

D-Day – The Allies strike back!

What happened on the beaches of Normandy 6th June 1944



What do you think an amphibious assault is? And why might it be difficult?

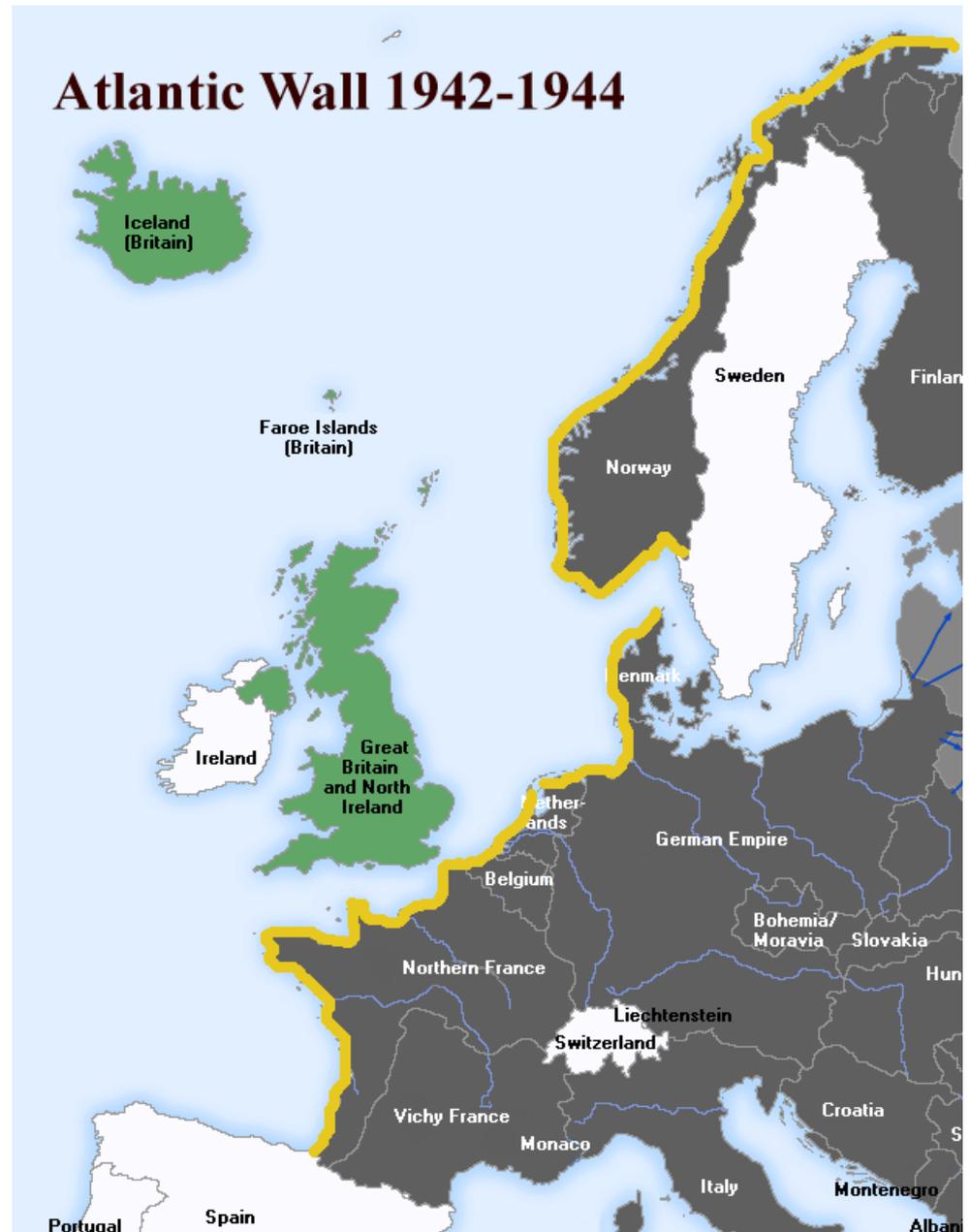


The situation in Europe by 1944...

Almost complete Nazi domination and conquest

*Where would you attack and why?
What obstacles might you face?*

Keep in mind, the Nazis, led by Rommel, will be expecting it (that's one obstacle right there)...



How do you think this guy helped the allies?

Operation Mincemeat

- This body was a homeless man called Glyndwr Michael, he'd committed suicide and was found in the street.
- The British dressed him in Royal Marine uniform with a 'classified' note saying the Allies were going to attack via Sicily in Italy.
- They dropped the body with the briefcase attached in Nazi waters off the coast of Spain (hoping he'd be found by a Nazi) and the Nazis would then think they'd uncovered our attack plans and begin moving troops to Sicily

What do you think?

TOTAL SUCCESS...



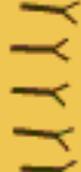
Omaha Beach — The Defenses



Omaha Beach Cross Section

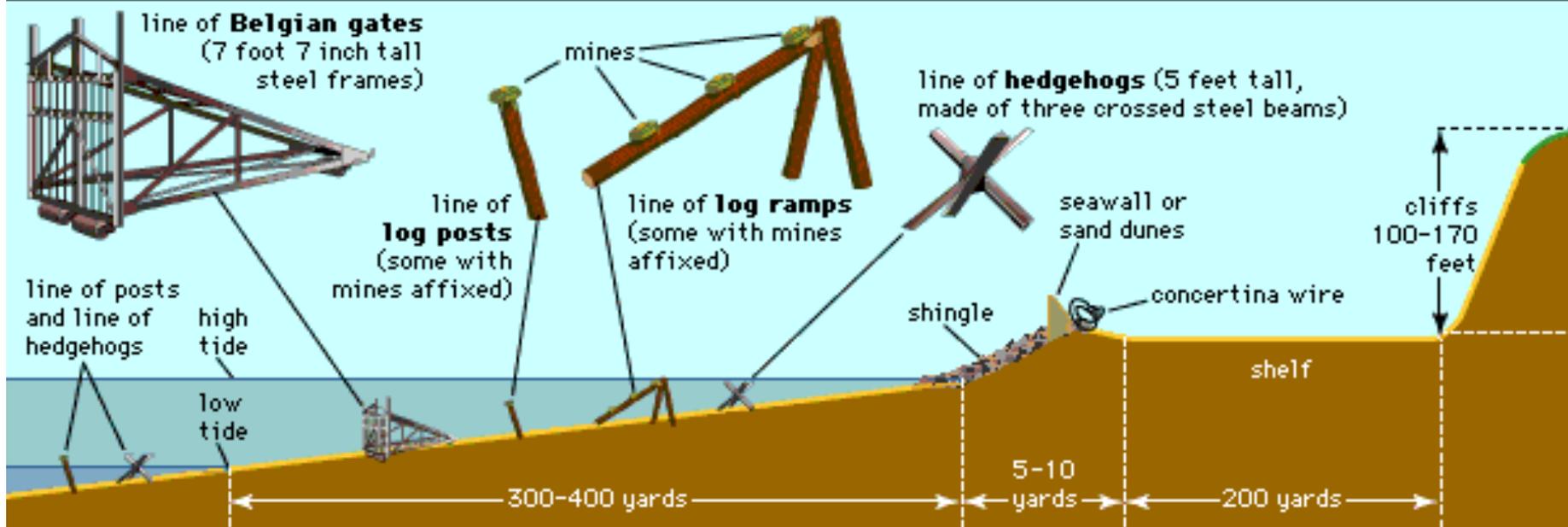


top view



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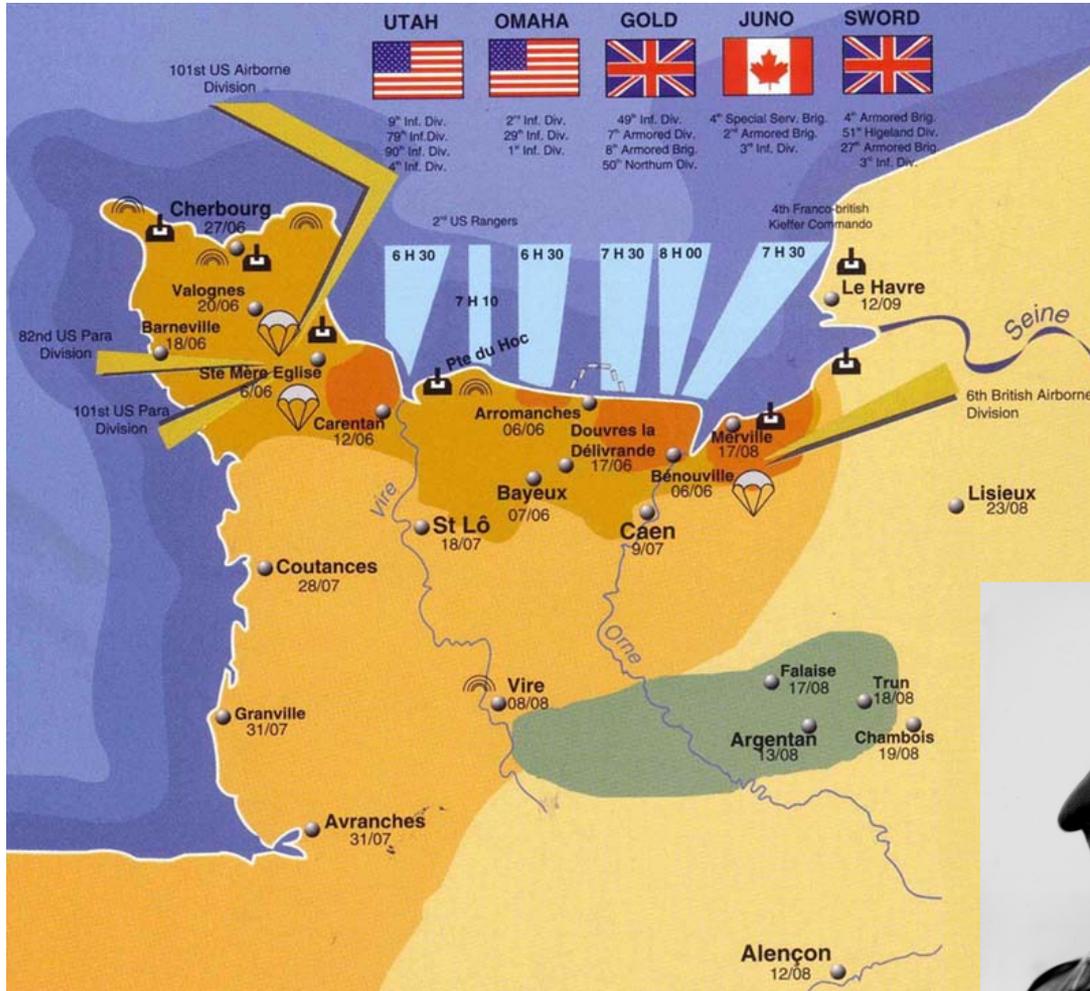
Omaha Beach - Typical Cross Section (not to scale)



The Germans were still strong, and ready



D Day: 6th June 1944



The allied plan was to land on the Normandy coast (Northern France), which was occupied by the Germans.

US, UK and Canadian forces landed on five Normandy beaches.

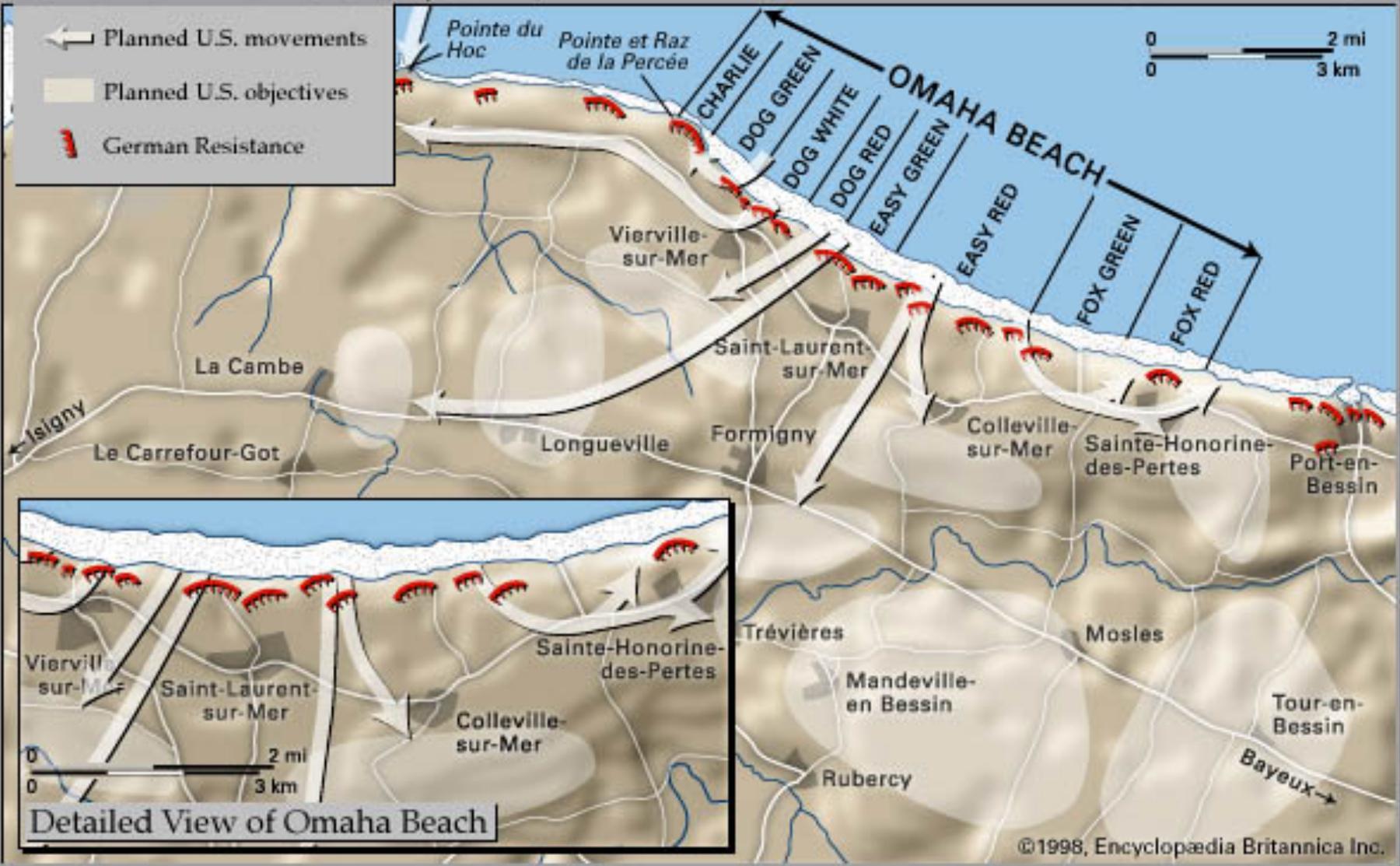
This was the start of **Operation Overlord**, the allied codename for the Battle of Normandy.



The Supreme Commander of the Allied forces in Europe was US General Dwight D. Eisenhower (right). Eisenhower would later go on to become US President. British Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery (left) was placed in charge of all land forces in the Battle of Normandy.

NORMANDY INVASION - JUNE 6, 1944

OMAHA BEACH



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdBEytJ7Qc>

WARNING VERY DIFFICULT SCENES TO WATCH, BUT POWERFUL

Thoughts?...

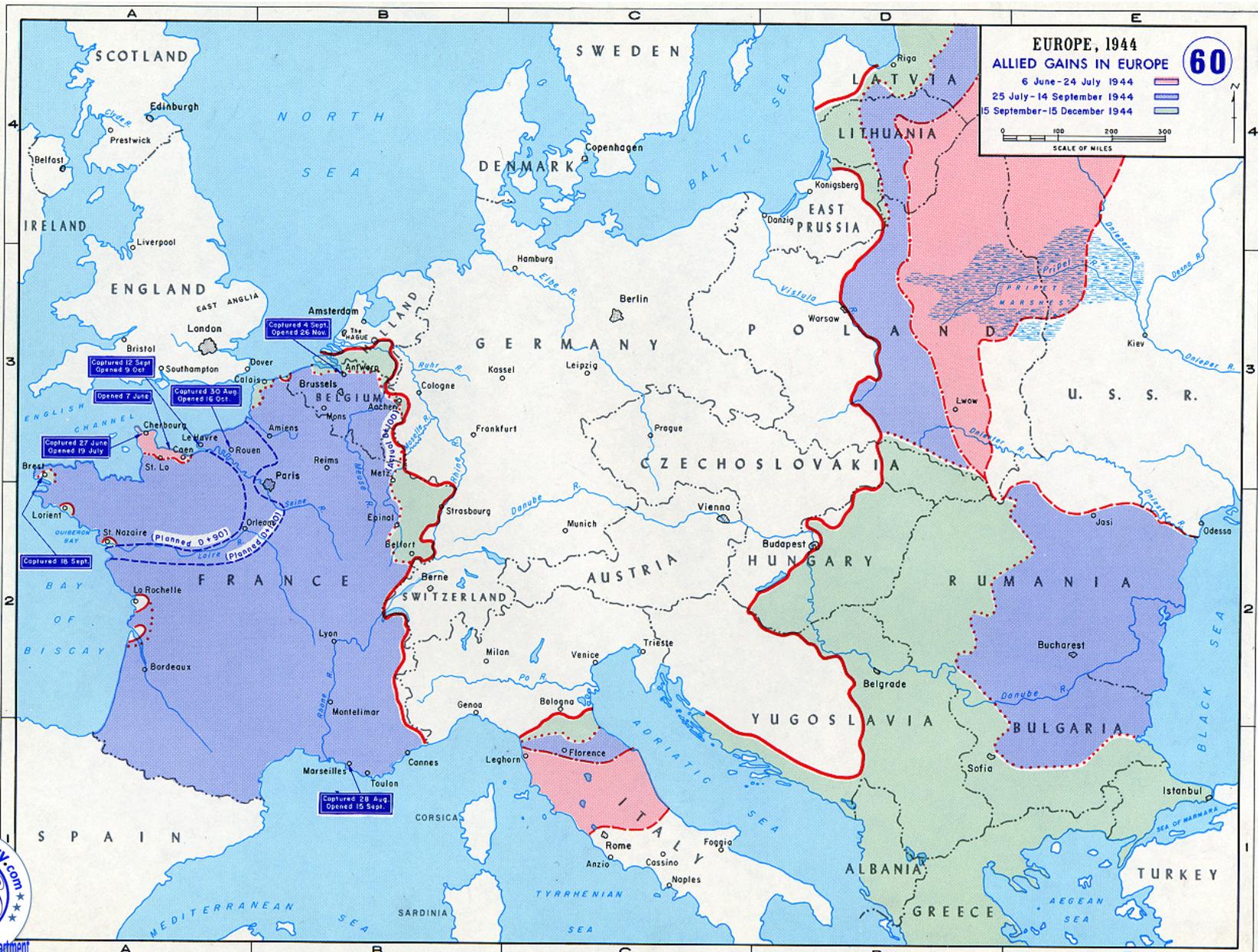


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Real footage / interview with soldier



The end result... A war on two fronts



New Technology that helped the Allies...



Landing Craft

DD (Duplex Drive) Tanks (Nicknamed Donald Duck tanks)



The Crab: What do you think it was used for?



Mine Clearance



Paratroopers & Gliders



Mulberry Portable Harbours

