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D-Day in Numbers The facts behind Operation Overlord

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Description

D-Day, 6 June 1944, the day on which the Allies landed on the beaches of Normandy with the intention of reclaiming mainland Europe from German occupation. The significance of the operation has captured the collective imagination to become the defining moment of World War Two and represents the ending to the struggles of the early twentieth century. *D-Day in Numbers* sets the scene for the largest seaborne invasion of all time. It covers the mammoth preparations for the landings, their savage, awesome scale, and their aftermath in the battle for Normandy, taking in the most poignant events and looking at each through the numbers involved. Each number signifies an important moment within a larger story as they are explained in the context of the surrounding events. And with the vast amount of planning that went into the execution of such an ambitious operation, the numbers involved are staggering, surprising and often inspiring. Discover the numbers that promised to change the balance of power in Europe, and indeed, the world, as Deliverance Day, 1944 got underway.

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