



A World Greatly Changed:
The Aftermath of World War II

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Quote

“The successful termination of the war against our present enemies will find a world profoundly changed in respect of relative national military strengths, a change more comparable indeed with that occasioned by the fall of Rome than with any other change occurring during the succeeding fifteen hundred years. This is a fact of fundamental importance in its bearing upon future international political settlements and all discussions leading thereto.”

- US Joint Chiefs to Secretary of State, 3 Aug 1944

The Cold War



Europe 1939



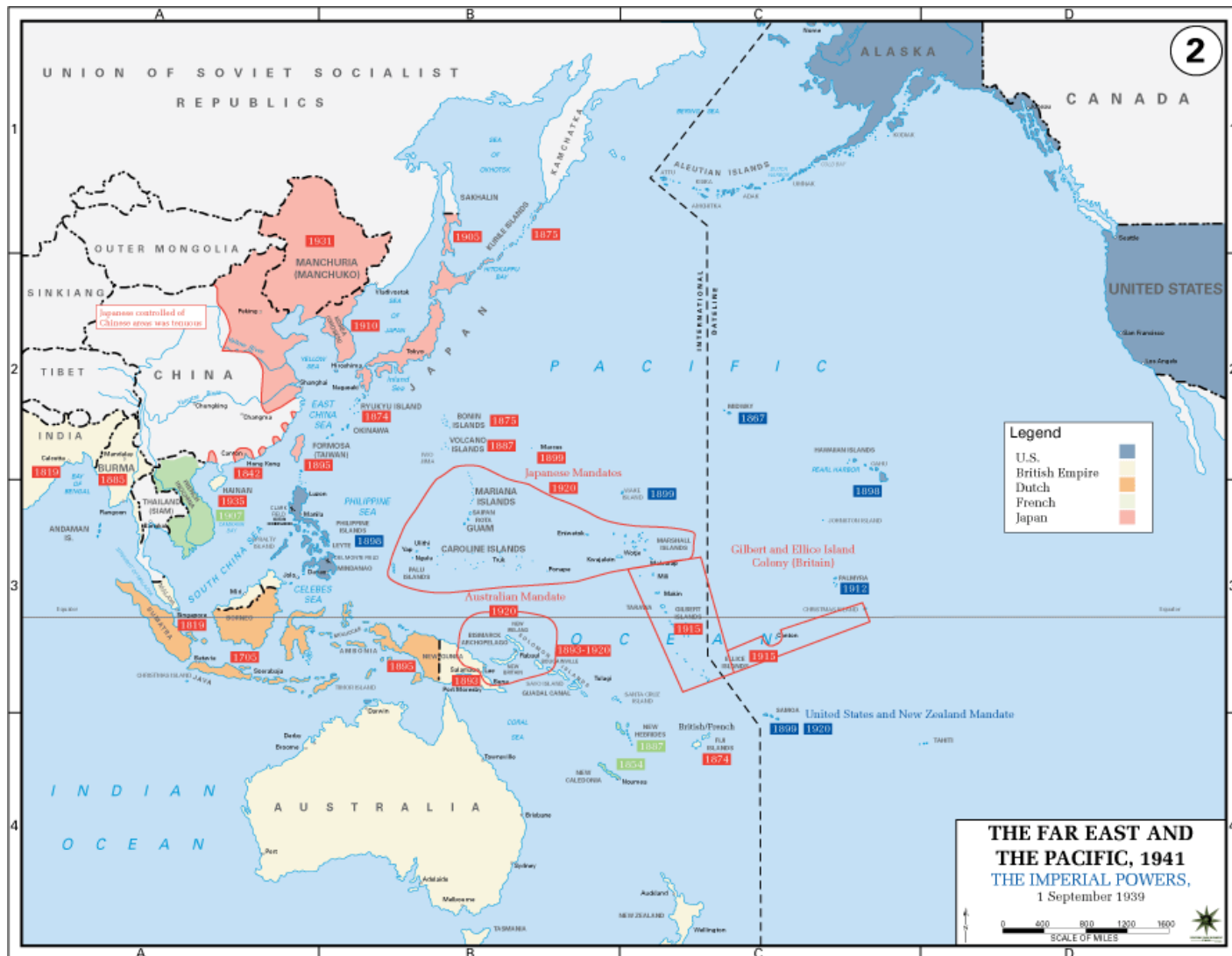
Europe 1945



British Withdrawal from Palestine



Asia 1939-1941



Asia After 1945



South China Sea



Partition of India



Other Impacts

- Global Demographic Earthquake
- UN, World Bank, etc set up in USA
- US Women's Rights & Armed Forces Integration
- US GI Bill
- Interstate Highway System
- WDVA & Veterans Benefits
- Historical memory of the war as political factor (Russia/Europe, Korea/Japan, Japan/China, etc)

Personal Impacts

- Loss of property & restitution
- Ike, JFK & Khrushchev
- Vladimir Putin
- Smothers Brothers
- My paternal grandparents in UK & Poland

Last Words

*When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
We gave our today*
- The Kohima Epitaph

Questions and Discussion