



**VICTORY** in

**EUROPE**



**WHILE FIGHTING IN ITALY, THE ALLIES  
BEGAN PLANS TO INVADE EUROPE**

**The Plan was given the code  
name "OPERATION OVERLORD"**

**US General DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER  
was given command of IT**

**OVER 3 MILLION US, BRITISH, &  
CANADIAN TROOPS ASSEMBLED IN UK**

**WHICH LEADS TO...**



# D-DAY

# “OPERATION OVERLORD”



June 6, 1944 - Allied forces attack the beaches of Normandy, France

Paratroopers dropped behind enemy lines to secure key sites

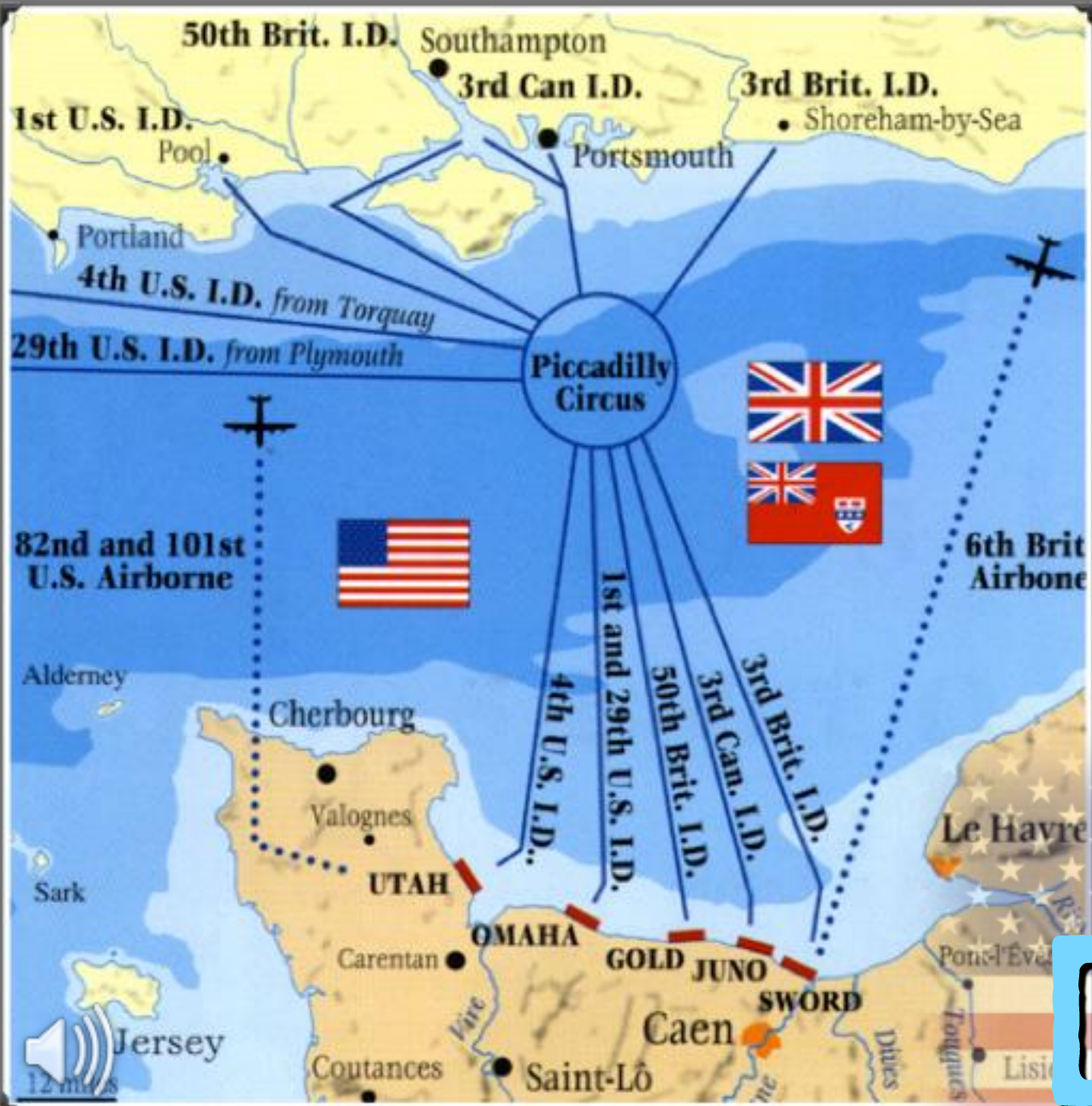
Pre-dawn naval bombardment of German defenses along the coast

3.5 million troops used amphibious crafts to land under heavy fire

Allies had built a phony army as a diversion for Germans at Calais

It worked, and Hitler refused to send reinforcements to Normandy





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# THE COSTS of D-DAY

The Allies suffered an estimated **10,000 casualties** at **NORMANDY**

By early July, the Allies had landed nearly **1 MIL troops**, **180K vehicles**  
TANKS, JEEPS, SUPPLIES, FORCES THAT  
WOULD PUSH INTO FRANCE & GERMANY

By August, Gen. George S. Patton's  
**Third Army** rolled into France  
**LIBERATING FRANCE**



8/25/44 - US AND FRENCH FORCES  
LIBERATE PARIS, DRIVE NAZIS INTO  
RETREAT

SEPT 1944 - WESTERN FRONT HAD BEEN  
RIPPED OPEN, GERMANY WAS IN RETREAT





HOWEVER...

IT'S **NOT** OVER YET!





# THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

Fall 1944 - Allies pushed east toward Germany, chasing retreating Nazis

12/16/44 - Hitler orders a last-ditch, surprise attack

THE **BATTLE OF THE BULGE** WAS THE FINAL GERMAN ATTACK OF WWII

GERMANS attack the 101st Airborne and pin them down near Bastogne

CAUGHT IN FREEZING TEMPS, W/O SUPPLIES AND CUT-OFF FROM REINFORCEMENTS

12/26/44 - American tanks arrive and drive the Germans into final retreat

**BY SUMMER 1944 , GERMANY WAS  
RETREATING ON ALL FRONTS**

**SOVIETS WERE DRIVING INTO THE  
GERMAN HEARTLAND IN THE EAST**



**AMERICANS, BRITS, FRENCH WERE  
PUSHING INTO THE REICH IN THE WEST**



**BUT AS THEY ADVANCED, THEY  
FOUND...**

# THE HORRORS OF THE OF THE HOLOCAUST



ALLIED troops **liberated** Nazi death camps in western & eastern fronts  
**SOVIETS** WERE FIRST TO FIND **ATROCITIES**,  
**CONCENTRATION CAMPS** IN POLAND

**6 MILLION Jews** were killed in **mass executions**, **concentration camps** TO COVER UP THE EVIDENCE, GERMANS **CREMATED/BURIED** MASS HEAPS OF BODIES

FDR had been **reluctant** to accept **Jewish refugees** to America  
HE ALLOWED JEWS OF **SPECIAL MERIT**, BUT DENIED THE **AVERAGE REFUGEE**

FINALLY, LET'S COVER...

THE DEFEAT OF

Germany

# THE YALTA CONFERENCE

Feb. 1945 - FDR, Churchill, Stalin meet at Yalta in the USSR to discuss plan for war's end & peace

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MEETING

#1

After the war, Germany would be divided into 4 military zones, occupied by Allies

West Germany - 3 zones (US, UK, France)

East Germany - 1 larger zone (USSR)

City of Berlin - split into 4 military zones

#2

Stalin would allow free, democratic elections in Poland & eastern Europe

#3

Soviets would declare war on Japan



# A LOSS FOR THE

# AGES



4/12/45 - FDR unexpectedly dies in Warm Springs, GA

FDR's sudden death was shocking, sank the nation into despair

HE WAS MORE THAN A LEADER, HE WAS A FATHERLY FIGURE AND A FRIEND

Vice President Harry S. Truman was sworn in and became the 33rd POTUS









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# CLOSURE

WRITE THREE THINGS YOU  
LEARNED TODAY ABOUT:

- 1) The Invasion of Europe
- 2) The Battle of the Bulge
- 3) The Yalta Conference
- 4) The German Surrender