

BLITZKRIEG STRATEGY



BLITZKRIEG: OVERVIEW

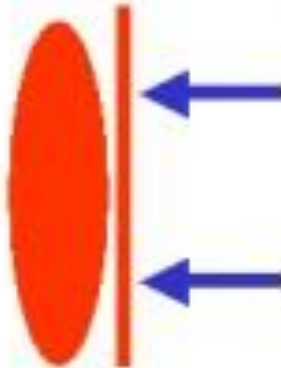
- German word meaning “Lightning War”
- innovative military technique
- first used by the Germans in WWII
- tactic based on **speed** and **surprise**



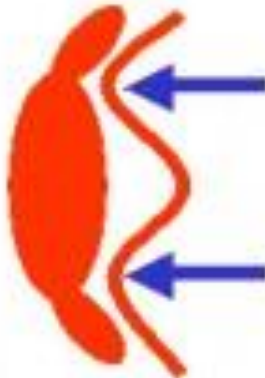
BLITZKRIEG: THE STRATEGY

- tactic was based on 'Schlieffen Plan' – this was a doctrine formed during WWI that focused on **quick military victory**
- Further developed in Germany based on the use of new technologies, namely **light tanks** supported by **planes (dive bombers)** and **infantry (foot soldiers)**
- This was combined with the traditional German tactic of **deep penetration** and **bypassing of enemy** (at weak points) to encircle and destroy the enemy force.

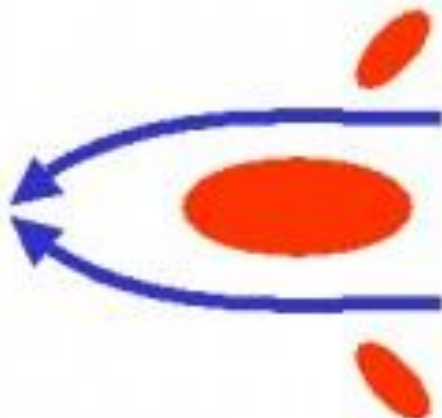
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**STEP 1:
ATTACK**



**STEP 2:
PENETRATE**



**STEP 3:
ENCIRCLE**

BLITZKRIEG: USE

- First used when Germany invaded Poland in 1939
- Resulted in the British and French armies being pushed back **in just a few weeks** to the beaches of Dunkirk
- The blitzkrieg strategy was also pivotal in the German army's devastation of Russian forces





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