

Operation Overlord, D-Day, Invasion of Normandy

1. Plans began a **year** earlier with allies at Tehran Conference
2. Operation Overlord -> cross-channel invasion of northern France into Normandy
 - a. Under command of General Dwight Eisenhower
3. Atlantic Wall
 - a. 2,400 miles of coast (Norway->Spain)
 - b. Reinforced by Germans
4. Surprise was necessary.
 - a. Convinced Germany we were looking elsewhere and would be a pincer move.
5. During build up
 - a. US and Britain bombed northern France.
 - b. Moved troops and supplies to England.
 - c. FDR radio broadcast prayer w/ 100 million Americans
6. Operation Overlord, "D-Day"
 - a. Set for June 5th, fog delayed.
 - b. Normandy divided into 5 beaches/landing zones
 - i. US was to take Omaha and Utah
 - c. Omaha Beach
 - i. saw the fiercest fighting/most devastation
 - ii. Enemy was well positioned in the cliffs.
 - iii. 4,700 casualties out of 35,000 on Omaha
 - d. By nightfall 175k troops and 50k vehicles were ashore.
 - e. Invasion was a success.
7. Allies went on to take Paris 3 months later, another major turning point.

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Invasion of Normandy/D-Day: June 6th, 1944