

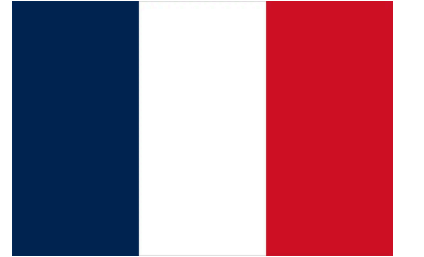
NORMANDY LANDINGS

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D-DAY 1944

Americans landed in Normandy, France



NORMANDY LANDINGS (D-DAY) - JUNE 6, 1944

PURPOSE

OPEN A WESTERN FRONT TO RELIEVE SOVIET FORCES AND LIBERATE NAZI-OCCUPIED EUROPE.

OPERATION OVERLORD

THE ALLIED PLAN TO INVADE FRANCE, LED BY GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

ALLIED FORCES

OVER 156,000 TROOPS FROM THE U.S., UK, AND CANADA LAND ON FIVE BEACH SECTORS: OMAHA, UTAH, GOLD, JUNO, SWORD.

KEY CHALLENGE

FIERCE GERMAN RESISTANCE, ESPECIALLY AT OMAHA BEACH, RESULTING IN HEAVY CASUALTIES.

OUTCOME

A SUCCESSFUL FOOTHOLD IN NORMANDY THAT BEGAN THE LIBERATION OF WESTERN EUROPE.

IMPACT

FORCED GERMANY TO DIVERT TROOPS FROM THE EASTERN FRONT, ACCELERATING NAZI DEFEAT.

LEGACY

ANNUAL COMMEMORATIONS, INCLUDING THE NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY, HONOR THE COURAGE AND SACRIFICE OF THE SOLDIERS.

LESSON

THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND UNITY IN OVERCOMING TYRANNY.

