



⑥ ii) In 1942, Albert Speer was appointed Minister for Armaments and War Production. He contributed in many ways toward the Nazi war effort.

Speer increased production of munitions by 300% by reducing waste and convincing Hitler to let women into the work force.

Speer also funded testing of rockets, which Hitler was pleased by, and ordered mass production. Speer, however, thought they needed to be advanced further to be effective, as the Allied weaponry was much further advanced than their own.

Speer also scaled down the use of slave labour, as he saw that it provided

poor results.

Finally, Speer changed Hitler's mind on his scorched earth policy. Hitler intended to ~~destroy~~ burn all things that could be of use to the rapidly advancing enemy. Speer convinced him that it would be better just to cripple the factories, as if Germany won the war they would be needed.

Speer had a great impact upon the Nazi war effort, as he concentrated solely on his assigned tasks, and did not bother with the complications that arose elsewhere.