

THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN THE WEST

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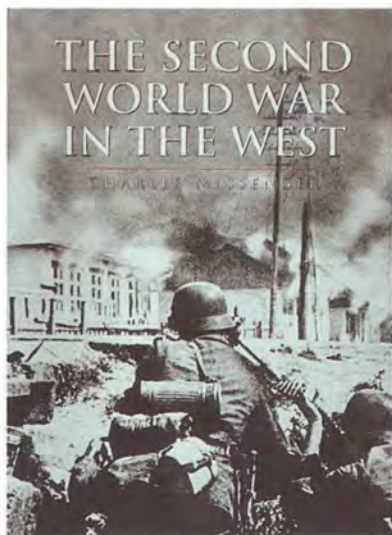
Starting with the circumstances which led to the outbreak of war in 1939 and the triumph of blitzkrieg of 1939-40, this history covers each of the four major theatres of war in Europe.

Analysing Mussolini's ambitions in the Mediterranean, then turning to Hitler's invasion into Russia between 1941 and 1943, Charles Messenger illuminates the totality of war in Europe both in terms of physical destruction and the mobilization of populations, capturing clearly the various strands of this major conflict in its inexorable progression into north west Europe and the Middle East.

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