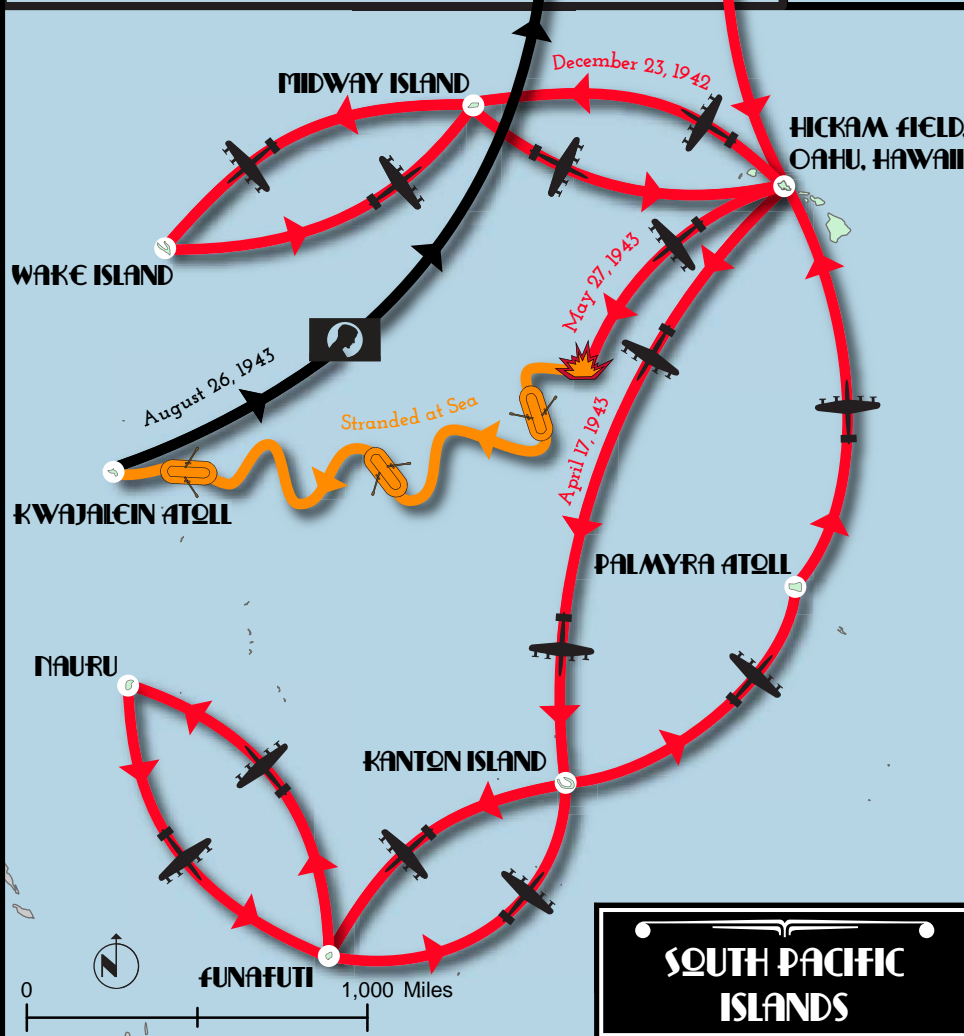
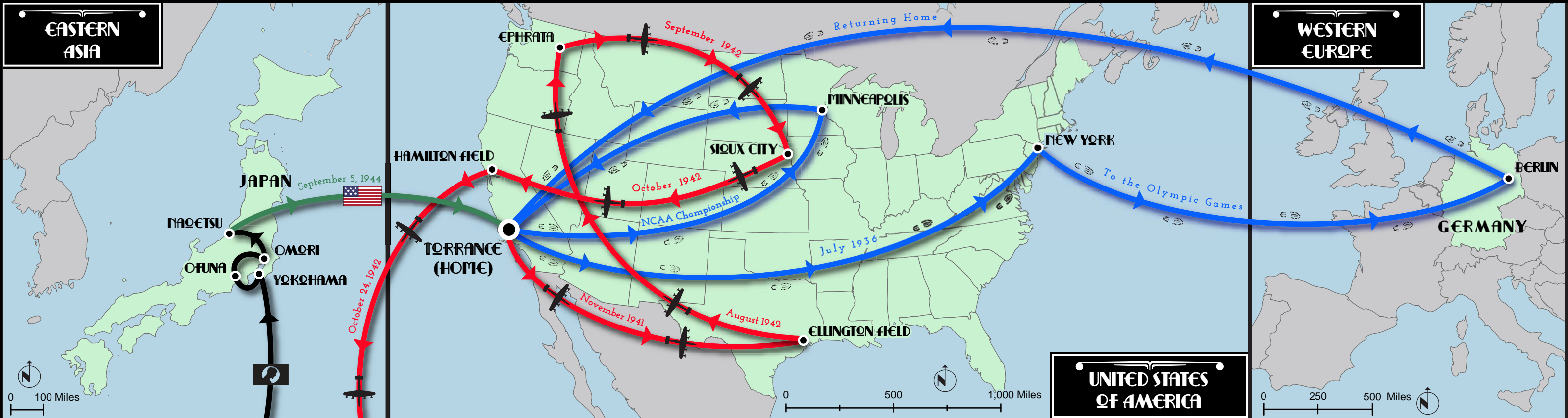


# "REFUSE TO GIVE UP, ALWAYS FINISH THE RACE"

THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF OLYMPIAN & UNITED STATES AIR FORCE CAPTAIN LOUIS SILVIE ZAMPERINI



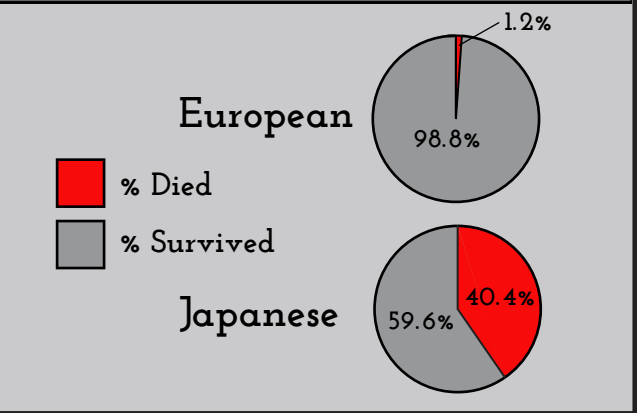
## TIMELINE OF LOUIE'S LIFE FROM RUNNING TO THE END OF THE WAR

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| <p>Qualified for the 5000m race at the Berlin Olympics in New York City</p> <p><b>July 3, 1936</b></p> <p>Louis's brother gets him to go out for the Torrance High School Track Team</p> | <p>Won the NCAA mile Championship in Minneapolis. Just missed breaking the world record. Olympics canceled due to the start of WWII</p> <p><b>1938-1940</b></p> <p>Met Hitler at the Olympics after running an impressive final lap of the 5000 meter final</p> | <p>The attack on Pearl Harbor forced the United States of America to officially join WWII</p> <p><b>December 7, 1941</b></p> <p>Enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He became a bombardier after reporting to Ellington Field in Houston</p> | <p>Transferred to Hamilton Field in California, where his crew was assigned to a B-24 Bomber they called "Superman"</p> <p><b>October 1942</b></p> <p>Graduated as a Second Lieutenant and was transferred to Ephrata, WA and then to Sioux City, IA a month later</p> | <p>"Superman's" first bombing run was on Wake Island, via Midway Island. On the way back the plane experienced mechanical problems and almost didn't make it back to Midway</p> <p><b>December 23, 1942</b></p> <p>Sent to Hickam Field in Oahu, Hawaii</p> | <p>Using the "Green Hornet" B-24 they went looking for a missing plane. The B-24 malfunctioned and the crew crashed into the Pacific Ocean</p> <p><b>May 27, 1943</b></p> <p>1st encountered Japanese Zero's while bombing the island of Nauru. "Superman" barely escaped after getting shot 594 times</p> |
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| <p>The men depended on rain water and with no food Louis was able to catch a few fish with parts of a bird he caught</p> <p><b>First 3 Weeks</b></p> <p>Louis, Phil and Mac survived the crash. Mac panicked and ate all the provisions on the raft.</p> | <p>Mac died during the night.</p> <p><b>33rd Day</b></p> <p>A Japanese plane shot at them 6 times. Louis jumped in the ocean only to have to fight off sharks each time.</p> | <p>Louis and Phil were taken to Kwajalein aka (Execution Island) where they were interrogated &amp; tested on for 42 days.</p> <p><b>July 16, 1943</b></p> <p>Get caught in a Typhoon but see an island. End up getting picked up by a Japanese ship</p> | <p>Louis was forced to race civilians for entertainment and would be beaten if he won.</p> <p><b>July 16, 1943</b></p> <p>Moved from Kwajalein to Yokohama, Japan. Then on to Ofuna, a non-POW camp for secret interrogations</p> | <p>"The Bird" was transferred to a remote camp and Louis and his fellow POW's were relieved. Louis had new found hope that he can survive</p> <p><b>December 30, 1943</b></p> <p>Louis was transferred to the Omori POW Camp, he a man they called "The Bird". Louis would be tortured relentlessly by him</p> | <p>Louis left Nagasaki and started his journey back home. It took him until October to be cleared by doctors in Hawaii before he could head home to Torrance</p> <p><b>September 5, 1944</b></p> <p>Louis was transferred to Naoetsu, where he was horrified to find "The Bird" running the camp. This was his "lowest day of his life"</p> |
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## AMERICAN SURVIVAL RATES IN WWII POW CAMPS



## REFERENCE MAP

