal Miner \$1,500
 Bus Driver \$1,373
 Chauffeur \$624
 Civil Service Employee \$1,280
 College Teacher \$3,111
 Construction Worker \$907
 Dentist \$2,391
 Department Store Model \$936
 Doctor \$3,382
 Dressmaker \$780
 Electrical Worker \$1,559
 Engineer \$2,520
 Fire Chief (30,000 - 50,000 pop) \$2,075
 Hired Farm Hand \$216
 Hired Gun \$5,200
 Housemother - Boys School \$780
 Lawyer \$4,218
 Live-in-maid \$260
 Mayor (30,000 - 50,000 pop) \$2,317
 Pharmaceutical Salesman \$1,500
 Police Chief (30,000-50,000 pop) \$2,636
 Priest \$831
 Public School Teacher \$1,227
 Publicity Agent \$1,800
 Railroad Executive \$5,064
 Railroad Conductor \$2,729
 Registered Nurse \$936
 Secretary \$1,040
 Statistician \$1,820
 Steel Worker \$423
 Stenographer - Bookkeeper \$936
 Textile Worker \$433
 United States Congressman \$8,663
 Waiters \$520

Average salary \$1,368

Clothing

Belt \$1.00
 Boots, Calfskin riding \$10.00
 Coat, Cloth \$6.98
 Coat, Dress \$6.75
 Coat, Leopard \$92.00
 Coat, Mink \$585.00
 Coat, Overcoat \$11.00
 Coat, Raincoat \$2.69
 Dress, fair (full body) \$3.00
 Dress, good (full body) \$10.00
 Dress, Wool \$1.95
 Gloves, leather driving \$1.00
 Gloves, canvas work (six pair) \$.39
 Goggles (aviator/motorcycle) \$4.89
 Hat, Dress \$2.49
 Hat, newsboy/golf cap \$.89
 Hat, Stetson \$3.98
 Jacket, Leather Flight \$20.00
 Pants, fine \$3.00
 Pants, work \$1.25
 Set, Heavy Clothes \$5.00
 Set, Fine Clothes \$10.00

Shirt \$.69
 Shirt, suede hunting \$3.00
 Shoes, men's \$4.00
 Shoes, women's \$.69
 Shoes, Leather \$1.79
 Shoes, Reptile leather \$6.00
 Silk necktie \$.79
 Silk Stockings \$.69
 Suit, Golf \$20.00
 Suit, poor \$12.00
 Suit, fine \$32.00
 Suit, Tuxedo \$25.00
 Suit, Wool (men's) \$10.50
 Suit, Wool (women's) \$3.98
 Sweater, pullover \$1.95
 Sweater, Wool \$1.69

Personal Effects

Backpack, cloth \$2.00
 Backpack, leather \$6.00
 Bandolier \$.50
 Briefcase \$1.00
 Cigarette Holder \$1.00
 Holster \$1.00
 Pearls, Cultivated oriental \$35.00
 Perfume, per ounce \$1.00
 Purse \$1.00
 Satchel, leather \$.90
 Spectacles \$9.00
 Wallet \$2.00
 Watch (wrist / nice) \$22.00
 Watch (wrist / average) \$5.00
 Watch (Pocket/ nice) \$10.00
 Watch (Pocket/ average) \$4.00
 Jacket, Rugged Leather \$17.00
 Jacket, Soft Leather \$10.00

Housing/Lodging

Farm & 6 room house \$4,250
 Italian villa, 12 rooms \$17,000
 Sears Homes "Kit", 6 rooms \$2,800
 Silver Cloud travel trailer \$695
 3-room apartment, \$15 a month
 Hotel, Waldorf Astoria (NYC),
 \$5-\$10 a night

Household Items

Bed (Double) and spring mattress \$14.95
 Bedroom set, 3-piece \$49.95
 Bed sheets, Double \$.74
 Blanket, Wool \$1.00
 Brush set \$2.00
 Chair, Lounge \$19.95
 Chair, Wing \$39.00
 Combs \$.09
 Dining room set, 8-piece \$46.50
 Electric Coffee Percolator \$1.39
 Electric Iron \$2.00
 Electric Mixer \$9.95
 Electric Portable Sewing Machine \$24.95
 Electric Shaver \$15.00
 Electric Washing Machine \$47.95
 Face Powder \$1.50

Flatware, Silver plate, 26 piece \$5.00
 Lamp, Copper \$1.95
 Piano, Grand \$395.00
 Razor \$4.00
 Razor blades (10) \$.49
 Rug, wool 9'x12' \$5.85
 Secretary, Colonial walnut \$54.00
 Soap (12 cakes) \$.40
 Sofa, Chippendale mahogany \$135.00
 Stove, gas \$23.95
 Table, Bridge \$1.00
 Table, Louis XV walnut dining \$124.00
 Table, Mahogany coffee \$10.75
 Tablecloth, linen \$1.05
 Tooth brush \$.10
 Tooth paste (large) \$.25
 Towel, Bath \$.30
 Vacuum cleaner \$18.75

Food

Apples (per lb) \$.03
 Bacon (per lb) \$.22
 Bananas (per lb.) \$.15
 Beef, Rib Roast (per lb) \$.22
 Beef, Round steak (per lb) \$.26
 Beef, Sirloin steak (per lb) \$.29
 Bread (20 oz loaf) \$.05
 Butter (per lb) \$.28
 Cheese (per lb) \$.24
 Chicken (per lb) \$.22
 Coffee (per lb) \$.26
 Cornflakes (8oz package) \$.08
 Eggs (per dozen) \$.29
 Ham (per lb) \$.31
 Hamburger (per lb) \$.10
 Hershey chocolate bar \$.04
 Leg of lamb (per lb) \$.22
 Meal, breakfast \$.25
 Meal, lunch \$.50
 Meal, dinner \$.75
 Meal, Waldorf Astoria (NYC),
 Morse Grill \$2
 Milk (per qt) \$.10
 Onions (per lb.) \$.03
 Oranges (per dozen) \$.27
 Pork chops (per lb) \$.20
 Potatoes (per lb.) \$.01
 Rice (per lb.) \$.06
 Salmon (16 oz can) \$.19
 Sugar (per lb.) \$.05
 Tomatoes (16 oz can) \$.09
 Whiskey (per qt) \$1.50 (after 1932)
 Wrigley's Spearmint or
 Doublemint gum \$.03

Entertainment, Music & Sports

Banjo \$16.00
 Circus, One Admission \$.25
 Concert, Bob Wills \$.40
 Drum set \$65.00
 Guitar \$9.00
 Harmonica \$1.75
 Saxophone \$50.00
 Trumpet \$15.00

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Violin, fine 45.00
 Ballgame, Professional, one ticket \$1.25
 Basketball (leather) \$1.25
 BB air rifle \$1.19
 Bicycle \$7.00
 Cyclone, Coney Island, one ticket \$.25
 Doll carriage \$4.98
 Fielder's glove and ball \$5.00
 Movie with refreshments \$.30
 Roller skates \$1.25
 Sled \$1.45
 Tennis racket \$4.00

Travel

Air, NY to Chicago (round trip) \$ 86.31
 Air, Chicago to LA (round trip) \$207.00
 Rail, Chicago to San Francisco, (round trip) \$ 80.50
 Rail, 50 mile commuter pass, monthly \$10.39
 Sea, European 2 month cruise \$495.00
 Sea, Bermudan 10 day cruise \$110.00
 Sea, Around the world, 3 mo \$749.00
 Sea, San Fran to Hawaii (round trip) \$220.00
 Sea, NY to San Fran, via Panama \$120.00
 Hindenburg, TransAtlantic (round trip) \$720.00

Automobile Services

Automobile Tires, set of 4 \$6.35
 Engine, V-8, factory rebuilt \$40
 Fan belts, Ford and Chevrolet \$.12
 Gasoline (per gallon) \$.10
 Motor Oil 1 quart \$.15
 Parking, All day \$.09

Gadgets

Alarm clock \$1.00
 Ariel antenna set \$2.00
 Camera - Bantam, field model \$110.00
 Camera - Kodak, Brownie \$3.00
 Camera - Kodak, Vest Pocket \$20.00
 Headphones \$1.25
 Microscope x100 \$5.00
 Microscope x425 \$16.00
 Movie camera, 8mm \$29.50
 P.A. system \$37.00
 Radio (console) \$75.00
 78 RPM Record \$.50
 Record Player \$9.00
 Typewriter \$37.00

Adventuring Gear

Binoculars x4 \$8.00
 Binoculars x5 \$12.00
 Binoculars x6 \$14.00
 Canoe, wood \$12.00
 Compass \$1.50
 Cooking Gear \$1.25
 Cot \$4.00
 Fishing Pole, average \$1.50
 Fishing Pole, nice \$10.00
 Flashlight w/2 batteries \$.79

Gas Lantern \$5.69
 Gas Mask \$7.00
 Grappling Hook \$2.00
 Parachute \$20.00
 Shovel/Pick \$1.00
 Sleeping bag, summer \$1.00
 Sleeping bag, winter \$3.00
 Telescope \$16.00
 Tent, 7'x7' waterproof \$11.00
 Tent, Pup \$5.00
 Tent, Umbrella water proof \$22.00
 Twisted linen line (50yds) \$.30

Weapons & Ammo

Pistol .22 \$5
 Pistol, Beretta palm-sized \$30
 Pistol, Colt .45 \$25
 Revolver, .38 \$20
 Revolver, .357 \$22
 Rifle, .22 \$5
 Rifle, Hunter \$30
 Rifle, Elephant Gun \$70
 Shotgun, Pump 12g \$60
 Scope \$60
 TNT, 1 stick \$5
 Whip, Bullwhip \$2
 Ammo, .22 caliber \$.02
 Ammo, handgun caliber \$.03
 Ammo, rifle \$.07
 Ammo, shotgun \$.05

Miscellaneous

Bicycle \$7.00
 Book (blank diary/journal) \$.60
 Book (fine journal w/ lock) \$2.50
 Cigarettes \$.15 pack
 Cigarette lighter \$.39
 Dental filling \$1.00
 Drawing set \$7.00
 Fireproof safe \$12.00
 Fountain pen \$.85
 Handcuffs \$5.00
 Ink \$.20
 Kit, Archaeology \$20.00
 Kit, Carpentry Tools \$10.00
 Kit, Lock picking \$10.00
 Kit, Mechanical Tools \$25.00
 Kit, Medical \$10.00
 Kit, Welding/Cutting \$95.00
 Newspaper \$.05
 Novel, pulp \$.10
 Pipe \$.83
 Scissors, fine \$5.00
 Slide Ruler \$3.00



USA Coins



1930s Wheat Penny



<1930 Standing Liberty Quarter



<1938 Buffalo Nickel



1932> Washington Quarter



1938> Jefferson Nickel



1930s Walking Liberty Silver 1/2 Dollar



1930s Mercury Dime



<1935 Peace Dollar

Dirty 30s!



Germany - 5 Reichspfennig (1936-1939)



Germany 3 Reichsmark (1930)



Germany - 50 Reichspfennig (1938-1939)



Germany - 5 Reichsmark (1936-1939)



Britain - 1 Crown (1935)



Japan - 10 Sen (1939)



British West Africa - Halfpenny (1936)



Mexico - 50 Pesos (1931)



Egypt - 10 Piastres (1938)



Palestine - 50 Mills (1935)



France - 1 Franc (1938)



Poland - 5 Groszy (1935)



India - 1 Anna (1934)



Russia - 15 Kopek (1937)



Iraq - 200 Fils (1933)



Spain - 1 Peseta (1933)



Italy - 50 Caentesimi (1939)



Switzerland - 5 Franc (1939)

Currency Exchange Rate vs. 1 USD, 1930-1939

	Britain (Pounds)	China (Yuan)	France (Francs)	Germany (Reichsmark)	Greece (Drachmas)	India (Rupees)	Italy (Lire)	Japan (Yen)	Mexico (Peso)	Spain (Pesetas)
1930	0.21	3.34	25.48	4.19	77.17	2.77	19.09	2.02	2.12	8.57
1931	0.22	4.46	25.51	4.23	77.36	2.97	19.21	2.05	2.10	10.48
1932	0.29	4.60	25.46	4.21	120.19	3.80	19.51	3.56	3.14	12.43
1933	0.24	*3.50	19.88	3.28	138.26	3.14	14.90	3.90	3.56	9.33
1934	0.20	2.93	15.22	2.54	106.36	2.64	11.68	3.37	3.60	7.34
1935	0.20	2.73	15.15	2.48	106.54	2.71	12.13	3.48	3.60	7.31
1936	0.20	3.36	16.36	2.48	107.65	2.67	13.71	3.45	3.60	8.12
1937	0.20	3.38	24.72	2.49	110.44	2.68	19.01	3.47	3.60	16.52
1938	0.20	4.68	34.74	2.49	111.63	2.73	19.01	3.52	4.52	17.86
1939	0.23	8.42	39.84	2.50	122.65	3.00	19.25	3.85	5.18	9.41

*China changed currency to the New Yuan.

Canada's exchange rate is within pennies of the USD, Australia was approx .05 higher than Britain

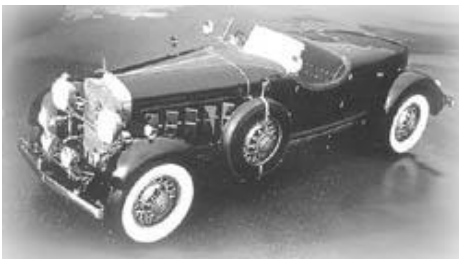
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1930



Alfa Romeo 6C 1750

Engine Size: 1752 cc inline 6
 Weight: 2072lbs
 Top Speed: 90 mph
 Country of Origin: Italy
 Other Models:
 Gran Sport
 Price: £10510



Cadillac V-16 Roadster

Engine Size: 452cid V-16
 Weight: 2950lbs
 Top Speed: 100 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 Sedan, Convertible (4 door), Limo,
 Hearse, Fleetwood
 Price: \$5350.00



Ford Model A Rumbleseat Coupe

Engine Size: 200cid L-head 4-cylinder
 Weight: 2265lbs
 Top Speed: 75 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 Fordor Sedan, Victoria Cabriolet, Coupe,
 Pickup
 Price: \$750.00

1931



Chevrolet Cabriolet

Engine Size: 194cid Straight 6
 Weight: 2275lbs
 Top Speed: 85 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 Coupe, Coach, Sedan, Cab
 Price: \$275.00



Lincoln Model K 202A

Engine Size: 385 cid L Head V8
 Weight: 5245lbs
 Top Speed: 95 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 Sport Phaeton
 Price: \$4600.00

1932



Dodge UI-C 1-ton stake bed truck

Engine Size: 189.8cid Flathead 6
 Weight: 3500 lbs
 Top Speed: 75 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Price: \$750.00



Marmon V-16

Engine Size: 491cid V-16
 Weight: 5500 lbs
 Top Speed: 95 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Price: \$5350.00



Maybach Zeppelin DS 8

Engine Size: 8 liter V-12
 Weight: 6600 lbs
 Top Speed: 106 mph
 Country of Origin: Germany
 Price: 40,000 RM



Rolls Royce Phantom II Sedan

Engine Size: 7668cc Straight 6
 Weight: 2 tons
 Top Speed: 50 mph
 Country of Origin: Britain
 Other Models:
 Saloon, Roadster, Berline, Cabriolet,
 Limousine
 Price: £2425.00

SPEED WAGON

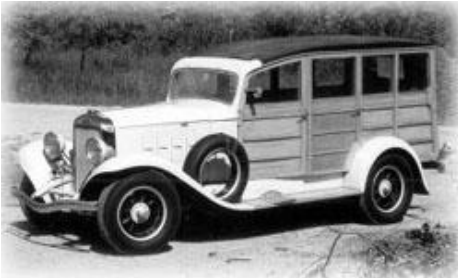
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1933



Harley Davidson

Engine Size: 74cid V-Twin
Weight: 475lbs
Top Speed: 90 mph
Country of Origin: USA
Price: \$179.00



REO Speedwagon

Engine: 6 cylinder BUDA
Weight: 2955lbs
Top Speed: 83 mph
Country of Origin: USA
Other Models:
Royal, Speedster, Bus
Price: \$675.00

1934



Buick 50

Engine Size: 235cid Straight 8
Weight: 3852lbs
Top Speed: 95 mph
Country of Origin: USA
Other Models:
40, 50, 60 & 90 series, Coupe, Roadster
Price: \$1190.00



Cadillac 452-D Limo

Engine Size: 452cid V-16
Weight: 6210lbs
Top Speed: 91 mph
Country of Origin: USA
Other Models:
Town Cabriolet, Sedan, Coupe
Price: \$5495.00



Ford V8 Rumbleseat Cabriolet

Engine Size: 221cid V8
Weight: 2460lbs
Top Speed: 100 mph
Country of Origin: USA
Other Models:
Fordor Sedan, DeLuxe, Wagon, Sedan
Price: \$590.00

1935



Auburn 851 Speedster

Engine Size: 280cid inline flathead 8
Weight: 3745lbs
Top Speed: 104 mph
Country of Origin: USA
Other Models:
851 SC, 852 Speedster, 852 Cabriolet
Price: \$2245.00



BMW R-12 Wehrmacht Gespann

Engine Size: 745cc boxer-motor
Weight: 414lbs
Top Speed: 68 mph
Country of Origin: Germany
Other Models: Civilian, Wehrmacht Solo
Price: 1,630 RM (Civilian Model)



Chevrolet Suburban Carryall

Engine Size: 206cid Straight 6
Weight: 3460lbs
Country of Origin: USA
Price: \$685.00



Chrysler Airflow Sedan

Engine Size: 323cid Straight 8
Weight: 4208lbs
Top Speed: 83 mph
Country of Origin: USA
Other Models:
Coupe, Limousine
Price: \$2245.00



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Coca Cola Fountain Truck



Stout Scarab

Engine Size: 221cid L-Head V-8
 Top Speed: 80 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Price: \$5000.00



Studebaker President Eight

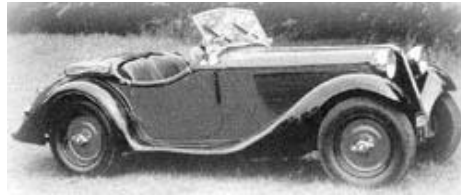
Engine Size: 250cid Straight 8
 Weight: 4210lbs
 Top Speed: 75 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 Price: \$2690.00



Willys 77 Sedan

Engine Size: 132cid Straight 4
 Weight: 2111lbs
 Top Speed: 75 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 Coupe
 Price: \$495.00

1936



BMW 315

Engine Size: 1490cc Straight 6
 Weight: 820kg
 Top Speed: 81 mph
 Country of Origin: Germany
 Other Models:
 Limousine, Tour, Sedan
 Price: 4750 RM



Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Pickup

Engine Size: 206cid Straight 6
 Weight: 3055lbs
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models: (Automobile)
 Roadster, Coach, Sedan
 Price: \$550.00



Cord 810

Engine Size: 288.6cid V8
 Weight: 3700lbs
 Top Speed: 90 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models: Winchester, Phaeton
 Price: \$1995.00



Jaguar SS 100 Sport

Engine Size: 2663cc Straight 6
 Weight: 1800lbs
 Top Speed: 100 mph
 Country of Origin: Britain
 Price: £395.00



Packard Super 8 Touring

Engine Size: 282cid Straight 8
 Weight: 5200lbs
 Top Speed: 85 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 Convertible, Limo, Club, Phaeton,
 Roadster
 Price: \$3690.00

1937



De Soto Coupe

Engine Size: 228cid Straight 6
 Weight: 3289lbs
 Top Speed: 87 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 Touring, Convertible, Limousine
 Price: \$820.00

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Diamond T Super X

Engine Size: 300cid Straight 6
 Weight: 4452lbs
 Top Speed: 50 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 212A, 2210, 80
 Price: \$760.00



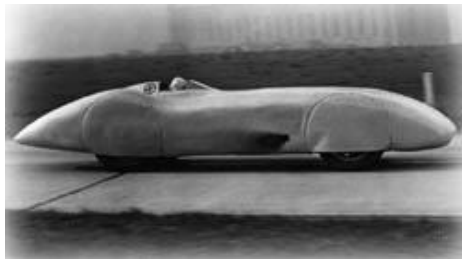
Ford Panel Van

Engine Size: 221cid V8
 Weight: 2991lbs
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 1/2 ton pickup
 Price: \$696.00



Lincoln Zephyr

Engine Size: 267cid V12
 Weight: 3289lbs
 Top Speed: 90 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 4-door Sedan, Town Sedan
 Price: \$1245.00



Mercedes-Benz Class B

Engine Size: 5.6L
 Top Speed: 269mph
 Country of Origin: Germany

1938



Bugatti Type 57

Engine Size: Twin Cam 3257 cc
 Weight: 2100lbs
 Top Speed: 115 mph
 Country of Origin: France
 Other Models:
 57G, 57T, 57C, Atlantic
 Price: £103,740



Buick Y-Job

Engine Size: 320 CID straight 8
 Top Speed: 95 mph
 Country of Origin: USA



Cadillac 60

Engine Size: 346cid V8
 Weight: 4170lbs
 Top Speed: 100 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 Coupe, Convertible Coupe, Convertible Sedan
 Price: \$2090.00



Indian Chief

Engine Size: 74cid V-Twin
 Weight: 430lbs
 Top Speed: 90 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 Four, Scout, Sport Scout
 Price: \$215.00



International "Jungle Yacht" (D-15)

Engine Size: 232.65cid six, L-head
 Construction: 40' overall stainless steel unit, 23' trailer by Fleetwood
 Equipment: Telephone, two-way radio, generators and extra fuel tanks.
 Country of Origin: Canada

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Mercedes-Benz 770 W150 Grosser

Engine Size: 7655cc Straight 8
 Weight: 7920lbs; armored: 10560lbs
 Country of Origin: Germany
 Other Models:
 Tourenwagen, Cabriolet, Limousine
 Price: 45,000 RM



Phantom Corsair

Engine Size: 288.6cid V8
 Weight: 3700lbs
 Top Speed: 115 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Price: \$24,000.00



Talbot Lago t150ss

Engine Size: 3996cc Inline 6
 Weight: 2640lbs
 Top Speed: 108 mph
 Country of Origin: France
 Price: F150,000



Volkswagen 30

Engine Size: 1600cc air-cooled flat4
 Weight: 1970lbs
 Top Speed: 72 mph
 Country of Origin: Nazi Germany
 Other Models:
 Cabrio
 Price: 990 RM



Willys Deluxe Coupe

Engine Size: 134cid Straight 4
 Weight: 2181lbs
 Top Speed: 85 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 Sedan
 Price: \$574.00

1939



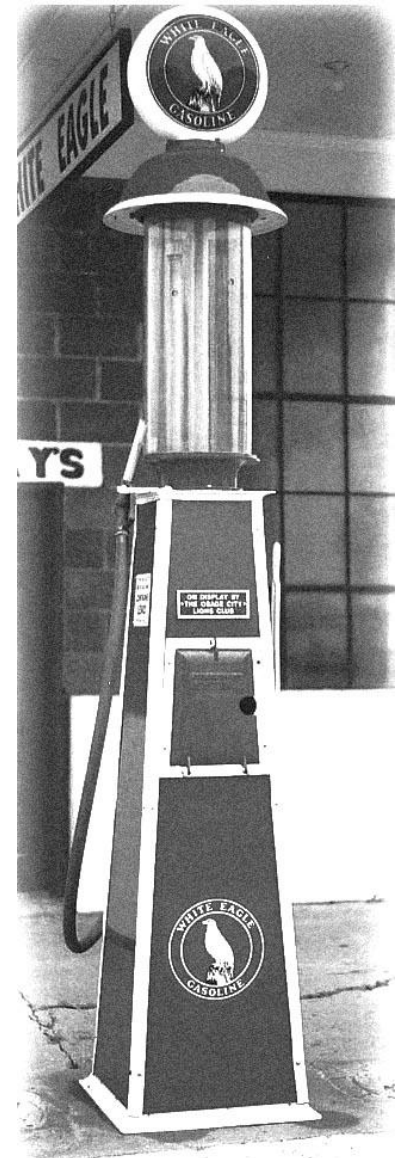
Chevrolet 1/2 ton Streamliner "Woody"

Engine Size: 216cid inline 6
 Weight: 3030lbs
 Top Speed: 85 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 Truck, Delivery Sedan
 Price: \$572.00



Ford DeLuxe Coupe

Engine Size: 221cid V8
 Weight: 2752lbs
 Top Speed: 87 mph
 Country of Origin: USA
 Other Models:
 Wagon, Sedan, Convertible
 Price: \$702.00



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Hindenburg and other Airships



Zeppelins get their name from their creator Graf Ferdinand von Zeppelin. The rigid airships use a slim aluminum frame to shape the airbag, and to provide more strength and stability, which allowed for bigger engines and payloads. Inside the frame multiple non-pressurized gas cells are used for lift. Upon completion the frame is covered with a fabric for aerodynamic purposes. Most Zeppelins were filled with the flammable gas Hydrogen, but there were some that used the less efficient but safer helium gas, which was found only in the USA in useable quantities.

Britain attempted routes between Egypt, India & Canada but halted flights of the R100 when the more advanced R101 crashed in France on its first flight to India, killing 46 of the 54 on board. The R100 was sold for scrap in 1931.

Thanks to several accidents, America quit building airships for civilian purposes in the mid 30s, but the military continued on with their development through the war. The ZR-3 "USS Los Angeles" was the most successful American Zeppelin, but was retired in 1932. In 1938 all military airships in the U.S. were placed under navy jurisdiction and used for patrol, scouting, convoy, and antisubmarine work.

Germany in the meantime continued on with the development of their rigid airship fleet. The LZ127 Graf Zeppelin's first flight was 1928. Before the great depression started, the Graf Zeppelin had an impressive travel log, including a full circumvention of the globe, and a South American tour in May of 1930. Its because of these successes that these tours had encountered, and despite the crash of the R101, the depression and competition from fixed wing aircraft, the LZ127 increased its share of passenger & mail transportation across the ocean until 1937, when it was grounded one month after the Hindenburg disaster. In its lifetime the Graf Zeppelin logged 590 flights for over a million miles. In 1936, the LZ129 Hindenburg joined the LZ127 Graf Zeppelin in its Trans-Atlantic flights serving the United States and Brazil. Average flight times between Rio De Janeiro & Frankfurt was 75 hours and 60 hours between Lakehurst, New Jersey & Frankfurt. Between 1932 and 1936 the ships combined made 65 Trans-Atlantic flights. By this time they were both prominently displaying the Nazi Swastika on their fins.

Originally, because of the R100 incident, the Hindenburg was designed to use the

safer helium gas instead of the volatile hydrogen, but because of the military embargo by the USA the Germans were forced to refit the Hindenburg to hydrogen instead, thus sealing its fate. At 804ft. The Hindenburg holds the record as the largest aircraft ever to fly.

Life on board

For their \$400 ticket (\$720 round trip), the passengers could relax in the large, luxurious common spaces and enjoy fine food, time was spent there because the passenger cabins measured only 78 x 66 inches. Each cabin came equipped with a folding wash basin, a collapsible writing table and a signal used for calling the steward. Below you will find the description of "A Day on Board" from the Airship Hindenburg Advertising Brochure:



"What a wonderful night's rest you have enjoyed after your first day on board! The soft murmur from the distant engines seems to have lulled you to sleep. Now the sunshine is streaming in through the windows and you take your place in the dining saloon for a breakfast of crisp appetizing rolls and aromatic coffee. Already, the free and easy companionship of ship-board travel is in evidence. The enjoyment of airship travel makes people sociable, friendships are being formed. You finish breakfast and walk to the windows. Down below, you see the long shadow of the airship passing swiftly over the sparkling foam-crested waves of the blue Atlantic, and the joy of experiencing this wonderful achievement in modern travel surges through you. No people are confined to their cabins, for as yet no passenger has ever been sea-sick on board a Zeppelin Airship. Even in storms and squally weather, the ship's movements are quiet and steady except for the slight shock of the first onslaught. There is no noise beyond the distant murmur of the engines and the sigh of the wind on the outer hull. No dust, no soot to trouble you, the whole atmosphere is one of tranquility and peace. The air is delicious and fresh, in fact you seem to have been transported into another and more beautiful world. For a long time you are content to watch the marvelous cloud formation or the the effect of the wind on the sea and waves beneath, and then perhaps you recline in a comfortable chair to read, join a party in a game of bridge, or chat with some new and interesting friends. Occasionally someone will call from the windows, and you will join your fellow passenger in witnessing the passing of a great liner far beneath, her rails lined with waving passengers, or the inspiring spectacle of a man-pf-war or destroyer flotilla. Mid-day arrives as if by magic, and with it the welcome sound of the dinner gong. After dinner, smokers repair to the smoking saloon. Gradually amidst many distractions and pleasant activities the evening advances, and the stars appear. If inclined, you take a shower bath before supper, and then a round of cocktails with some friends in the bar, followed by supper, and to end the day, a game of bridge. As you retire to your cabin it seems a miracle that already you are nearer your destination by over 1,000 miles."

"Oh, the Humanity!"

May 6, 1937, the Hindenburg burst into flames 200 feet over



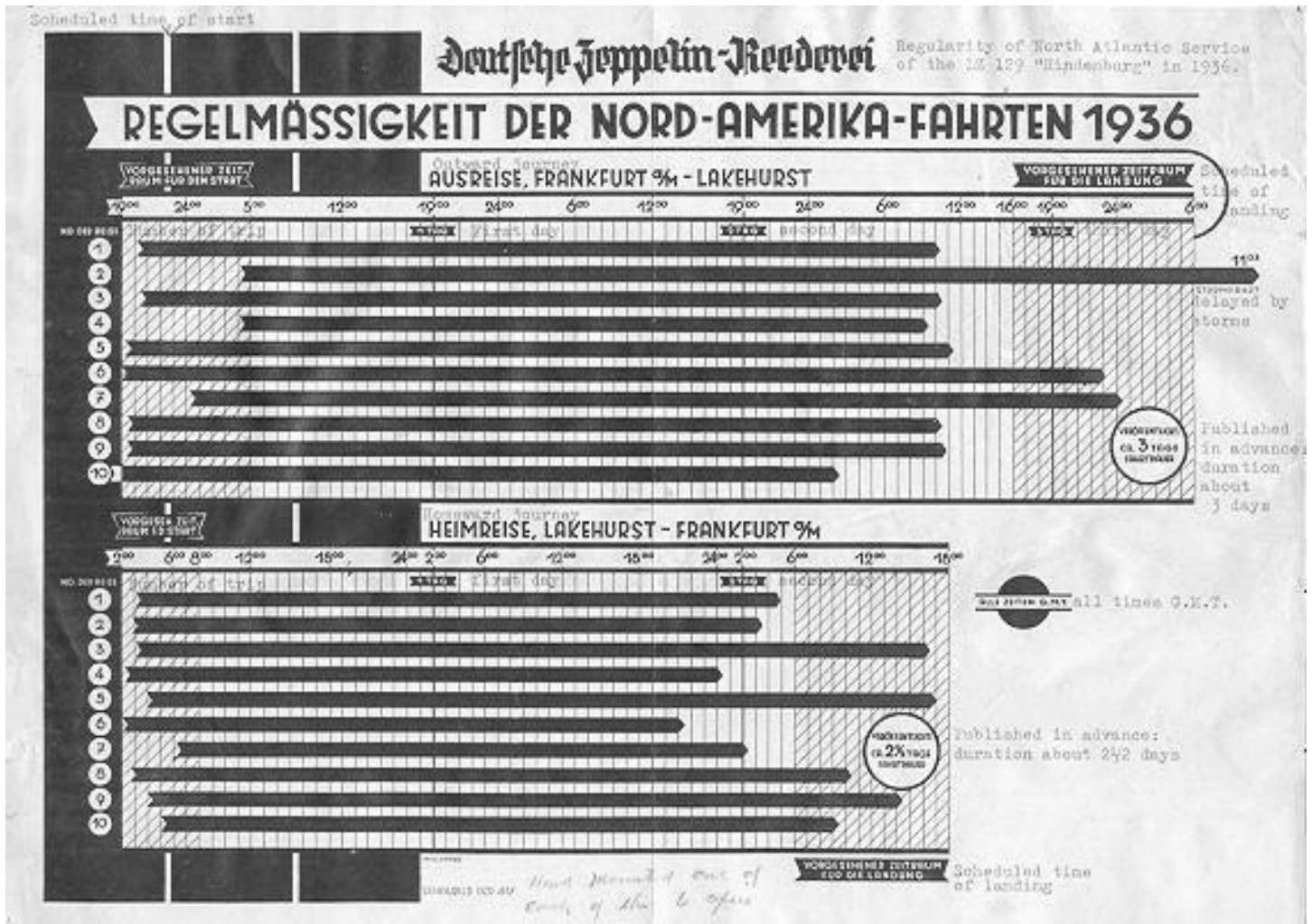
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its intended landing spot at New Jersey's Lakehurst Naval Air Station. It took less than 35 seconds for the giant ship to be completely engulfed on the ground. Of the 36 passengers & 61 crew members, 35 perished in the fireball, with one death on the ground. To this day there is still a question as to what caused the explosion, ranging from a lightning strike to

sabotage. At that time, reporting of events was done live, but Herbert Morrison, the reporter, did not have any equipment to broadcast live. The next morning portions of the recording were aired over WLS in Chicago, this was the first known recorded reporting of an event.



Luftschiffe »Hindenburg« und »Graf Zeppelin« über dem Bodensee
 Die Luftschiffe »Hindenburg« und »Graf Zeppelin« über dem Bodensee
 (Postkarte aus den dreißiger Jahren).



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1932

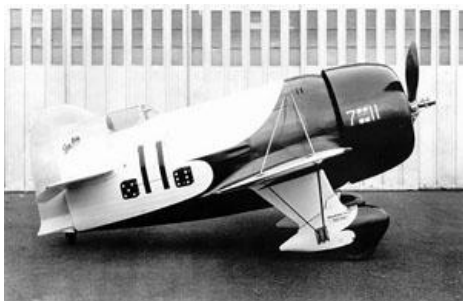


Stipa Caproni

Country of Origin: Italy
Seats: 2
Maximum Speed: 81mph



1933



Gee Bee Model R-1

Seats: 1
Maximum Speed: 296mph
Range: 925 miles



Kalinin K 7

Country of Origin: Russia
Seats: 22/128(passenger version)
Cruising Speed: 112mph
Maximum Speed: 207mph
Range: 1883 miles

1934



Beech Model 17 Staggerwing

Seats: 4-5
Cruising Speed: 185mph
Maximum Speed: 212mph
Range: 1000 miles



Hall Aluminum Aircraft PH

Seats: 6
Cruising Speed: 137mph
Maximum Speed: 145mph
Range: 2242 Miles



Lockheed Electra 10A

Seats: 12
Cruising Speed: 190mph
Maximum Speed: 202mph
Range: 810 Miles



Martin M-130 "China Clipper"

Seats: 52
Cruising Speed: 163mph
Maximum Speed: 180mph
Range: 3500 Miles



Rohrbach Cyclogyro

Country of Origin: Germany
Seats: 1-3
Cruising Speed: 105mph
Maximum Speed: 125mph
Range: up to 960 miles,
depending on fuel load

1935



Burnelli UB-14

Seats: 18 (2+ cargo)
Maximum Speed: 225 mph
Range: 1240 Miles



Cievra CL.20 Autogiro

Seats: 2
Country of Origin: England
Maximum Speed: 106 mph



Douglas DC3

Seats: 23 (3 + Cargo)
Cruising Speed: 181mph
Maximum Speed: 237mph
Range: 1500 Miles

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Hughes H-1 Racer
 Seats: 1
 Maximum Speed: 352 mph

1936



Hawker Hurricane Mk I
 Seats: 1
 Maximum Speed: 330 mph
 Range: 460 Miles
 Armament: 8 Browning .303 Machineguns

1937



B-17 "Flying Fortress"
 Seats: 10
 Maximum Speed: 287mph
 Range: 2000 Miles
 Armament: 9x.50 Cal Machineguns,
 4,000-pound bomb load, 10x 5in Rockets



Howard DGA-6 "Mr. Mulligan"
 Seats: 4-5
 Cruising Speed: 191mph
 Maximum Speed: 260mph
 Range: 1260 Miles



Junkers JU 87 "Stuka"
 Seats: 2
 County of Origin: Nazi Germany
 Maximum Speed: 180mph
 Range: 465 Miles
 Armament: 4x.31 (front & rear), External bombload



Nakajima B5N2 "Kate"
 Seats: 3
 County of Origin: Japan
 Maximum Speed: 235mph
 Range: 1,237 Miles
 Armament: 1x.30 cal machine gun (rear),
 1x1,764 lb torpedo or bomb weight equivalent



Horton Ho III Flying Wing
 Seats: 1
 County of Origin: Nazi Germany
 Maximum Speed: 115mph



1938



Messerschmitt Bf 109
 Seats: 1
 County of Origin: Nazi Germany
 Maximum Speed: 398mph
 Range: 528 Miles
 Armament: 2x13mm machine guns, 1x
 20mm cannon, 4x 110 lb bombs



Supermarine Spitfire
 Seats: 1
 County of Origin: Great Britain
 Maximum Speed: 378mph
 Range: 1140 Miles
 Armament: 2 x 20mm cannons, 4 x .303
 Browning machine guns

1939



Boeing B-314
 Seats: 74
 Cruising Speed: 183mph
 Maximum Speed: 193mph
 Range: 3500 Miles

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Fieseler Fi167

Country of Origin: Nazi Germany
 Seats: 2
 Maximum Speed: 202mph
 Range: 932 Miles
 Armament: 2x 7.92mm machine guns (front fixed, rear swivel), one 2204lb bomb, or one 1,687lb torpedo.



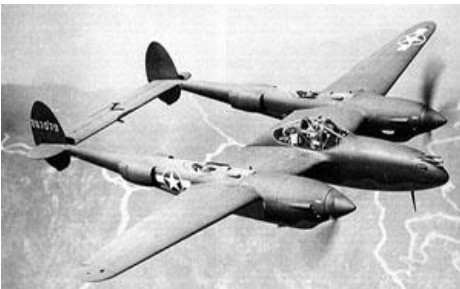
Focke-Wulf Fw 190

Country of Origin: Nazi Germany
 Seats: 1
 Maximum Speed: 408mph
 Range: 500 Miles
 Armament: 2x 13mm machine guns, 4x 20 mm cannons



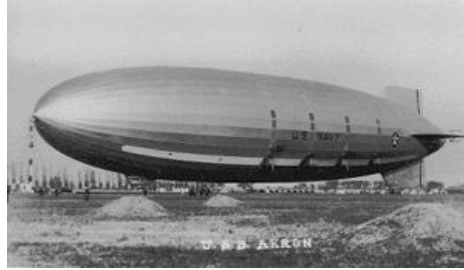
Heinkel He 178

Country of Origin: Nazi Germany
 Seats: 1
 Maximum Speed: 435mph
 Range: 125 Miles



P-38 Lightning

Seats: 1
 Maximum Speed: 414mph
 Range: 2260 Miles
 Armament: 1 20mm cannon, 4x.50 machine guns



USS Akron (ZRS-4) - 1931

Complement: 89 Officers + 4 aircraft
 Cruising Speed: 56 mph
 Maximum Speed: 81 mph
 Range: 10,500 Miles
 Length: 785 ft.
 Armament: 7 Machineguns



Hindenburg - 1936

Capacity: 100+Passengers + Crew
 Round Trip Ticket: \$700.00
 Cruising Speed: 47 mph
 Maximum Speed: 84 mph
 Range: 10,000 Miles
 Length: 804 ft.
 Route:
 Lakehurst Naval Air Station, New Jersey
 Frankfurt, Germany.



Orient Express

1883 (1934 shown)
 Route:
 Orient Express: Paris, Munich, Vienna, Budapest
 Simplon Orient Express: Paris, Milan, Venice, Trieste, Zagreb, Belgrade, Sofia, Athens, Istanbul.



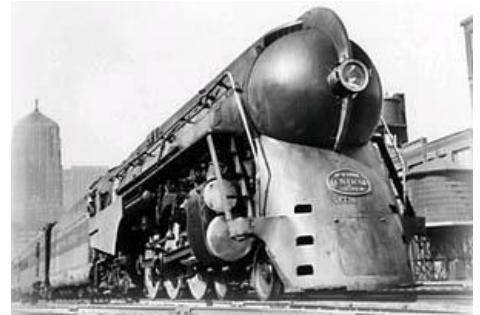
Illinois Central

1887 (1932 shown)
 Route:
 Chicago, Memphis, New Orleans



Empire Builder

1929 (1938 shown)
 Route:
 Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Fargo, Seattle, Portland



Twentieth Century Limited

1934
 Route:
 New York, Chicago



822 Streamliner

1937

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Broadway Limited - 1937
Route:
New York, Philadelphia, Chicago



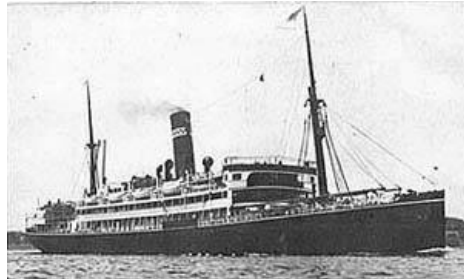
B.M.T. Bluebird (NYC) - 1938
Top Speed: 40mph
Fare: .05
Other Units:
Green Hornet (1934)
Little Zephyr (1934)



Exposition Flyer -1939
Route:
Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake City, San Francisco



Greyhound Bus - 1939
GMC Silversides design
Route:
Varied, 4,750 Bus Stations



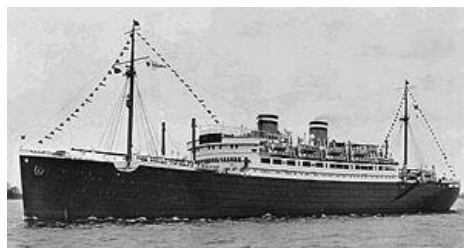
Burns Philp & Co. - 1914
T.S.S. "Marella"
Ports of Call: Melbourne, Sydney, Townsville, Thursday Island, Darwin, Sourabaya, Samarang, Batavia, Singapore



American Scantic Line - 1919
S.S. "Scanpenn"
Ports of Call: New York, Gothenburg, Copenhagen, Gdynia, Stockholm, Helsinki.



Khedivial Mail Line (Egypt) - 1922
"Mohamed Ali El Kebir"
Ports of Call: Alexandria, Piraeus, Cyprus, Malta, Marseilles.



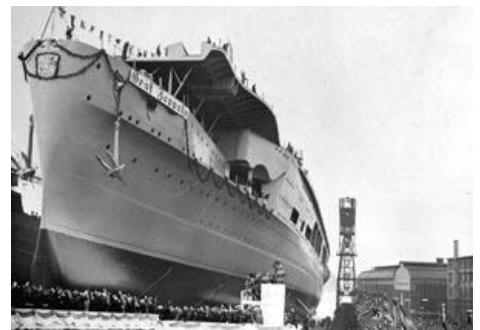
Hamburg-American Line/Hapag - 1928
S.S. "St. Louis"
Ports of Call: New York, Cobh, Galway, Plymouth, Cherbourg, Southampton, Boulogne, Bremen, Hamburg and the Caribbean.



American South African Line - 1930
"City of New York"
Ports of Call: New York, St. Helena, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban, Lourenço Marques, Beira, Trinidad



Cunard White Star Ltd - 1936
RMS "Queen Mary"
Ports of Call: New York, Boston, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, Greenock, Glasgow, Belfast, Galway, Dublin, Cobh, Liverpool, Plymouth, Cherbourg, Southampton, Le Havre, London



Graf Zeppelin Aircraft Carrier - 1938
Crew: 1,720 + 306 flight personnel
Aircraft: (detailed above)
10 Messerschmitt Bf 109 fighters
20 Junkers Ju 87 "Stuka" dive bombers
20 Fieseler Fi 167 torpedo bombers

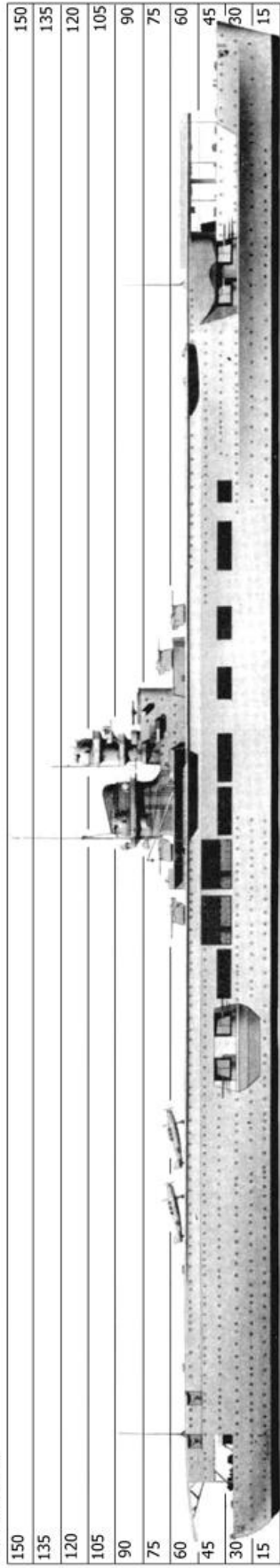


U-Boat
Speed: 13 knots surfaced/
7.4 submerged
Seats: 25
Diving Depth: 250 feet
Range: 1600 Miles

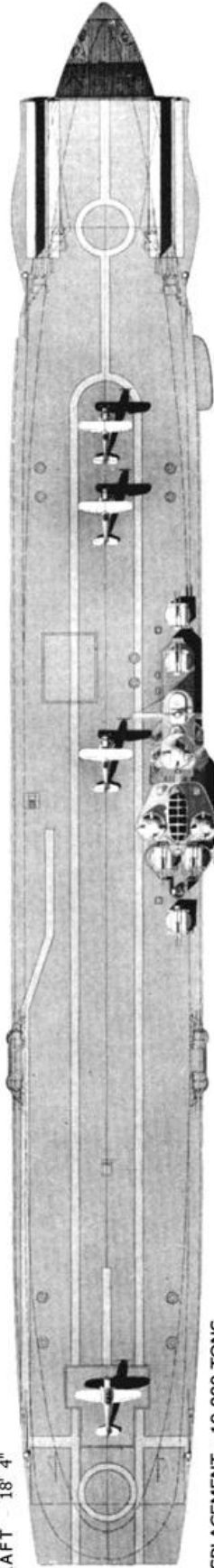
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GRAF ZEPPELIN - CV1

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HORIZON BEYOND THE SHIP
 LENGTH 820' WL 850' OA (EST)
 BEAM - 88' 7"
 DRAFT - 18' 4"



DISPLACEMENT - 19,000 TONS

ARMAMENT

- 16-5"9
- 10-4"1
- 18-1"46 AA
- 4-0"79 AA

PROTECTION

- BELT - 2-1/3"
- CASEMATES FOR 5"9 GUNS

PROPULSION

- HP - 110,000
- SPEED - 32 KNOTS



IT IS KNOWN THAT CERTAIN SUPERSTRUCTURAL FEATURES, INCLUDING AA BATTERY DISPOSITION VARY FROM THESE DRAWINGS, WHICH ARE BELIEVED SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT FOR HULL PROPORTION AND GENERAL OUTLINE. DETAILS OF PROFILES, AIR VIEWS AND TARGET ANGLES AWAIT BETTER RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHS.

Dirty 30s!

Automatic Pistols



Astra Model 400
Caliber: 9mm Para
Shots: 8
Country of Origin: Spain
Year first made: 1928



Browning Baby .25 ACP
Caliber: .25ACP
Shots: 6
Country of Origin: Belgium
Year first made: 1905



Browning Highpower M1935
Caliber: 9mm
Shots: 13
Country of Origin: Belgium
Year first made: 1935



Colt M1911A1
Caliber: .45
Shots: 7
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1911



Kolibri Auto
Caliber: 2.7mm
Shots: 10
Country of Origin: Austria
Year first made: 1914



Luger P-08
Caliber: .30 Luger
Shots: 8
Country of Origin: Germany
Year first made: 1902



Mauser C-96 "Broomhandle"
Caliber: 7.65mm (also in 9mm)
Shots: 10
Country of Origin: Germany
Year first made: 1896



Nambu Pistol Type 14
Caliber: 8mm
Shots: 8
Country of Origin: Japan
Year first made: 1925



Savage 1907
Caliber: .32
Shots: 10
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1907



Steyr-Hahn Pistol
Caliber: 9mm Steyr
Shots: 8
Country of Origin: Germany
Year first made: 1911



Tokarev TT pistol
Caliber: 7.63mm Mauser
Shots: 8
Country of Origin: Russia
Year first made: 1935



Walther P38
Caliber: 9mm
Shots: 8
Country of Origin: Germany
Year first made: 1935

Dirty 30s!



Walther PP
 Caliber: 7.65mm
 Shots: 7
 Country of Origin: Germany
 Year first made: 1929



Wilniewicz i Skrzypinski (Vis wz35)
 Caliber: 9mmPara
 Shots: 8
 Country of Origin: Poland
 Year first made: 1935

Revolvers



Colt Detective
 Caliber: .38
 Shots: 6
 Country of Origin: USA
 Year first made: 1935



Colt Peacemaker
 Caliber: .45
 Shots: 6
 Country of Origin: USA
 Year first made: 1873
 Barrel Length: 4 3/4, 5 1/2, 7 1/2



Colt Positive
 Caliber: .45
 Shots: 6
 Country of Origin: USA
 Year first made: 1934



Enfield No 2 Mark 1
 Caliber: .38
 Shots: 6
 Country of Origin: Britain
 Year first made: 1927



Lebel Mle 1892
 Caliber: 8x27.5mm
 Shots: 6
 Country of Origin: France
 Year first made: 1892



Nagant gaz-seal revolver
 Caliber: 7.65mm
 Shots: 7
 Country of Origin: Belgium
 Year first made: 1892



Smith & Wesson Model 10 Police
 Caliber: .38
 Shots: 6
 Country of Origin: USA
 Year first made: 1902



Smith & Wesson Model 27
 Caliber: .357 Magnum
 Shots: 6
 Country of Origin: USA
 Year first made: 1935
 Barrel length: 2 1/2 to 8 3/4 inches



Webley Revolver
 Caliber: .455
 Shots: 6
 Country of Origin: Britain
 Year first made: 1887



Webley-Fosbery Automatic Revolver
 Caliber: .455 (.38 ACP)
 Shots: 6 (8)
 Country of Origin: Britain
 Year first made: 1901

Dirty 30s!

Rifles



Griffin & Howe Match Rifle

Caliber: .35 Griffin & Howe Magnum
Shots: 5
Action: Bolt
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1925



Lee-Enfield No.1 Mk.3

Caliber: .303 British
Shots: 10
Action: Bolt
Country of Origin: Britain
Year first made: 1895



M1 Garand

Caliber: .30
Shots: 8
Action: Autoloader
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1936



Mauser K98

Caliber: 7.92mm Mauser
Shots: 5
Action: Bolt
Country of Origin: Germany
Year first made: 1898



Mosin-Nagant

Caliber: 7.62x54mm
Shots: 5
Action: Bolt
Country of Origin: Russia
Year first made: 1891



Remington Model 8

Caliber: .32 Remington
Shots: 5
Action: Autoloader
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1906



Remington Model 30/Enfield 1917

Caliber: .30-06
Shots: 6
Action: Bolt
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1921



Savage Model 99

Caliber: .303 Savage
Shots: 6
Action: Lever
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1899



Springfield M1903

Caliber: .30-06
Shots: 5
Action: Bolt
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1903



Winchester 1894

Caliber: .30-30
Shots: 10
Action: Lever
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1894

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Winchester 1895
Caliber: .30-06, .405
Shots: 5
Action: Lever
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1895



Winchester 97
Caliber: 12 gauge
Shots: 6
Action: Pump
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1897

Shotguns



Ithaca Auto and Burglar
Caliber: 20 gauge
Shots: 2
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1922



Ithaca Model 37
Caliber: 12, 16, 20 gauge
Shots: 4
Action: Pump
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1937



Remington 11
Caliber: 12, 16, 20 gauge
Shots: 4
Action: Autoloader
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1911



Winchester 21
Caliber: 12, 16, 20 gauge
Shots: 2
Action: Double Barrel
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1921

Sub Machine Guns



Beretta 1938A
Caliber: 9mmPara
Shots: 10,20,30
Country of Origin: Italy
Year first made: 1938



Bergman MP-28
Caliber: 9mmPara
Shots: 32
Country of Origin: Swiss, used by Germany & Japan
Year first made: 1928



MAS 38
Caliber: 7.65 mm french long
Shots: 32
Country of Origin: France
Year First Made: 1938



MP-38
Caliber: 9mmPara
Shots: 32
Country of Origin: Germany
Year first made: 1938

Dirty 30s!



Pistolet Pulyemet Degtyareva 34

Caliber: 7.62x25
Shots: 35,71
Country of Origin: Soviet Union
Year first made: 1934



Star Si35

Caliber: 9 x 23 mm Largo
Shots: 30, 40
Country of Origin: Spain
Year first made: 1936



Suomi

Caliber: 9mmPara
Shots: 20,50,70
Country of Origin: Finland
Year first made: c.1931



Thompson M1928 (Tommy Gun)

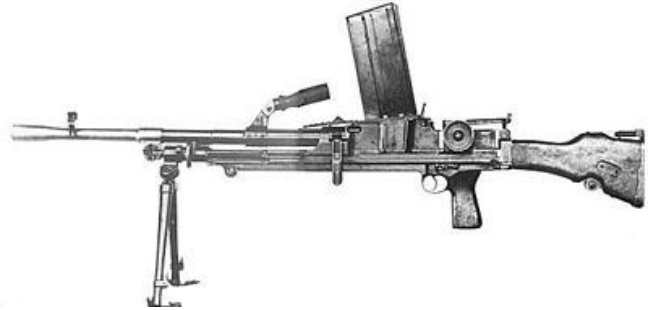
Caliber: .45
Shots: 20,30,50,100
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1928

Machine Guns



Browning Automatic Rifle 1918a1

Caliber: .30-06
Shots: 20
Action: Semi Auto, Auto
Country of Origin: USA
Year first made: 1918



Kulomet vz.26

Caliber: 7.92mm
Shots: 20,30
Action: Auto
Country of Origin: Czechoslovakia
Year first made: 1926



Lewis Machinegun

Caliber: .303 British
Action: Auto
Country of Origin: Belgium
Year first made: 1913



MG 34

Caliber: 7.62mm
Action: Auto
Country of Origin: Germany
Year first made: 1934



Type 99

Caliber: 7.7mm
Action: Auto
Country of Origin: Japan
Year first made: 1939

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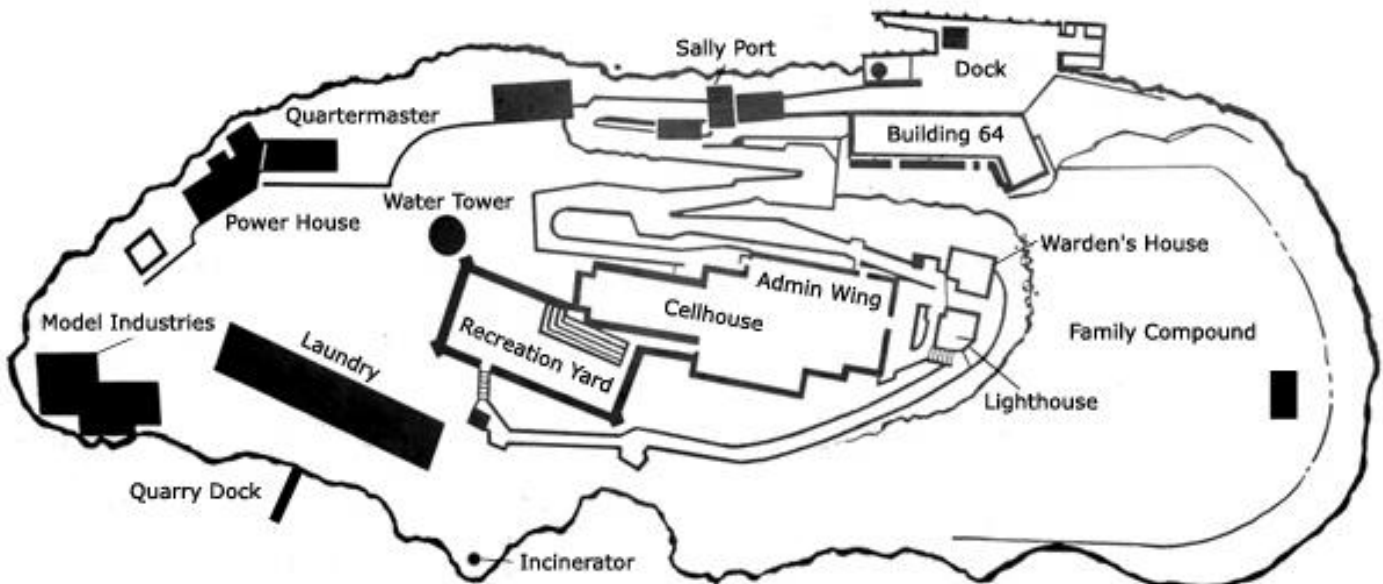
Alcatraz



In 1933 the US Army transferred the island to the U.S. Department of Justice for use by the Federal Bureau of Prisons for use as a maximum-security, minimum-privilege penitentiary as an example to the law-abiding public that the Federal Government was serious about the crime that had swept the nation in the 1920s and 1930s.

Alcatraz's population averaged between 260 and 275, and never reached its capacity of 336.

One of the prison's first and most famous residents was inmate #85, Al Capone, who resided there between August 22, 1934 and January 6, 1939 in Cell B-181.



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