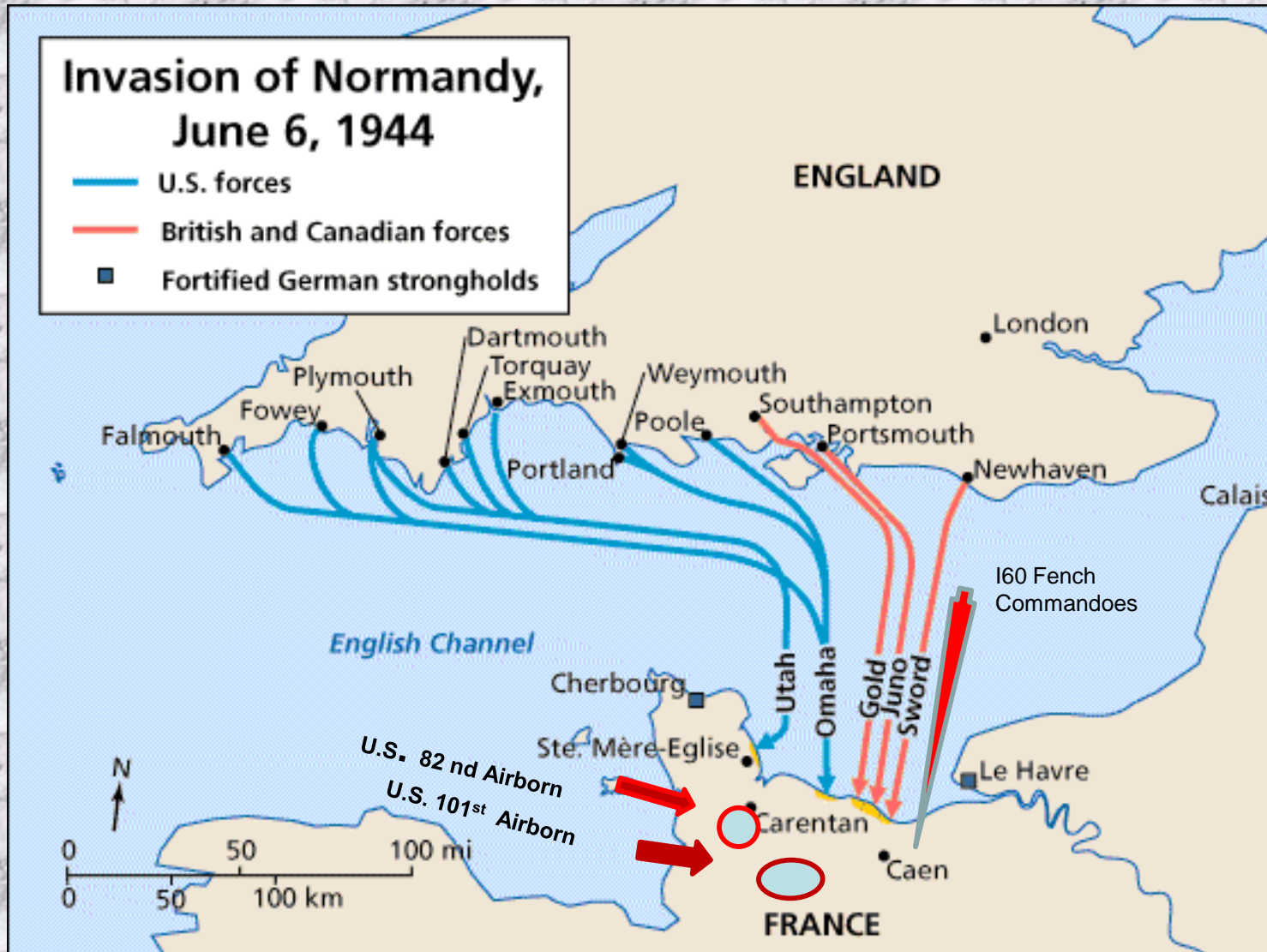


The Normandie Landings



June 6, 1944 (D-Day,) the American forces landed 23,250 on Utah Beach, 34,250 on Omaha Beach, and 15,500 airborne troops. In the British sector the British and sent 24,970 on Gold Beach, 21,400 on Juno Beach and 7,900 British and Canadian airborne troops. Canadian troops numbered 28,845 on Sword Beach. 177 Free French Soldiers were with the invaders.

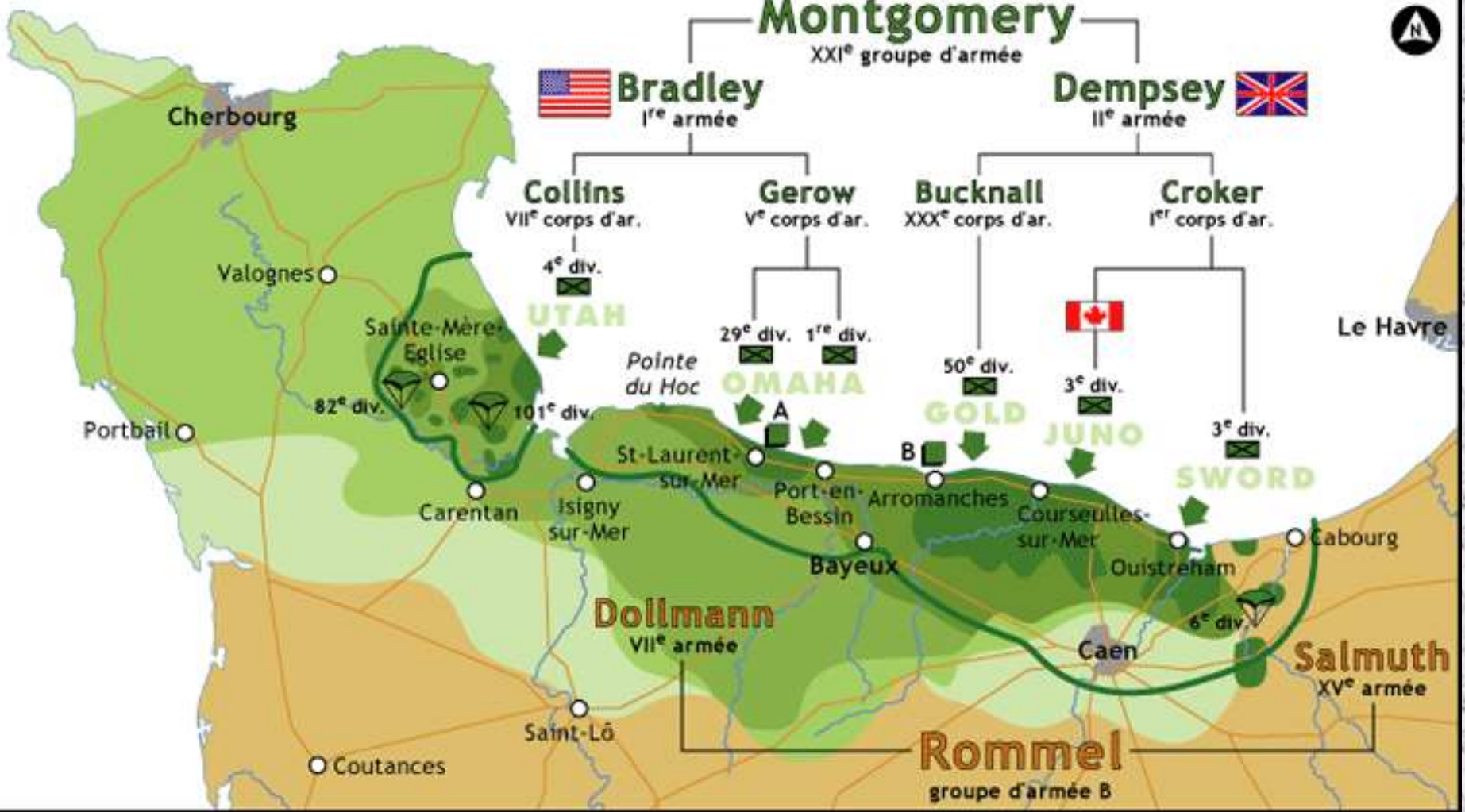
On D-Day, Allied aircraft flew 14,674 sorties, and 127 were lost.

In the airborne landings on both flanks of the beaches, 2,395 aircraft and 867 gliders of the RAF and USAAF were used on D-Day.

Operation Neptune involved huge naval forces, including 6,939 vessels: 1,213 naval combat ships, 4,126 landing ships and landing craft, 736 ancillary craft and 864 merchant vessels. Some 195,700 personnel were assigned to Operation Neptune: 52,889 US, 112,824 British, and 4,988 from other Allied countries.

By the end of 11 June day 5, 326,547 troops, 54,186 vehicles and 104,428 tons of supplies had been landed on the beaches.

These beaches, however, were heavily fortified by Nazis. Thousands of troops were slaughtered on the beaches, with more than 9,000 Allied soldiers killed or wounded but the Allies ultimately overwhelmed the Nazis and advanced into France.



↓ Landing Zones

☒ Infantry Divisions ☒ Paratroopers Div

Territories Liberated by Allies

■ Artificial Ports (Mulberry)

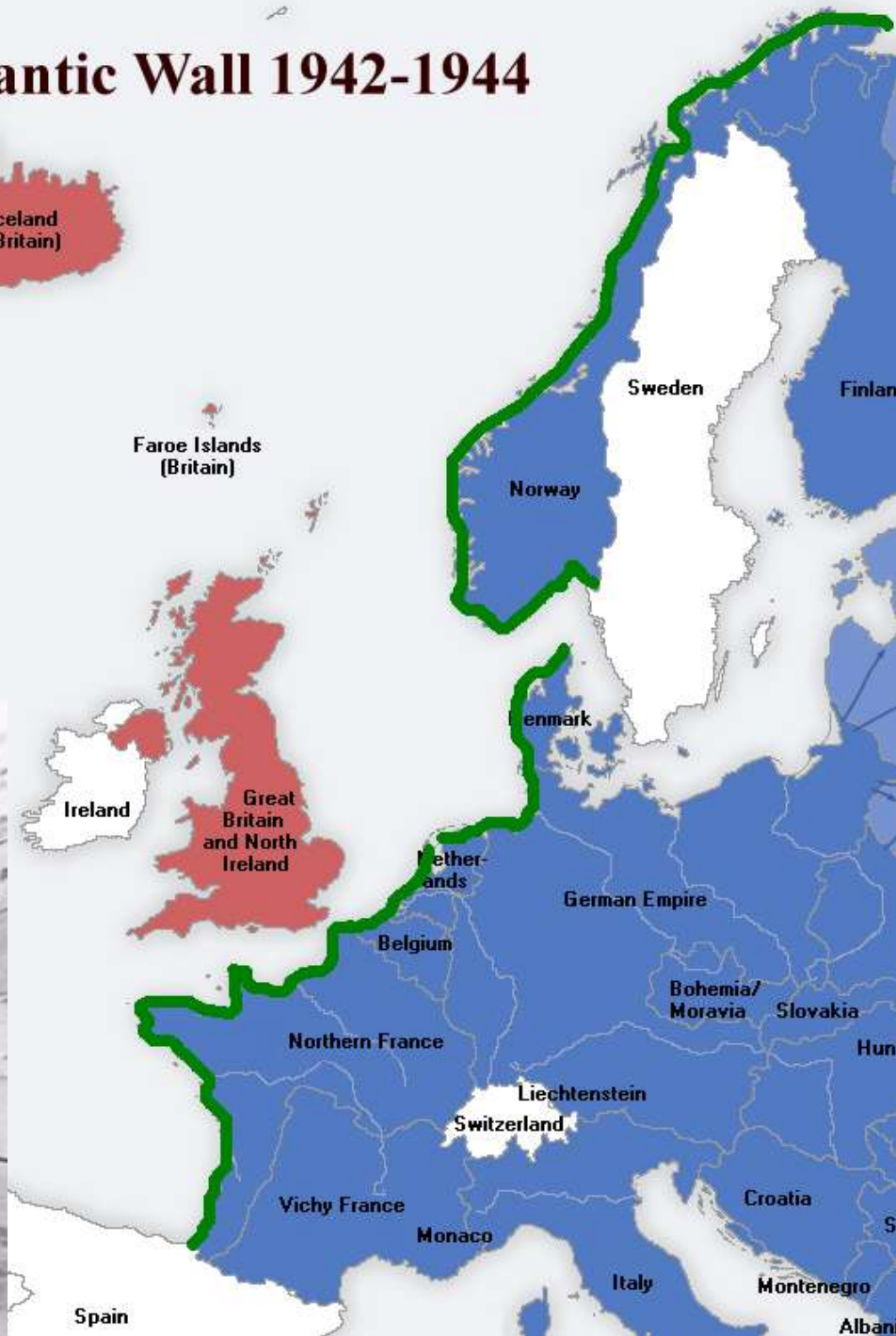
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— 25 km —

Atlantic Wall 1942-1944



Faroe Islands
(Britain)



The Third Reich built the Atlantic Wall. These fortifications extending from the Spanish-French border to northern Norway.



Music Starts



The landing is preceded by a large gathering of troops, weapons and ships in England.



camouflaged vehicles

American Dodge Ambulances





***Convoy passing through
Liverpool U.K.***

Stock of Fuel



Boarding







PA13-2

2



Bombardment of Pointe du Hoc



**American
Paratroopers**



Time to jump at
midnight
behind enemy
lines prior to
beach landings

Release



American Paratrooper

(prepared to jump)



American Paratrooper

**24,000
American
Paratroopers
preceded the
invasion,
jumping
behind enemy
lines.**

A Glider landed in a pasture





**A U.S.
Landing Ship
Crossing the
Channel**





DUKW amphibious vehicles



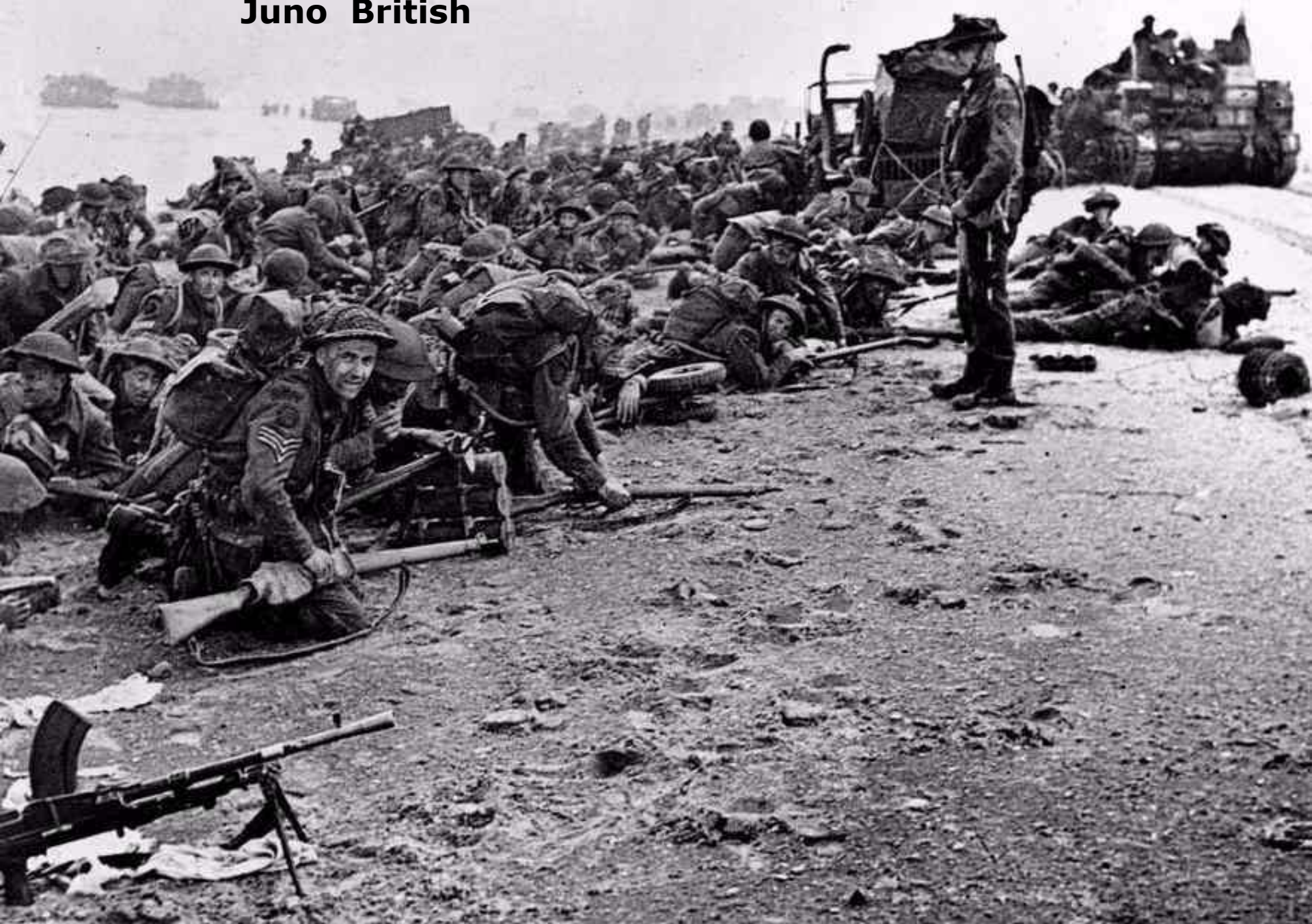
British Troops Landing



U.S. Storming Omaha Beach



Juno British



**Sword Beach
Canadian Forces**







LCA 1375

LCA 150

U.S. Forces Utah Beach



**Gold Beach
British Forces**



Omaha Beach





**U.S. Second Wave
reinforcements**





U.S. Rangers
climbing the 100 ft
cliffs at Pointe De
Hoc



The assault began before the main landing to knock out German Guns at the top of the Cliff. Two U.S. Navy Destroyers gave support, Rockets were fired to get ropes atop the cliffs.

The rangers destroyed the guns that had been moved inward.

Determined to hold the vital ground, yet isolated from other Allied forces and out numbered the Rangers fended off several counterattacks from the German 916 th regiment until units of the American 29th Infantry Division's broke through from Omaha Beach on June 7

**U. S. Rangers - La
Pointe du Hoc**





Captured
Nazi's



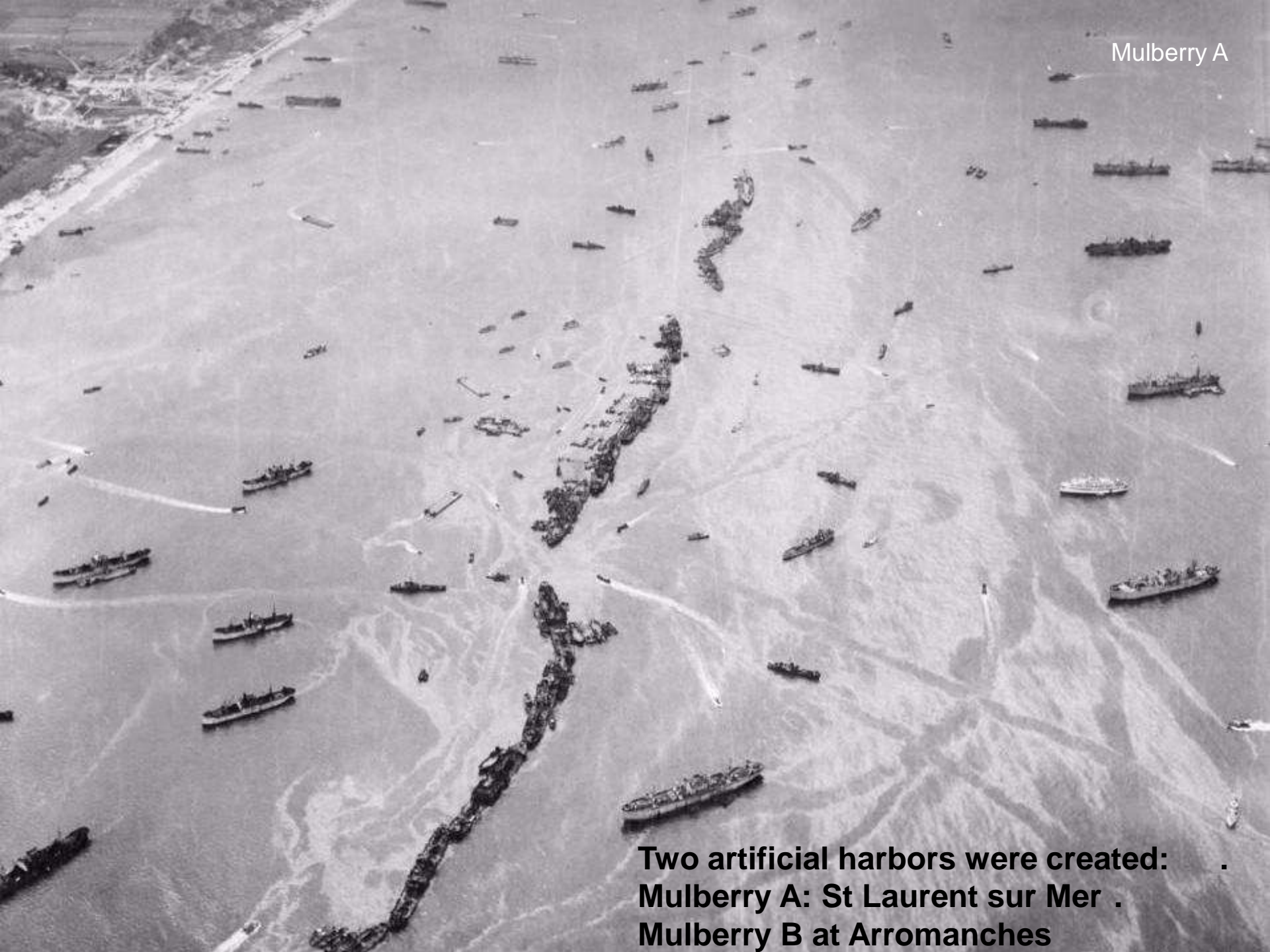


Utah Beach





Mulberry A



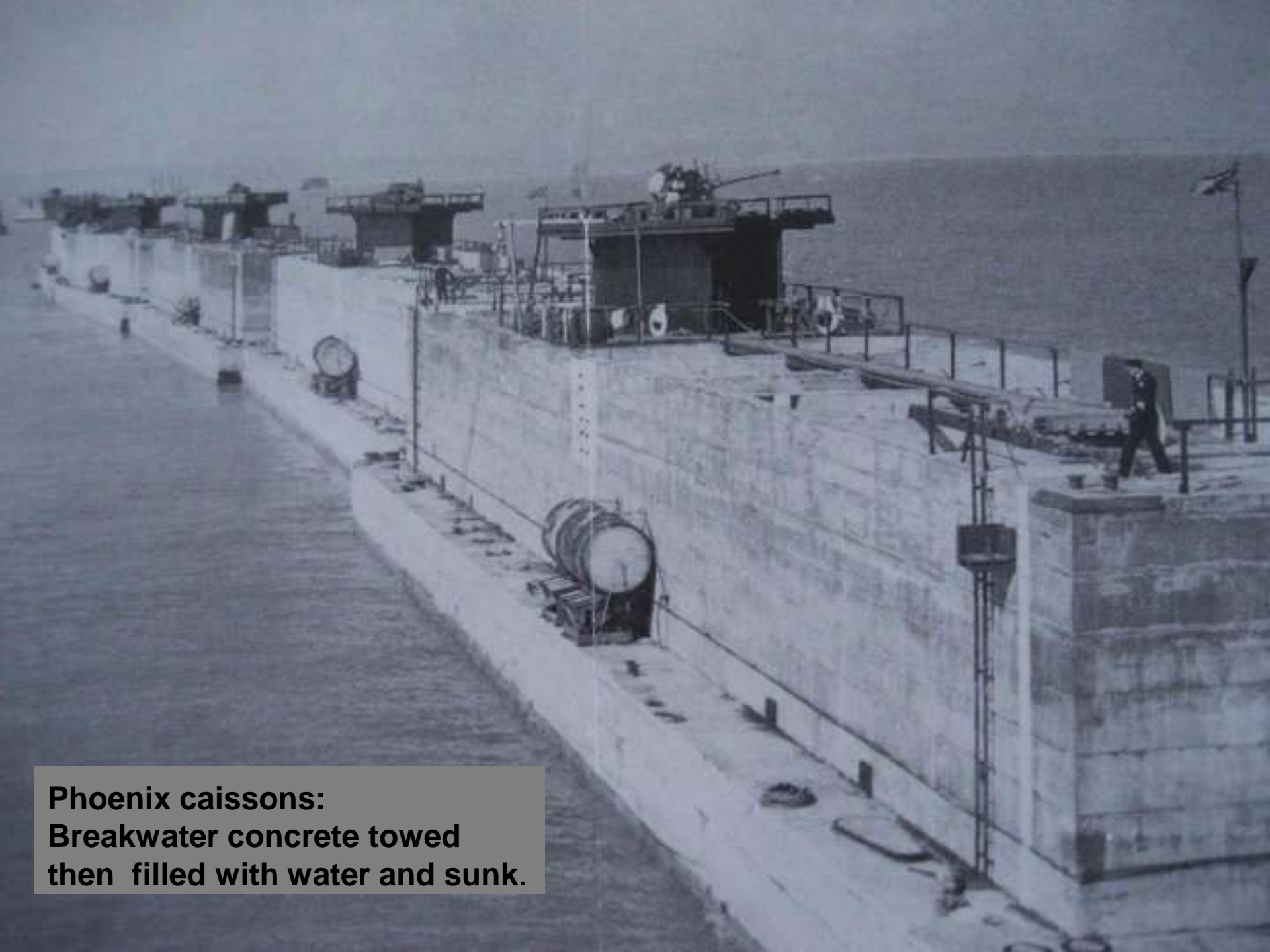
Two artificial harbors were created:
Mulberry A: St Laurent sur Mer .
Mulberry B at Arromanches

Mulberry A was destroyed by the storm of June 19 to 21



Arromanches :
Mulberry B



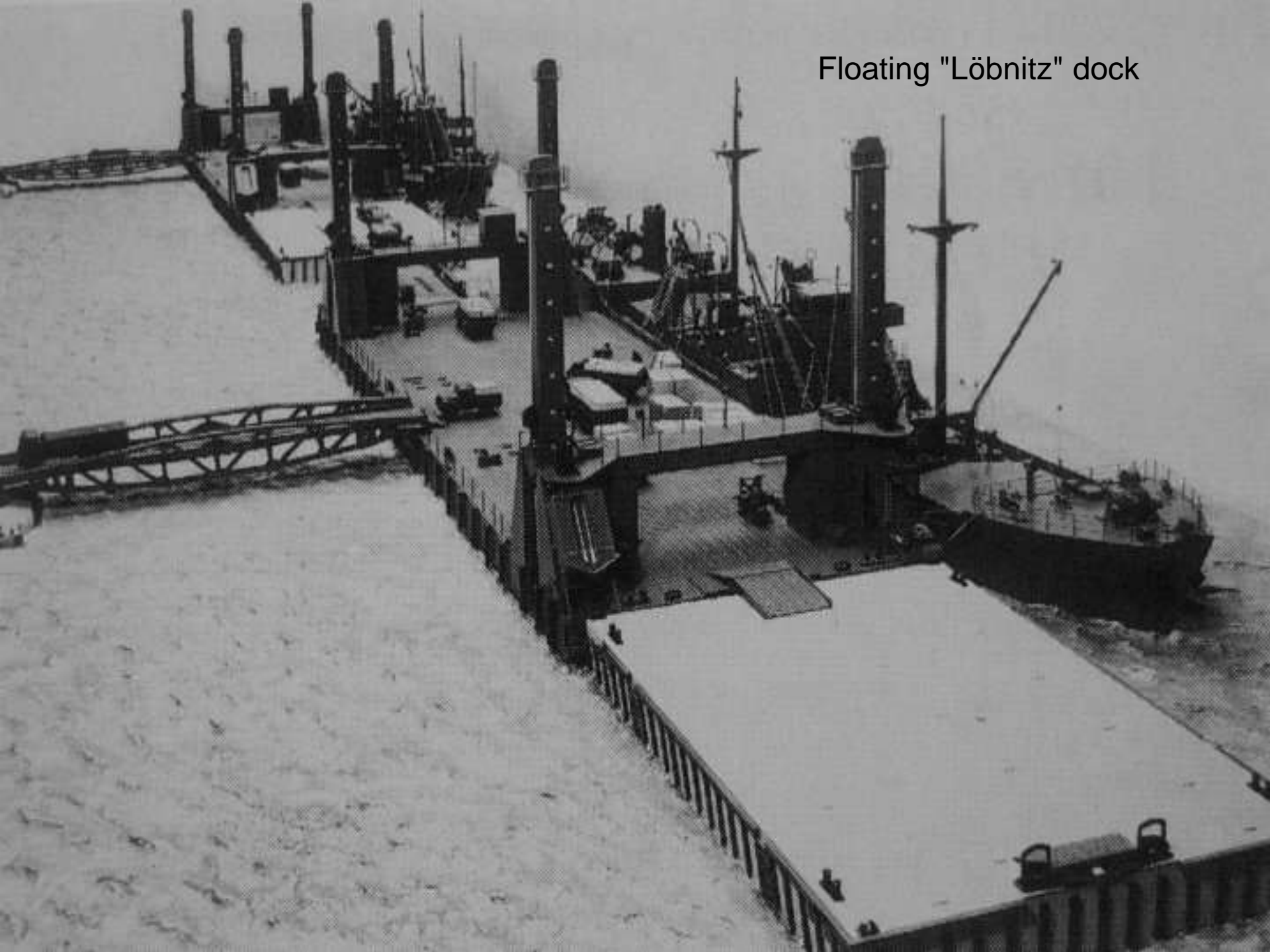


**Phoenix caissons:
Breakwater concrete towed
then filled with water and sunk.**



Effectiveness of dams built to provide a safe harbor

Floating "Löbnitz" dock



Floating bridge "Whale"







Reinforcements arriving









315

LST

5170







U.S. SIGNAL CORPS

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Trucks and Supplies





1946

Now the Tanks







**Beach area secured now
the advance inward.**

Anti-air balloons





The greatest landing in history







U.S. soldiers
examining German
mini-tank guided
"Goliath", loaded
with explosives.



The Wounded









Field Hospital

Navy Personnel
Repatriation
of wounded

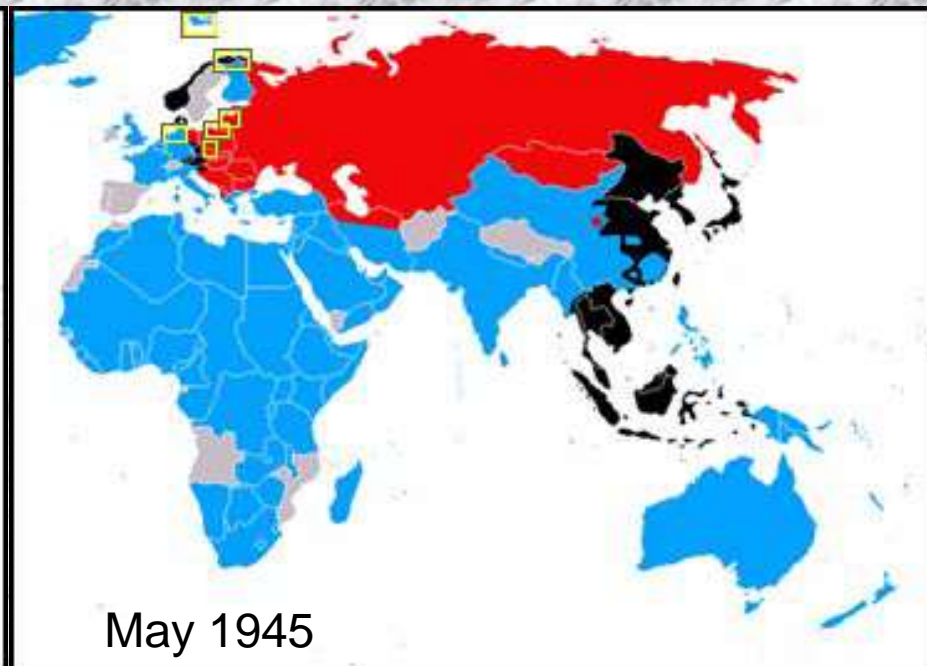
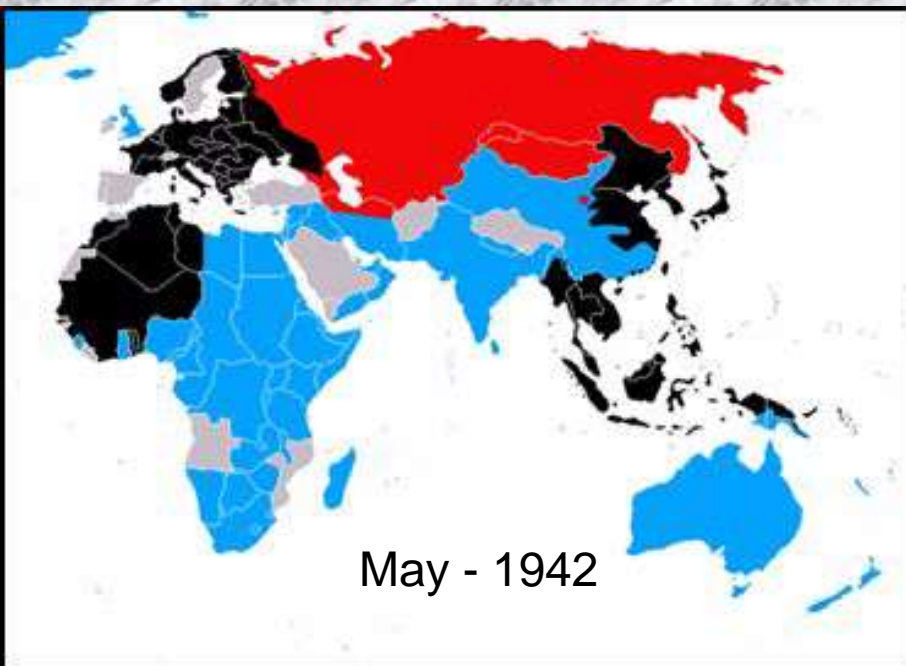






It was hell!





Europe – Africa - Asia

Western allies (blue),

Soviet & allies (red)

Axis (black)



They gave all for these
freedoms, will the present
generations guard and protect
what they fought and died for
Or will western nations open
the flood gates to immigrants
Who don't care or understand
the culture and sacrifices of
the nations that welcomed
them

End

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