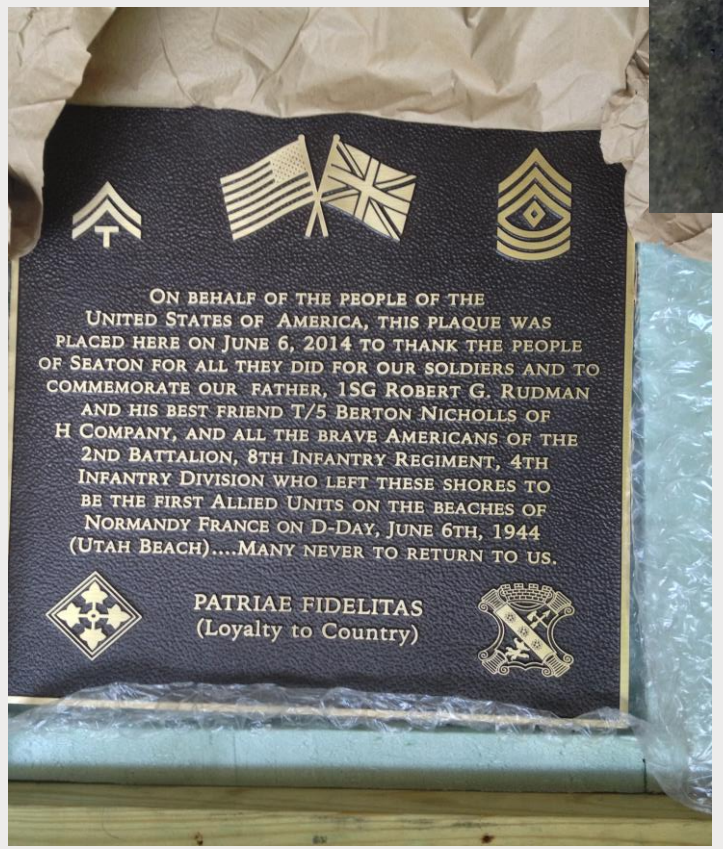
D-DAY

6 JUNE 1944-25 AUGUST 1944

WHY AM I DOING THIS TODAY?

- **YOUR GREAT-GRANDFATHERS PROBABLY WERE INVOLVED IN THIS OR OTHER LIKE OPERATIONS DURING WW II**
- **HUNDREDS OF WW II VETERANS DIE EACH DAY. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 240,000 ALIVE TODAY.**
  - ***16 MILLION SERVED IN WW II***
  - ***1.5% ARE STILL WITH US.***
  - ***BY SEPTEMBER, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE WILL BE LESS THAN 200,000 LEFT.***

IT IS ALSO PERSONAL



WHY WAS IT NECESSARY?

- END THE NAZI THREAT TO THE WORLD.
- FREE THE CONTINENT FROM NAZI RULE.
- FREE THE FRENCH.
- RELIEVE PRESSURE ON SOVIET UNION FROM NAZI ATTACK.

OPERATION NEPTUNE (THE SEABORNE LANDINGS)

WHAT DOES D-DAY MEAN?

- **ALL OPERATIONS HAVE A START DATE REFERRED TO AS "D"**
- **THE START TIME FOR THE OPERATION IS REFERRED TO AS "H-HOUR"**
- **THE OPERATION WAS CODE NAMED "OPERATION OVERLORD"**

- **THE ASSAULT PHASE OF OPERATION OVERLORD WAS OPERATION NEPTUNE: TWO PARTS**
  - ***THE AIRBORNE OPERATION WAS SCHEDULED FOR 6 JUNE 0100 HRS***
  - ***THE SEABORNE OPERATION WAS SCHEDULED FOR 6 JUNE 0630 HRS***
    - **THE 8TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSAULTED UTAH BEACH ON 6 JUNE AT 0630 HRS (SPEARHEAD DESIGNATION)**

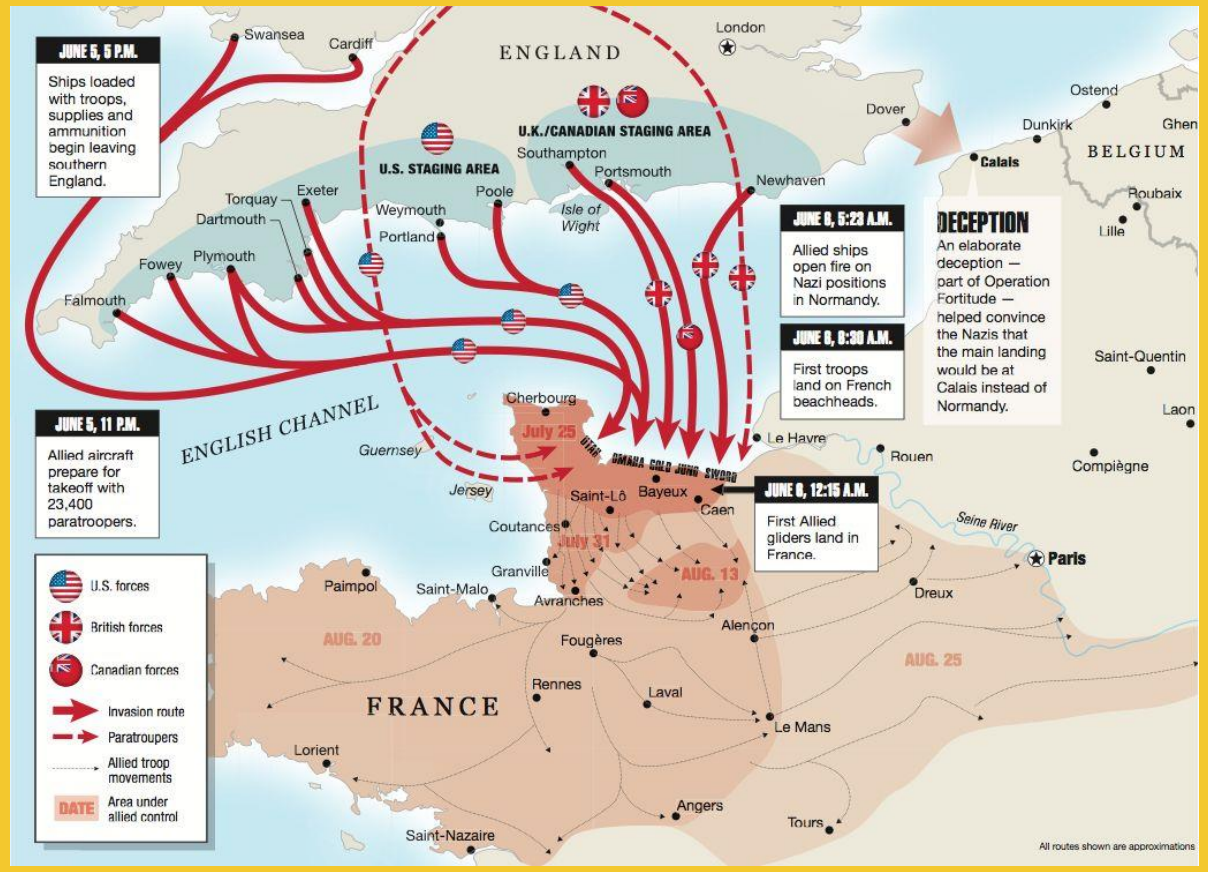
THE INVASION COAST

PLANNING

- BEGUN IN 1943
- TROOPS ARRIVING FROM USA PLACED IN CAMPS THROUGHOUT ENGLAND.
- DUMMY ARMY ESTABLISHED IN EASTERN ENGLAND ACROSS PAS DE CALAIS.
- PREPARATORY BOMBING MISSIONS IN NORTHERN FRANCE TO WEAKEN DEFENSES.
- ALLIED FORCES
  - *AMERICAN*
  - *BRITISH*
  - *CANADIAN*
  - *AUSTRALIA*
  - *BELGIUM*
  - *CZECHOSLOVAKIA*
  - *DENMARK*
  - *FRANCE*
  - *GREECE*
  - *NETHERLANDS*
  - *NEW ZEALAND*
  - *NORWAY*
  - *POLAND*

SEATON, ENGLAND
HOME OF THE 2ND BATTALION 8TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION FROM JANUARY 1944-JUNE 1944

THE PLAN


JUNE 5, 5 P.M.
Ships loaded with troops, supplies and ammunition begin leaving southern England.
JUNE 5, 11 P.M.
Allied aircraft prepare for takeoff with 23,400 paratroopers.
JUNE 6, 5:23 A.M.
Allied ships open fire on Nazi positions in Normandy.
JUNE 6, 6:30 A.M.
First troops land on French beachheads.
JUNE 6, 12:15 A.M.
First Allied gliders land in France.
DECEPTION
An elaborate deception — part of Operation Fortitude — helped convince the Nazis that the main landing would be at Calais instead of Normandy.
U.S. forces
British forces
Canadian forces
Invasion route
Paratroupers
Allied troop movements
DATE
Area under allied control
ENGLAND
FRANCE
BELGIUM
ENGLISH CHANNEL
U.K./CANADIAN STAGING AREA
U.S. STAGING AREA
UTAH
OMAHA
GOLD
JUNO
SWORD
July 25
July 31
AUG. 13
AUG. 20
AUG. 25
Swansea
Cardiff
London
Dover
Ostend
Dunkirk
Ghen
Calais
Boulogne
Lille
Southampton
Portsmouth
Newhaven
Isle of Wight
Poole
Weymouth
Portland
Torquay
Exeter
Dartmouth
Fowey
Plymouth
Falmouth
Cherbourg
Guernsey
Jersey
Le Havre
Rouen
Saint-Quentin
Laon
Compiègne
Saint-Lô
Bayeux
Caen
Coutances
Granville
Paimpol
Saint-Malo
Avranches
Fougères
Alençon
Dreux
Paris
Seine River
Rennes
Laval
Le Mans
Lorient
Angers
Tours
Saint-Nazaire
All routes shown are approximations

FROM THE GERMAN PERSPECTIVE

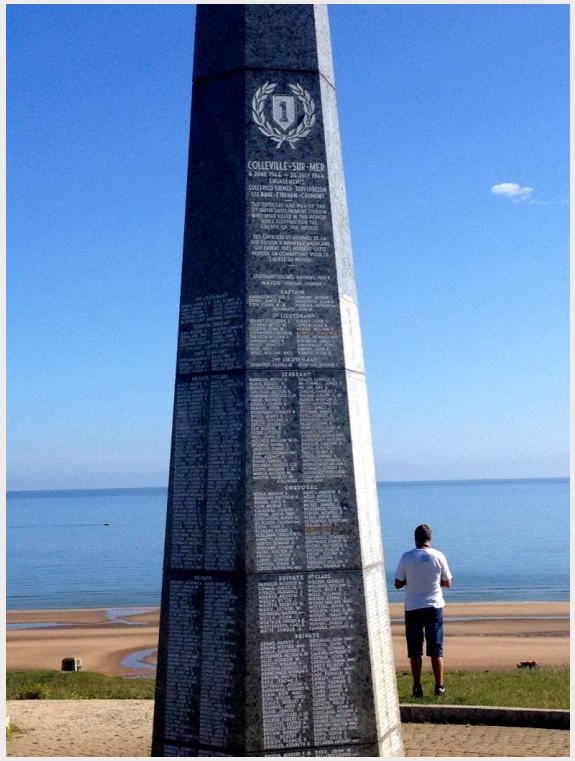
AIRBORNE OPERATION

- 2395 AIRCRAFT
- 867 GLIDERS
- 5 JUNE 1944 11:00 PM DEPARTED FROM ENGLAND
- 6 JUNE 1944 JUMP/ GLIDER OPERATIONS COMMENCED AT 0015 HRS.
- JUMP INLAND TO CUT COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFUSE ENEMY FORCES.
- HIGH WINDS SCARTTERED THE FORCES EVERYWHERE.
- AMERICAN FORCES: 15,500 MEN
  - *82D AIRBORNE DIVISION*
  - *101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION*
- BRITISH FORCES: 7,900
  - *6TH AIRBORNE DIVISION*

SEABORNE OPERATIONS

- 6939 SHIPS SUPPORTED OR CARRIED THE INVASION FORCE TO 5 BEACHES: 156,000 MEN.
  - *BRITISH (61,715)*
    - GOLD BEACH
    - SWORD BEACH
  - *AMERICAN (57,500)*
    - OMAHA BEACH
    - UTAH BEACH
  - *CANADIAN (21,400)*
    - JUNO BEACH
- 1500 HIGGINS BOATS (PERSONNEL AND LIGHT EQUIPMENT).
- 1000 LANDING SHIP TANK

OMAHA BEACH



UTAH BEACH

THEODORE ROOSEVELT JR
BRIGADIER GENERAL U S ARMY
NEW YORK JULY 12 1944

REMEMBER THEIR SACRIFICE TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM FASCISM, NAZISM, AND TOTALITARIAN GOVERNMENTS