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defence reported bending. *Nov. 21*, Germans broke through at Tula; fierce fighting at Kalinin and Volokolamsk. *Nov. 23*, Germans advanced at Mozhaisk and Tula. *Nov. 24*, Pressure on Moscow reported greatest in war. *Nov. 26*, Germans advanced towards Moscow from southeast and northwest. *Nov. 28*, Russians fell back at Tula and Volokolamsk but repulsed Germans at Mozhaisk. *Nov. 30*, German drives halted. *Dec. 7*, Russians broke German line at 2 points north of city. *Dec. 8*, Germans announced cessation of drive on Moscow until spring. *Dec. 10*, Russians retook towns in Kalinin, Tula and Orel sectors. *Dec. 12*, Russians announced "utter defeat" of Germans on Moscow front. *Dec. 15*, Threat to Moscow reported ended.

Oct. 7, Germans occupied ports of Mariupol and Ossipenko, thereby flanking Donets Basin. Russians reported Germans driven back 11 miles on Odessa front.

Oct. 8, Germans advanced near Melitopol, on Sea of Azov.

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July 3, BATTLE FOR THE CRIMEA AND DONETS BASIN.— *Oct. 18*, U.S.S.R. announced abandonment of Odessa. *Oct. 21*, Germans advanced towards Donets Basin. *Oct. 23*, Russians admitted evacuation of Taganrog on Sea of Azov. *Oct. 27*, Russians acknowledged evacuation of Stalino. *Oct. 28*, Severe fighting as Germans approached Rostov. *Oct. 29*, Germans reinforced their troops on southern front and claimed penetration of Perekop isthmus and entrance to Crimea. *Nov. 2*, Germans claimed capture of Simferopol, capital of Crimea. Heavy air raids on Sebastopol. *Nov. 3*, Kursk in Donets Basin captured. *Nov. 4*, Germans advanced several miles towards Rostov; in Crimea, 2-pronged drive advanced towards Sebastopol and Kerch. *Nov. 6*, In Crimea, Russians reported withdrawing to Yaila Mountains. *Nov. 7*, Germans reported to have reached approaches of Sebastopol. *Nov. 12*, Germans claimed to have reached east coast of Crimea, south of Kerch. *Nov. 17*, Germans claimed capture of Kerch. *Nov. 18*, Russians acknowledged withdrawal towards Caucasus

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on Kerch Peninsula. *Nov. 23*, Germans reached Rostov. *Nov. 24*, Russian counter-attack at Rostov drove Germans back 37 miles. *Nov. 26*, In Northern Caucasus, Russians drove Germans back to 60 miles north and west of Rostov. *Nov. 28*, Germans opened new drive on Sebastopol. *Nov. 30*, Russians recaptured Rostov and Germans withdrew towards Taganrog. *Dec. 4*, German resistance on Rostov-Mariupol front stiffened as reserves drawn from Crimea. Russians continued advance in Don region; Germans fighting delaying action in suburbs of Taganrog while main force retired on Mariupol; two Italian divisions captured. *Dec. 15*, Russians surrounded Taganrog. *Dec. 31*, Russian Caucasian armies, aided by Black Sea fleet, stormed and captured Crimean towns of Kerch and Feodosiya. 1942, *Jan. 6*, Russians reported Germans driven from almost whole of Kerch Peninsula. *Jan. 7*, Russian garrison of Sebastopol joined other Russian forces attacking Germans in Crimea. *Jan. 11*, Russians re-occupied Balaklava, Crimea. *Jan. 30*, Russians advanced 93 miles in Donets Basin and recaptured Lozovaya. *Apr. 1*, Situation in Donets Basin develops into major operation. Russians launched counter-offensive in Crimea. *May 11*, German spring offensive in Crimea began with advance towards Kerch. *May 14*, Russians withdrew to new positions on Kerch Peninsula. *May 17*, Germans occupied greater part of Kerch. *June 6-8*, Strong German attack on Sebastopol. *June 15*, Black Sea Fleet shelled German troops attacking Sebastopol. *June 17*, Russians repulsed 11 German attacks on Sebastopol. *June 19*, Four separate attacks on Sebastopol repulsed. *June 21*, Germans drove wedge into defences of Sebastopol. *June 22*, Street fighting reported in Sebastopol. *July 3*, Fall of Sebastopol; Russians evacuated, leaving the city in ruins.

Nov. 23, Russians recaptured Vishera, 100 miles from Leningrad.

Dec. 3, Finns claimed Russians evacuating Hango Peninsula.

Dec. 10, Russians drove Germans from Tikhvin, 110 miles east of Leningrad.