1941

- Dec. 16. Russians launched a general offensive on Finnish-German positions in Karelia.
- Dec. 16-17, Further Russian successes in Klin, Kalinin, Tula and Orel areas. Mozhaisk retaken.
- Dec. 19, German retreat reported general on all Russian fronts.
- Dec. 24. Russians recaptured Gorbachevo, 150 miles south of Moscow. Germans withdrew across Volkhov River on Leningrad front.
- Dec. 27, Russians announced rout of German forces south of Leningrad and smashing of new German line on Oka River below Moscow.
- Dec. 28. Further Russian advance in Kalinin area.
- Dec. 29, General Russian advance continued, despite German attempts to make stand in several sectors.

1942

- Jan. 1, Moscow announced recapture of Kaluga, final defeat of Gen. Guderian's tank army and routing of 16 German divisions on central front. Russians announced recapture of Staritsa, on River Volga.
- Jan. 1-5, Russians recaptured 30 villages on Leningrad front.
- Jan. 7, Moscow announced retaking of 572
 villages and killing of 10,000
 Germans in 5 days. On central
 front, Russians routed Germans
 at Tim, 40 miles east of Kursk,
 and crossed upper Donets River
 in Kharkov region. On northern
 front, Russians recaptured island
 of Hogland from Finns.
- Jan. 8, Russians announced recapture of Meshchovsk, 40 miles from Vyazma-Bryansk German winter defence line.
- Jan. 9, Russians recaptured Mosalsk, 47 miles west of Kaluga.
- Jan. 11, Russians broke Vyazma-Bryansk line and re-occupied Lyudinovo.
- Jan. 14, Russians recaptured Kirov in Smolensk region and Gorokhovo near Mozhaisk.
- Jan. 20, Russians recaptured Mozhaisk, leaving Orel and Rzhev as main remaining German strongholds on Moscow front.
- Jan. 23, Russians, in 65-mile advance on north central front, reached Kholm.
- Jan. 26, Russians recaptured Nelidovo. 170 miles northwest of Moscow.
- Feb. 6, Rzhev besieged by Russians.
- Feb. 10, Renewed stiffening of German resistance on all fronts.

- 1942
- Feb. 15, Russian units in White Russia reached within 72 miles of old Polish frontier.
- Feb. 27, Russian cavalry reported to have reached within 72 miles of Latvian border.
- Mar. 1, Russians advanced to within sight of Staraya Russa.
- Mar. 3, Russians developed strong offensive in Ukraine.
- Mar. 5, Russians recaptured Yukhnov, 125 miles east of Smolensk.
- Mar. 8, Russians recaptured Sychevka, midway between Rzhev and Vyazma; nine localities recaptured on Kalinin front.
- Mar. 11, Russians breached German defence lines beyond Kalinin.
- Mar. 12, Great Russian offensive in south from Sea of Azov to Kharkov; 90 divisions, totalling 1,500,000 men, reported engaged.
- Mar. 17. Great battle raging at gates of Kharkov; further Russian gains northwest of Moscow.
- Mar. 27, Russian sea-borne force landed behind German lines at Murmansk. Russians advanced in Smolensk area.
- Mar. 29, Strong German counter-attacks repulsed by Russians on Kalinin front.
- Apr. 8, Russians crossed upper Dnieper River in flanking movement against Rzhev-Gzahatsk-Vyazma salient.
- Apr. 14, Russian forces in Ukraine effected major break-through north of Kharkov.
- Apr. 15, Russians broke through German front lines at Bryansk.
- Apr. 19, Russians broached Finnish line in Karelian Isthmus. Noticeable stepping-up of German aerial attacks all along front.
- Apr. 21, German aircraft attacking Murmansk beaten off with loss of 15 machines.
- Apr. 22, Russians broke through in 2 places on Karelian Isthmus.
- Apr. 28, Russians recaptured Borok, on west side of Lake Ilmen, and broke through at Orel.
- May 5, Russians struck at Kharkov, Kursk and Taganrog and scored new success on Kalinin front.
- May 19, Russians advanced on 100-mile front in Kharkov sector, with left flank approaching Krasnograd, 60 miles southwest of Kharkov. Germans started counter-offensive in Izyum-Barvenkova sector, 80 miles southeast of Kharkov.