

Timeline¹

1938	Munich agreement cedes Czechoslovakia²
1939	Poland invaded
1940	Africa invaded
1941	Yossarian in Army Qualifies for transfer to Air Cadet training
1941-1943	Yossarian an Air Cadet at Santa Ana, California, and Lowery Field, Colorado Grand Conspiracy of Lowery Field Parades The trial of Clevinger
NOVEMBER 26, 1941	Yossarian in hospital at Lowery Field the man who sees everything twice
NOVEMBER, 1942	Allied invasion of Italy begins Yossarian in hotel room with Mrs. Scheisskopf
1943	Yossarian goes overseas via Puerto Rico Splendid Atabrine Insurrection
SEPTEMBER, 1943	Required missions at 25 Yossarian flies his 23rd, to Arezzo Col. Nevers killed Missions raised to 30 Major Major becomes squadron commander Milo becomes mess officer
APRIL, 1944	Beginning of M & M Enterprises Glorious Loyalty Oath Crusade Orvieto mission Death of Mudd
MAY, 1944	Required missions at 35 Development of M & M Enterprises Milo tries to corner Egyptian cotton Ferrara mission Deaths of Kraft and Coombs First soap poisoning of mess (Corporal Snark) Milo bombs squadron General Peckem schemes to take over combat command Great Big Siege of Bologna Second soap poisoning of mess (per Yossarian's request) Yossarian's 32nd mission Yossarian finds and loses Luciana in Rome Missions raised to 40 Yossarian goes into hospital

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² Events in **bold** are those from history and may not match up with what Heller intends for us to know/accept. For example, Yossarian is stationed at Pianosa in the novel before it was actually captured by the Allies.

JUNE, 1944 **Fall of Rome (June 4)**
Invasion of Normandy (June 6)
Real, historical landing at Pianosa (June 17)
Yossarian leaves hospital, flies six more missions
Yossarian and Orr on leave trip with Milo
Epidemic of moaning
Avignon mission
Death of Snowden
Yossarian naked in tree at Snowden's funeral
Chocolate covered cotton
Yossarian naked at decoration for bravery in Ferrara mission
Clevinger disappears in cloud

JULY, 1944 Missions raised to 45—time of beginning of book
Yossarian has 38, goes into hospital again--signing Washington Irving
Yossarian leaves hospital—missions raised to 50

AUGUST, 1944 Yossarian flies four more missions—missions raised to 55
Yossarian flies 51st mission
Yossarian tries to punch Col. Cathcart in Officer's Club
Missions raised to 60; **Paris liberated (August 25, 1944)**
General Peckem gaining in struggle with General Dreedle

SEPTEMBER, 1944 Yossarian wounded over Leghorn
Yossarian goes into hospital again—Americans pushing into Germany, 8th Army takes Rimini,
Gothic Line collapsing
Yossarian returned to combat status—flies two more missions
Second Avignon mission—Orr shot down again
Second Bologna mission—Orr shot down and disappears
Scheisskopf joins General Peckem's command Raid on small Italian mountain village; Germans
above Florence
Deaths of Kid Sampson and McWatt
Missions raised to 65

OCTOBER, 1944 Missions raised to 70
Yossarian gets new roommates—two months after invasion of Southern France (August 15, 1944)

NOVEMBER, 1944 Yossarian breaks Nately's nose on Thanksgiving Day—goes into hospital to see Nately
Dunbar to be disappeared
Yossarian has 70 missions
Chief White Halfoat dies

DECEMBER, 1944 Missions raised to 80
Dobbs and Nately killed on La Spezia mission
General Peckem becomes wing commander under General Scheisskopf
The whorehouse is emptied; Kid Sister goes missing; night journey
Aarfy kills a prostitute
Yossarian has 71 missions, refuses to fly any more
Dunbar and Major Major disappear
Yossarian knifed by Nately's whore—goes back into hospital
Yossarian accepts Cathcart and Korn's deal
Hungry Joe dies
Yossarian changes mind and rejects deal
Col. Cathcart and Ex-P.F.C. Wintergreen partners in M & M Enterprises
Orr is "resurrected"
Yossarian deserts—**Germans driving towards Antwerp in Battle of Bulge**

MAY, 1945 **Germany surrenders**