

D-DAY

JUNE 6, 1944





Area of maximum Axis expansion (Sep. 42)

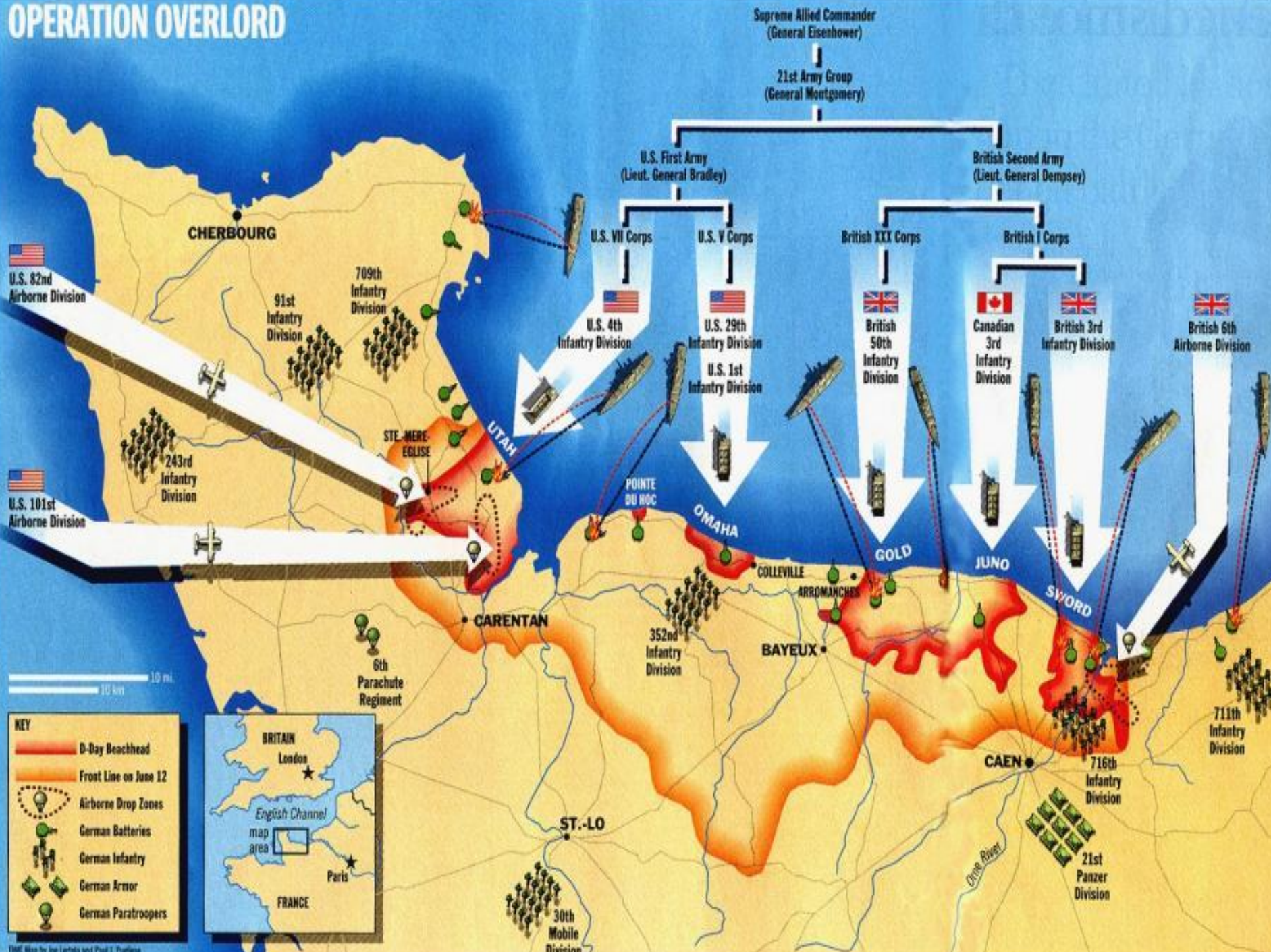
Neutral Country

WWII Combat Europe



- With the Russians pushing the NAZI's back toward Germany in the east and the allied forces liberating the south from the Mediterranean, an invasion from the northwest was overdue
- Hitler had long anticipated an attack from Britain into northern France or Belgium and he was well prepared for such invasion
- The all-out offensive took place on June 6, 1944. Known as D-Day (aka Operation Overlord or Normandy Landing)
- D-Day is the single greatest invasion of WW2 and took longer than a year to prepare for
- Largest Canadian military operation with 14,000 soldiers, 100 ships & 36 RCAF bomber squadrons
- Canadian forces were assigned an eight kilometer section of beachfront, known as Juno.
 - British and American forces were assigned the other four sections

OPERATION OVERLORD



KEY

- D-Day Beachhead
- Front Line on June 12
- Airborne Drop Zones
- German Batteries
- German Infantry
- German Armor
- German Paratroopers



TIME Map by Joe Lethin and Paul J. Pugliese

The D-Day

"D-Day" is a day when a certain military operation starts. The most famous of the D-Days is 6th June 1944, when Allies invaded Normandy.

PHASE 1: Airborne drop Midnight - 2 A.M.

Over 13,000 paratroopers were dropped behind enemy lines, and managed to accomplish many objectives.

PHASE 2: Art of deceit 1 A.M. - 4 A.M.

To distract the enemy, the Allies faked that another invasion was taking place in the most expected region - Pas de Calais.

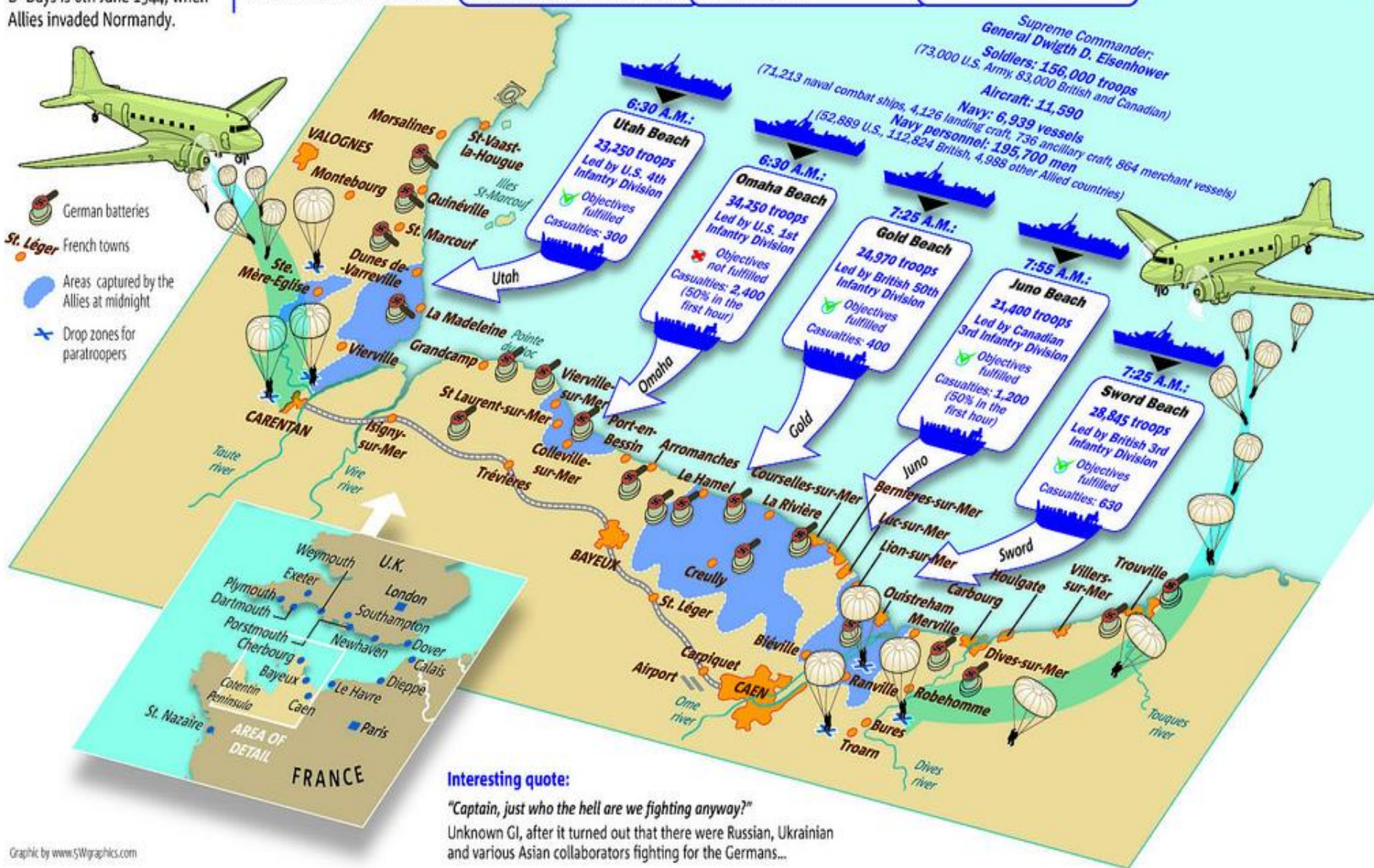
PHASE 3: Aerial attack 3 A.M.

300 planes dropped 13,000 bombs on German defenses in the landing sector.

PHASE 4: Naval attack 5 A.M.

Naval bombardment preceded the invasion.

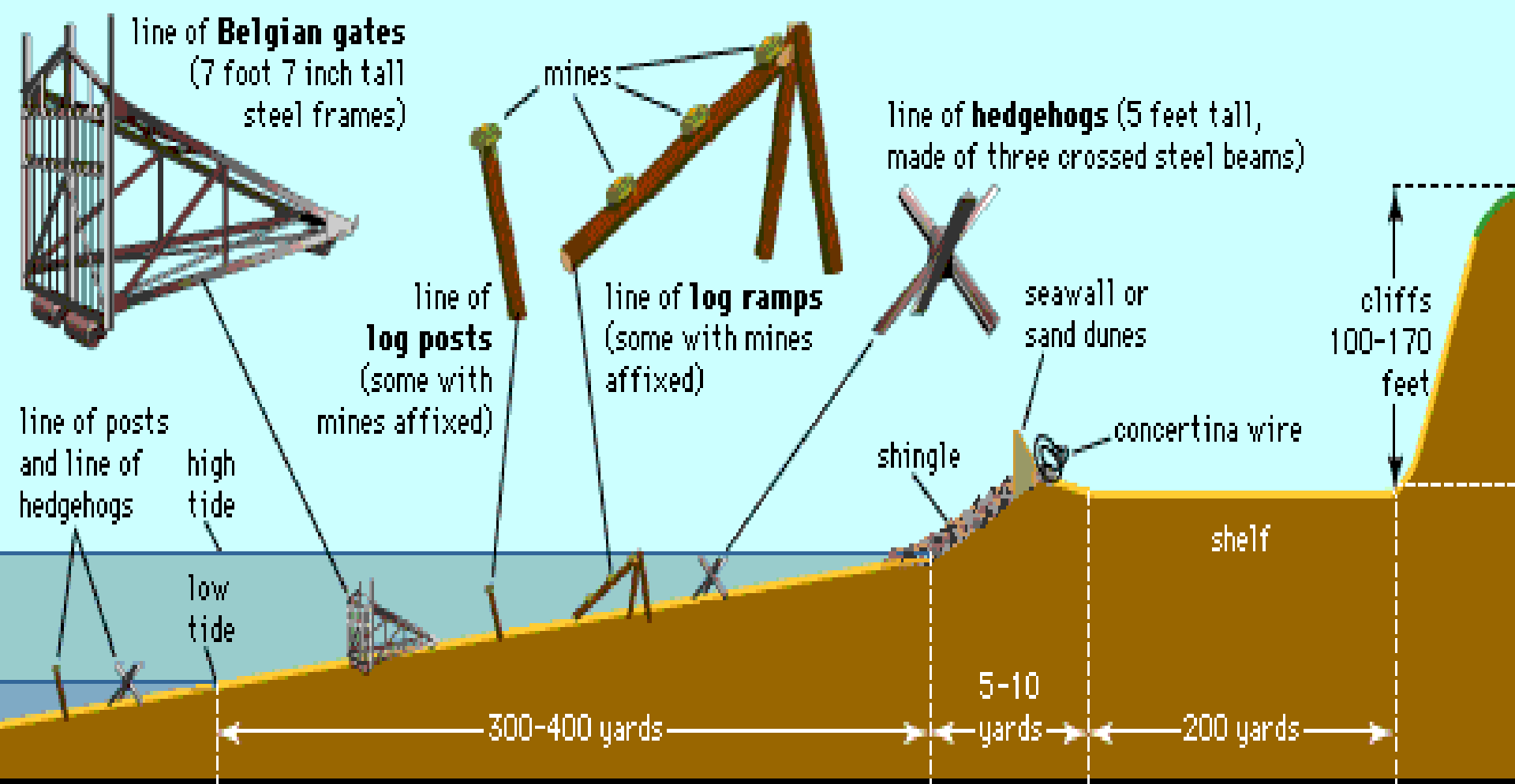
PHASE 5: The invasion



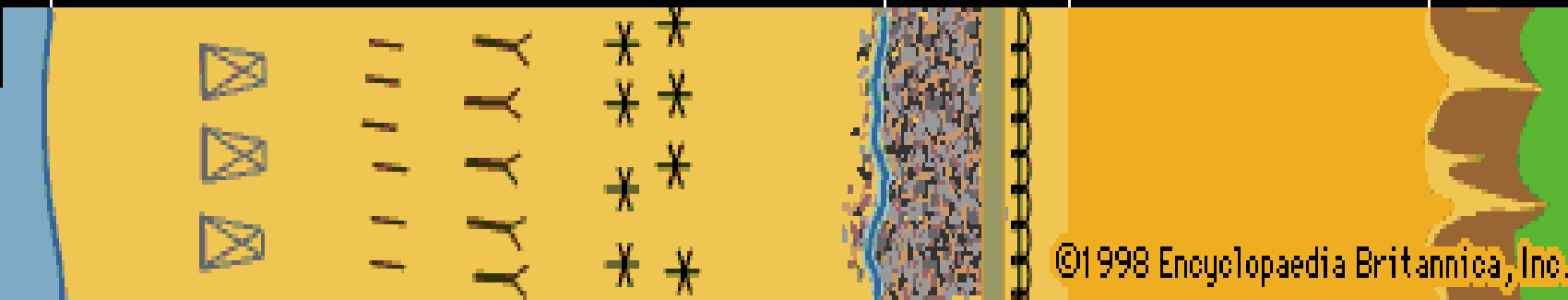
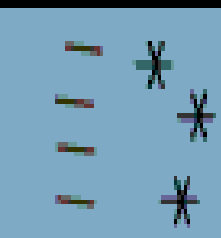
Interesting quote:

"Captain, just who the hell are we fighting anyway?"
 Unknown GI, after it turned out that there were Russian, Ukrainian and various Asian collaborators fighting for the Germans...

Omaha Beach - Typical Cross Section (not to scale)



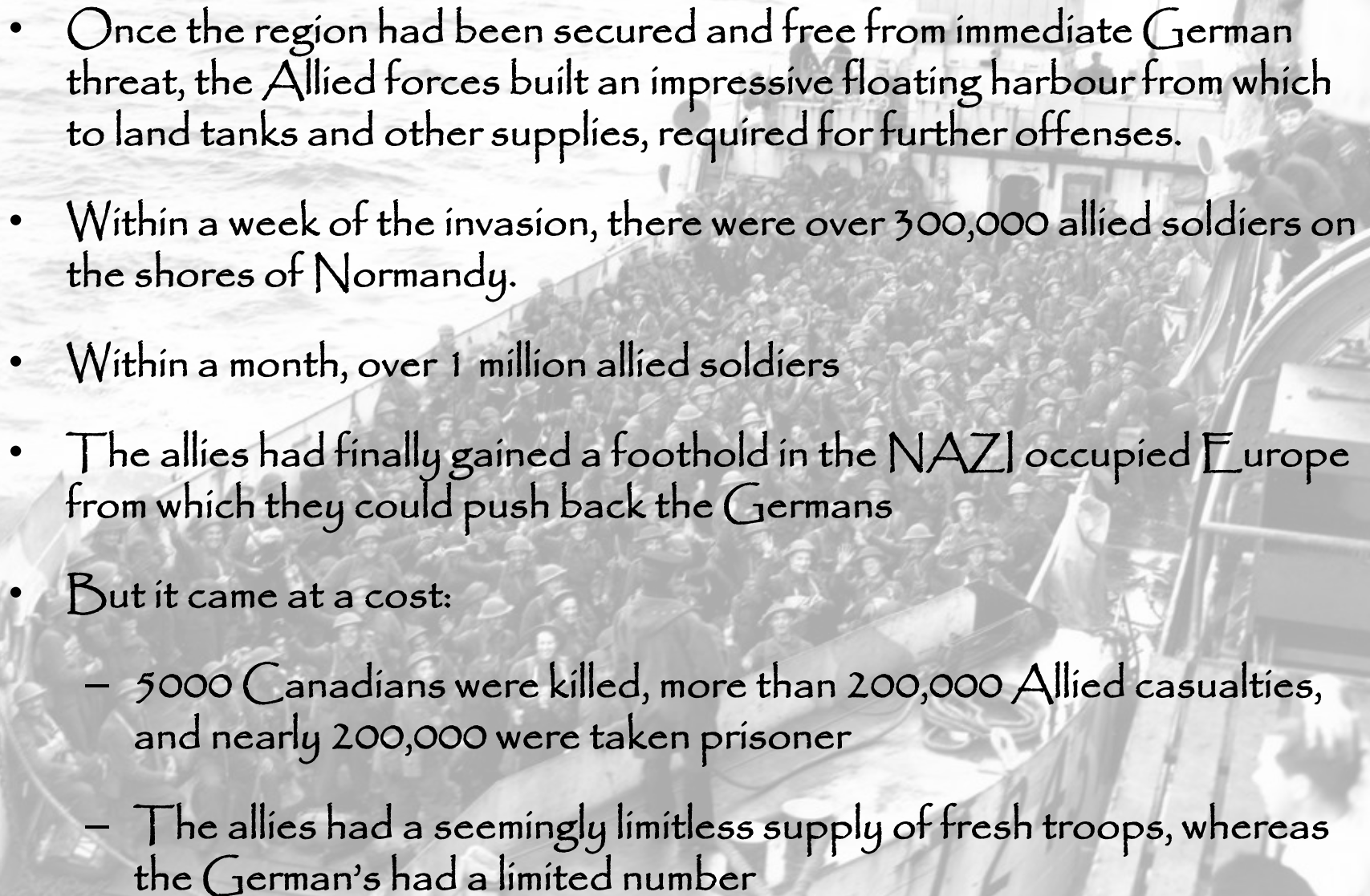
top view









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- Once the region had been secured and free from immediate German threat, the Allied forces built an impressive floating harbour from which to land tanks and other supplies, required for further offenses.
 - Within a week of the invasion, there were over 300,000 allied soldiers on the shores of Normandy.
 - Within a month, over 1 million allied soldiers
 - The allies had finally gained a foothold in the NAZI occupied Europe from which they could push back the Germans
 - But it came at a cost:
 - 5000 Canadians were killed, more than 200,000 Allied casualties, and nearly 200,000 were taken prisoner
 - The allies had a seemingly limitless supply of fresh troops, whereas the German's had a limited number

[YouTube Clip: Operation Pluto, short for Pipe Line Under The Ocean](#)
Original Footage



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