

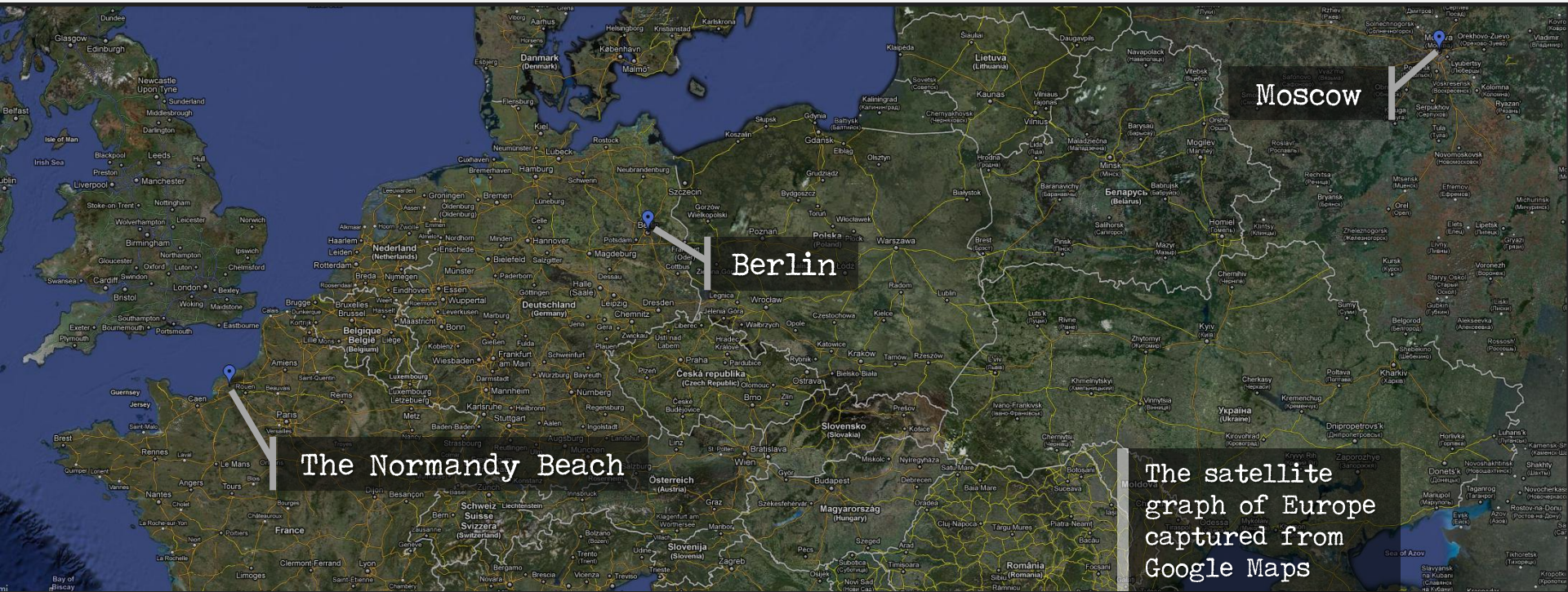
U.S. Army troops
wade ashore on
Omaha Beach on
the morning of
6 June 1944, as
the Normandy
landings begin.



6 June, 1944

D - DAY

Why this Battle is Important



Strength

1. Strength

- * Allied Troops: 175,000
- * German Troops: 10,000

2. Commander

- * Allies: Dwight D. Eisenhower
- * Germany: Gerd von Rundsted

The Delay

1. Good weather needed
2. Planned on June 5th
 - * Wind and high seas -- Unable to land
 - * Low clouds -- Unable to find targets
 - * Result: nearly cancelled
3. Germans took
 - * Officers away for weekend

MOVE OUT !

1. Two phases

- * Airborne assault 24,000 Airborne troops shortly after midnight
- * Marine landing 06:30 (GMT +2)

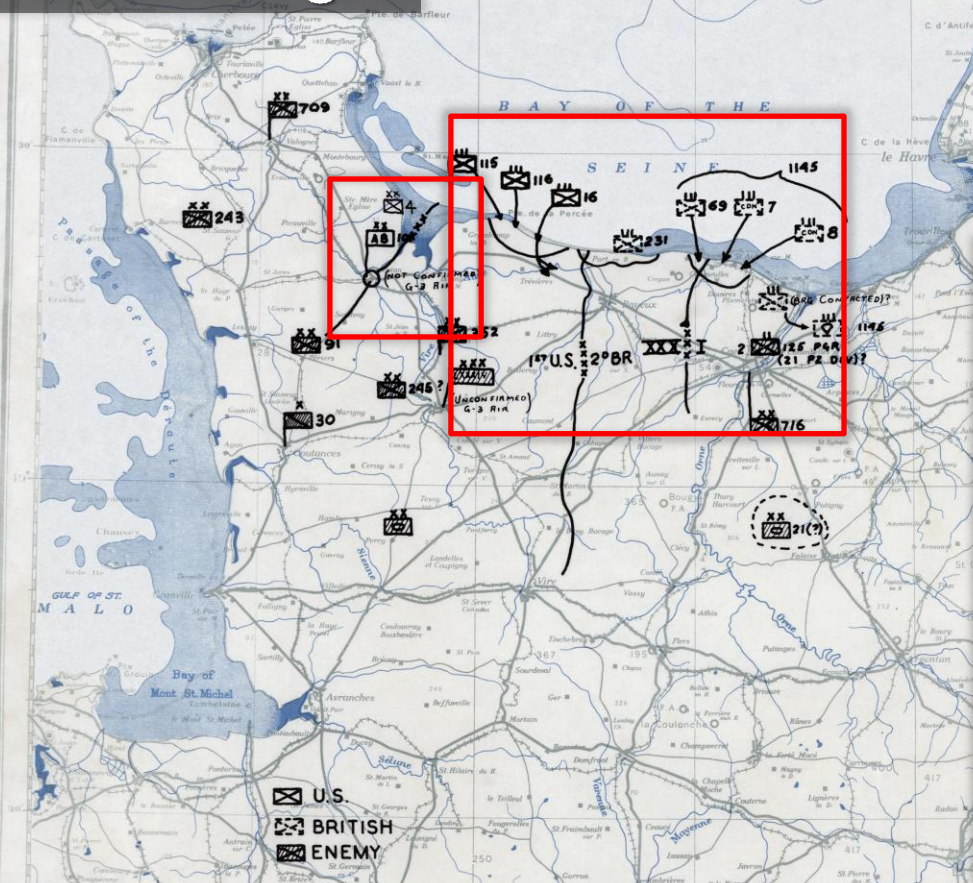
2. Result

- * 160,000 troops landing
- * 195,700 personnel in over 5,000 ships involved

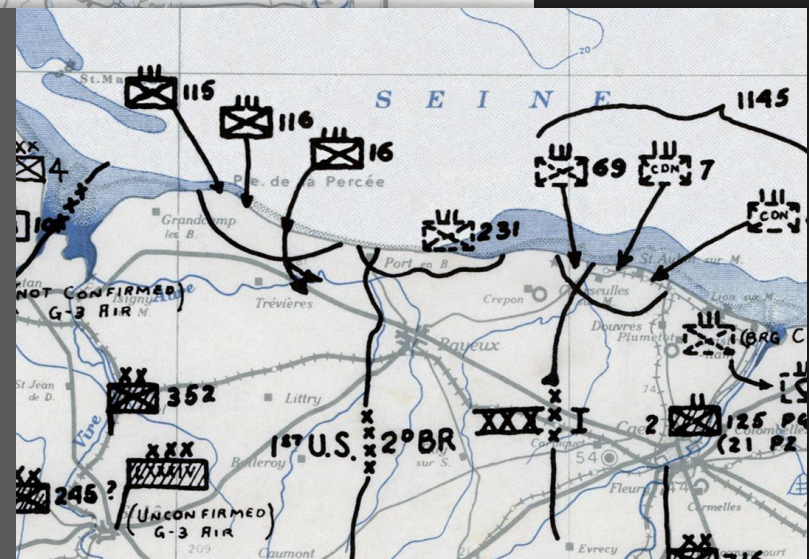
SITUATION 2400 HRS 6 JUNE 1944
HQ. FUSAG

Result that Night

SECRET



101st Airborne



U.S. and British Marines

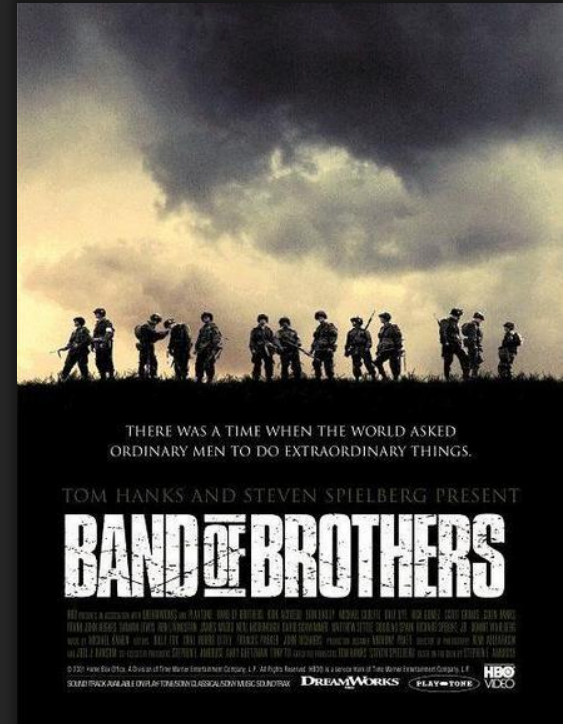
Well-known Movies

1. Saving Private Ryan

(Movie: 1998, Steven Spielberg, DreamWorks)

2. Band of Brothers

(Miniseries: 2001, Phil Alden Robinson etc., HBO, BBC)





THE END

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