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MILITARY HISTORY

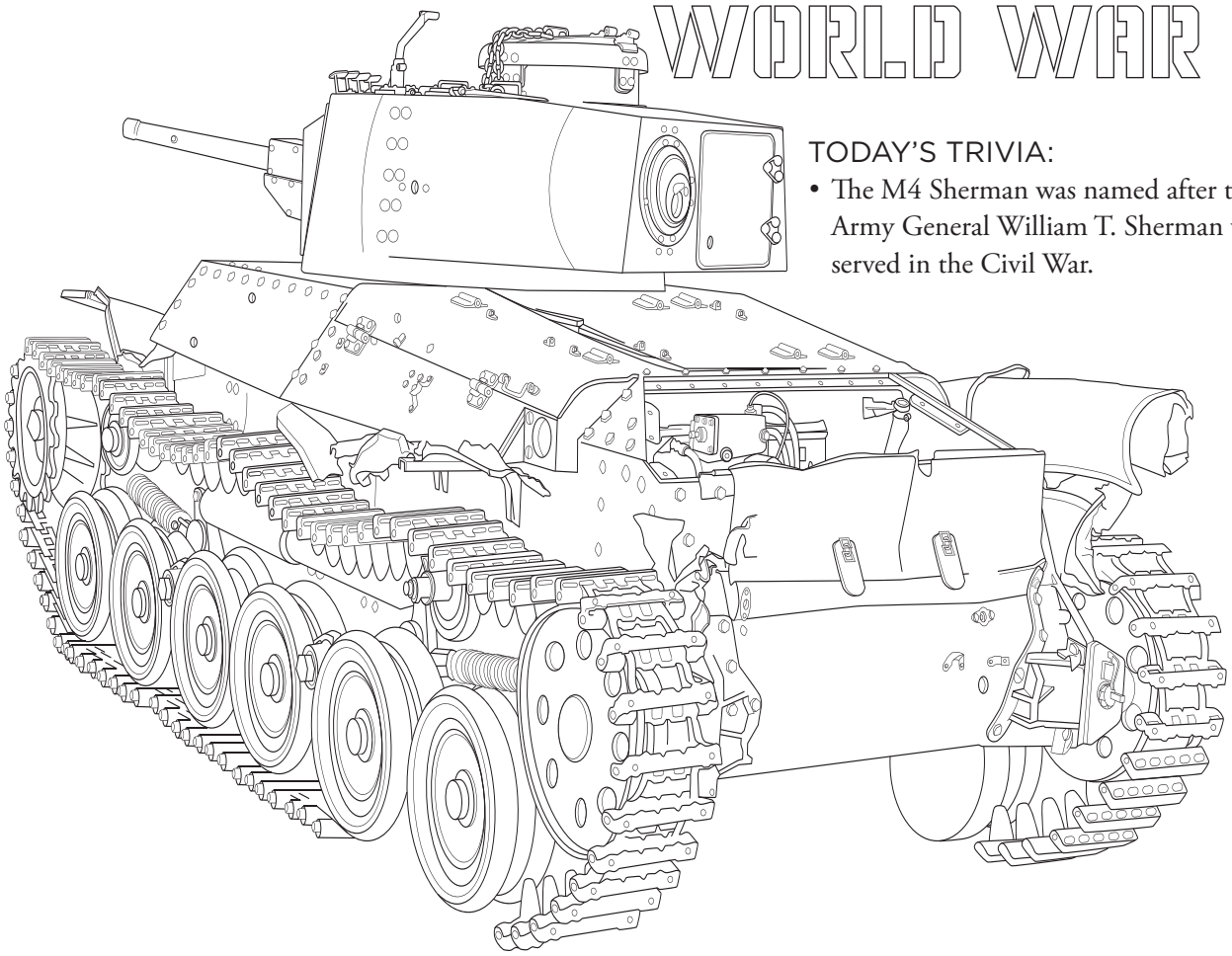
DID YOU KNOW?

- Tanks were improved between World War I and World War II (WWII) to be faster and more powerful with better track and suspension systems.
- The M2 Series tank was light and maneuverable but poorly armored.
- The M4 Sherman was a medium tank that was used extensively and for many years after WWII.
- The M26 Pershing was the first heavy tank.
- Tanks were especially effective in urban warfare and in Europe and North Africa, where there was plenty of room to maneuver.

WORLD WAR II

TODAY'S TRIVIA:

- The M4 Sherman was named after the Union Army General William T. Sherman who served in the Civil War.



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WORLD WAR II

DID YOU KNOW?

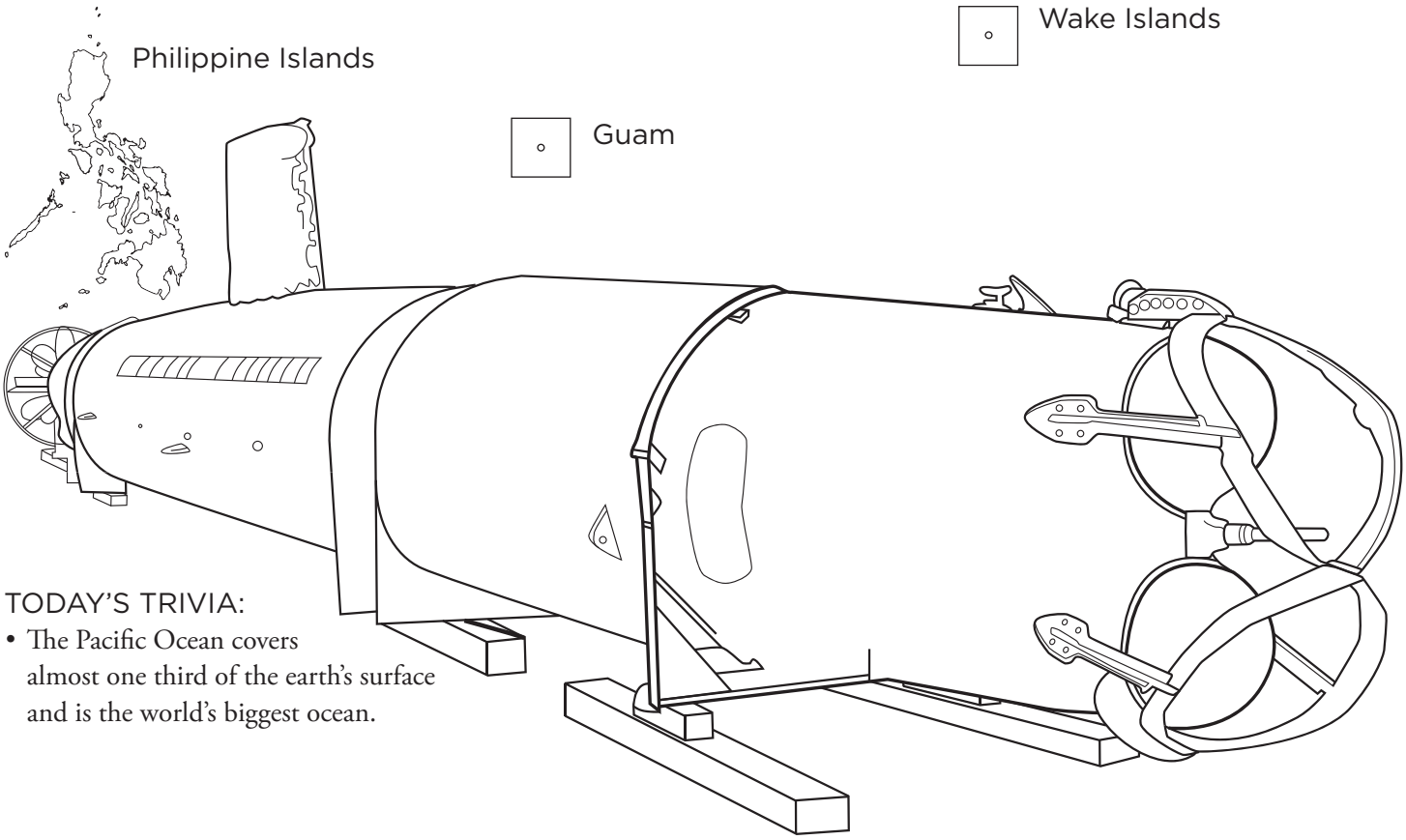
- Submarines sank half of the enemy warships in the Pacific Ocean.
- Submarines served throughout World War II.
- The Battle of Midway is one battle that helped turn the tide of WWII against Japan for three reasons:
  1) Breaking the Japanese Naval code
  2) Admiral Nimitz's leadership
  3) Brave U.S. pilots

Midway Islands

Wake Islands

Philippine Islands

Guam



TODAY'S TRIVIA:

- The Pacific Ocean covers almost one third of the earth's surface and is the world's biggest ocean.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- There were five different kinds of bombers used by the U.S. in World War II:
  1) the B-17 Flying Fortress
  2) the B-24 Liberator
  3) the B-25 Mitchell
  4) the B-29 Superfortress
  5) the B-32 Dominator

- The B-17 was known as the "Flying Fortress" because of its strong defensive firepower.

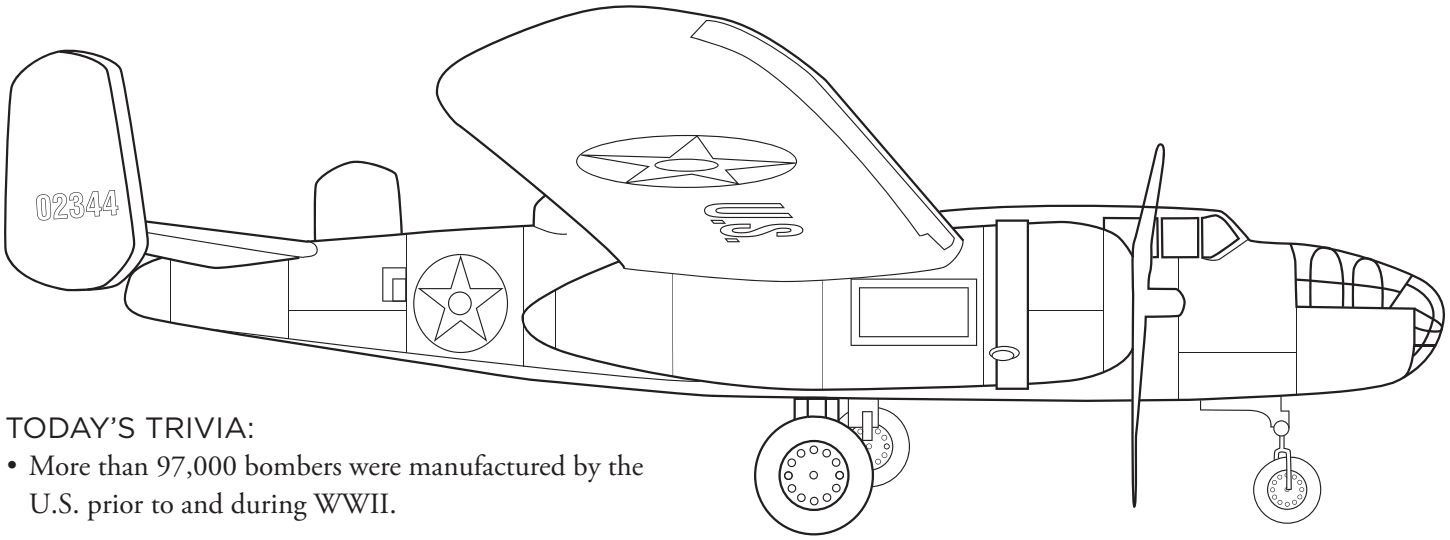
- Compared to the B-17, the B-24 could fly faster, farther, and carry more bombs but it was harder to fly and prone to fire because of the fuel tanks' position.

- The B-25 was used to bomb Japanese airfields from the treetop level and for strafing and skip bombing.

- The B-29 is most remembered for flying the Hiroshima and Nagasaki missions that led to the end of WWII, but it was also the first bomber to have a fully pressurized nose and cockpit.

- The testing and production of the B-32 was problematic and there was limited availability of the bomber.

WORLD WAR II



TODAY'S TRIVIA:

- More than 97,000 bombers were manufactured by the U.S. prior to and during WWII.

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