

D Day June 6 1944 The Battle For The Normandy Beaches

Presents the story of the battle on the coast of Normandy in June, 1944, which was the turning point of World War II.

This concise guide describes the events of the D-Day landings that took place on June 6, 1944, the largest sea and air invasion ever undertaken.

On the basis of 1,400 oral histories from the men who were there, bestselling author and World War II historian Stephen E. Ambrose reveals for the first time anywhere that the intricate plan for the invasion of France in June 1944 had to be abandoned before the first shot was fired. The true story of D-Day, as Ambrose relates it, is about the citizen soldiers - junior officers and enlisted men - taking the initiative to act on their own to break through Hitler's Atlantic Wall when they realised that nothing was as they had been told it would be. D-DAY is the brilliant, no holds barred, telling of the battles of Omaha and Utah beaches. Ambrose relives the epic victory of democracy on the most important day of the twentieth century. D-Day contains a wealth of essential facts about the Normandy invasion, from the initial planning stages on both sides to the battle's aftermath. D-Day brings these facts together in an informative and concise manner presenting detailed comparisons of the opposing forces, the commanders and their leadership abilities, the planning and execution of the assaults, the fighting qualities of the soldiers of each army, and the weaponry used by both the Allies and the Germans. A detailed minute-by-minute chronology of events for all beaches and airborne landings is also included.

From the Invasion to the Liberation of Paris

D-day Plus 20 Years, June 6, 1944-June 6, 1964

Operation Fortitude and the Normandy Invasion

How Dutch Cota Saved Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944

Fighting them on the Beaches

June 6, 1944 with One of the World's Iconic Photographers

*Introducing the WW2 - 75th Anniversary of D-Day Journal Series
Pointe du Hoc Normandy Beach Journal This series honors those who fought in the Second World War and were involved in the Normandy Beach Invasion 75 years ago. The series includes a Dedication Page, an Introduction Page with historic facts and 100 blank lined pages to memorialize the events and keep the memories alive for future generations. Each journal in the series focuses on a different location and event from the Normandy Invasion. The photography is by Sharon M. Fitzgerald, MA. This journal series features: 8 in x 10 in size journal A Dedication Page for memorials and gifts of family history An Introduction to each WW11 historic site pictured on the cover*

100 white journal pages with custom WW11 artwork on each page
Full-color wrap-around cover with photography by the author a
matte-finish cover for an elegant, professional look and feel
Smooth white paper, perfect for ink, gel pens, pencils or
colored pencils This journal can be used for remembering friends
or family who fought in the War, a written history that can be
given to grand-kids, a gift dedicated to someone in the Armed
Services now, jotting down thoughts of gratitude, recording your
accomplishments, and more. Use it as a diary or gratitude
journal or travel journal. The simple lined pages allow you to
use it however you wish.

Written by one of Britain's best known and most respected
military historians, *The D-Day Experience* graphically captures
the planning and execution of the Allied invasion, which
ultimately led to victory. More than 30 facsimile items of rare
memorabilia thrust readers right into the heart of history:
they'll have the unique opportunity to relive this momentous
event by holding and examining facsimiles of rarely or never-
seen maps, diaries, letters, secret memos and reports, posters
and logbooks. Many of these have, up until now, remained filed
or exhibited only behind glass in the Imperial War Museum and
other collections worldwide. Memorabilia highlights include:
U.S. Airborne secret maps showing drop zone from parachutist's
eye view Omaha Beach Intelligence message book with minute-by-
minute reports German radio signal log at 4:15 am on D-Day which
reads "Thousands of ships tracked. They're coming." The
Wednesday, June 7, 1944, edition of *Stars and Stripes* Gold Beach
Infantryman's handwritten diary from June 4-June 17, 1944,
describing landings, the move inland, and battlefield promotion.
Propaganda leaflets dropped on Allied troops by night-flying
German pilots Juno Beach Canadian infantryman's letter written
to his wife on the Channel crossing on the eve of D-Day. He
survived D-Day but was killed later in Holland. And more!
Reconstructs the events of the Normandy landings from Allied and
German reports and eyewitness accounts
Presents a young reader's adaptation of "The Guns at Last
Light," tracing the Battle of Normandy and the Allied liberation
of Western Europe through the end of World War II.

D-Day - June 6 1944

D-Day

D-Day General

D-Day Deception

Lessons from the Longest Day-June 6, 1944

A Bad Combat Plan Saved by Good Men, June 6, 1944

This book tells the story of Operation Overlord, the largest and most meticulously planned sea
invasion in the history of warfare. As dawn broke on 6 June 1944, thousands of Allied soldiers

American, British, Canadian, Free French and Polish - hit the Normandy beaches and stormed the German defenses of the Atlantic Wall. By Midnight, over 150,000 troops had been safely landed and the long push towards Berlin and the final defeat of the Third Reich had begun. Including useful maps with troop movements, as well as an index of the armies, battles, campaigns and commands. Fighting Them on the Beaches is a brilliant guide to this historic battle which turned the tide against Adolf Hitler.

An "unforgettable . . . magnificently stirring" account of the Normandy Landings—stories of the men in the first wave of the Allied Invasion (The New York Times). June 6, 1944, is one of the most famous dates in world history, and, as David Howarth shows, a defining date in countless personal histories. In this intimate chronicle, the 7,000 vessels, 12,000 aircraft, and 750,000 men committed to D-Day are taken for granted. Instead, we see D-Day through the eyes of the men on the ground. Howarth weaves together the larger story of the beginning of the battle of Normandy with the details of the beachhead itself. The scope of Howarth's vision—focusing on England and France, on soldiers on the beach, and hedgerow, on divisions and squads—makes Dawn of D-Day a franker portrayal than other turning points of the war on the Western Front, and the greatest amphibious operation in history.

This new paperback edition contains Book One and Book Two of this series, revealing the hidden side of D Day which has fascinated readers around the world. Almost all accounts of D Day are told from the Allied perspective. But what was it like to be a German soldier in the bunkers of the Normandy coast, facing the onslaught of the mightiest invasion in history? What motivated the German defenders, what were their thought processes - and how did they fight from one strong point to another, among the dunes and fields, on that first cataclysmic day? This book sheds fascinating light on these questions, bringing together statements made by German survivors after the war, who had allowed them to reflect on their state of mind, their actions and their choices of June 6th. It offers a perspective of D Day which deserves to be added to the historical record, in which ordinary soldiers struggled to make sense of what was facing them, and emerged stunned at the weapons and sheer determination of the Allied troops. Above all, we now have the unheard human voices of individual German soldiers - the men who are so often portrayed as a faceless mass.

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Voices of Valor: D-Day June 6, 1944

The Story of D-day

75th Anniversary D-Day, June 6, 1944 Memorial Journal

Cornelius Ryan: The Longest Day (D-Day June 6, 1944), A Bridge Too Far (LOA #318)

Longest Day

The Battle for the Normandy Beaches

"A gem of a book that highlights the 'fog of war' as seen by American, British, and Canadian airborne units when they parachuted behind enemy lines." —WWII History Magazine

"Gentlemen, do not be daunted if chaos reigns; it will undoubtedly will." So said Brigadier S. James Hill, commanding officer of the British 3rd Parachute Brigade, in an address to his troops shortly before the launching of Operation Overlord—the D-Day invasion of Normandy. No more

prophetic words were ever spoken, for chaos indeed reigned on that day, and many more that followed. Much has been written about the Allied invasion of France, but award-winning military historian Flint Whitlock has put together a unique package—the first history of the assault that concentrates exclusively on the activities of the American, British, and Canadian airborne forces that descended upon Normandy in the dark, pre-dawn hours of June 6, 1944. Landing into the midst of the unknown, the airborne troops found themselves fighting for their lives on every side in the very jaws of the German defenses, while striving to seize their own key objectives in advance of their seaborne comrades to come. Whitlock details the formation, recruitment, training, and deployment of the Allies' parachute and glider troops. First-person accounts by veterans who were there—from paratroopers to glidermen to the pilots who flew them into the battle, as well as the commanders (Eisenhower, Taylor, Ridgway, Gavin, and more)—make for compelling, “you-are-there” reading. If Chaos Reigns is a fitting tribute to the men who rode the wind into battle and managed to pull victory out of confusion, chaos, and almost certain defeat.

Chronicles the events, politics, and personalities of this pivotal day in World War II, shedding light on the strategies of commanders on both sides and the ramifications of the battle

The story behind D-Day begins in 1939 when Nazi Germany, led by Adolf Hitler, attacked Poland and ignited World War Two. The following year, the Germans occupied France and Western Europe and launched a vicious air war against Britain. In 1941, they invaded the Soviet Union. Seemingly unstoppable, the Nazis now held virtually all of Europe. They imposed a ruthless system of control and unleashed the horror of the Holocaust. However, by 1943, the tide had begun to turn in favor of the Allies, the forces opposed to Germany. In the east, despite huge losses, the Soviets began to force the Germans back.

The first volume of a new series dedicated to exploring iconic moments in World War II history, Omaha Beach on D-Day is a fresh and captivating new take on one of the most important moments in World War II: the Allied forces storming the beach at Normandy. The photograph at the heart of this book is Robert Capa's world-famous shot of the

Allied landing in 1944, and the authors of this remarkable work have gathered interviews, testimonials, contact sheets, and over forty pages of photographic archives from the Magnum Photos agency to fill in the history behind a single moment, captured forever on film. Using a combination of traditional comics narrative, photography, and nonfiction text, Omaha Beach on D-Day is a rich and accessible fresh take at a crucial moment in 20th century history.

Omaha Beach

Fact Sheet D-Day, 6 June 1944 Normandy, France

7 Leadership Lessons of D-Day

June 6, 1944 -- The Climactic Battle of WWII

Operation Overlord: June 6, 1944

The Invasion of Normandy, 1944

A portrait of D-Day places a human face on its events and is made up of reproductions of personal letters, journal entries, secret dispatches, code book pages, battle plans, and maps, many of which are enclosed in pockets and flaps for interactive reader perusal.

Omaha was the make-or-break Allied beach on D-Day—in (perhaps) the make-or-break campaign of World War II. If American soldiers couldn't gain a foothold there, then D-Day was unlikely to succeed. On June 6, 1944, U.S. troops on Omaha suffered the worst casualties of any of the five Allied invasion beaches—so many casualties, and so much tactical difficulty, that Omaha almost didn't succeed. One big reason why Americans gained a foothold on Omaha was Gen. Norman "Dutch" Cota. A graduate of the West Point class of 1917 (alongside famous classmates Matthew Ridgway, Mark Clark, and Lightning Joe Collins), Norm Cota played football with Dwight Eisenhower, who graduated two years earlier. From March 1941 to February 1943, Cota served with the famous 1st Infantry Division, the Big Red One, as division intelligence officer, plans/training officer, and finally chief of staff. He performed so well in the North Africa campaign that he was sent to England to help plan D-Day. After laying the tactical groundwork for the amphibious landings, Cota was made assistant division commander of the 29th Infantry Division. On the eve of D-Day, he told his men, "You're going to find confusion. The landing craft aren't going in on schedule, and people are going to be landed in the wrong place. Some won't be landed at all. . . . We must improvise, carry on, not lose our heads." On June 6, 1944, under heavy fire, Cota landed with the second wave of the 29th Infantry Division on Omaha Beach, about an hour after the start of the invasion. He personally rallied the survivors of the landings and led the opening of one of the first exits off Omaha. Cota seemed to be everywhere that day. Coming

*upon a group of Rangers, the general told them, "Rangers, lead the way" (hence the Rangers' motto). He is also known for saying, "Gentlemen, we are being killed on the beaches. Let us go inland and be killed." And, to a captain uncertain how to proceed: "I'll tell you what, captain. You and your men start shooting at them. I'll take a squad of men, and you and your men watch carefully. I'll show you how to take a house with Germans in it." Having demonstrated the task, Cota asked the officer, "Do you understand? Do you know how to do it now? . . . I won't be around to do it for you again. I can't do it for everybody." Great quips—which American military history will always remember and which show the character, in every sense, of Dutch Cota. Cota was a fighter—a fighting general, a D-Day general—and his contribution to D-Day will remain his rallying of demoralized troops and his blazing the trail toward the breakout and victory on Omaha. Ted Roosevelt Jr., who landed at Utah Beach, has always received credit as the D-Day general (like Cota, Roosevelt also demanded that he land on D-Day—and then died of a heart attack a month later), but Cota is the hero-general of the day, having landed early on D-Day on bloody Omaha. Portrayed by Robert Mitchum in the grand D-Day film *The Longest Day*, Cota has not yet received his due—and there's a campaign now afoot to award him a belated Medal of Honor. His story cries out to be told. Now, with the cooperation of the Cota family, Noel F. Mehlo Jr. tells the compelling story Dutch Cota on Omaha Beach, revealing new information and never-before-seen photos.*

"This is probably the best book ever written about Omaha Beach."

*--Bill Stone, Stone & Stone Second World War Books "Balkoski's depiction of 'Bloody Omaha' is the literary accompaniment to the white-knuckle Omaha Beach scene that opens Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*." -- John Hillen, New York Post In this unforgettable narrative of D-Day, Joseph Balkoski describes the minute-by-minute combat as it unfolded on Omaha Beach, allowing soldiers to speak for themselves as they recall their attempts to maneuver bombers through heavy cloud cover, the claustrophobic terror aboard transports, and the relentless fire that greeted them on the beach. Equal parts oral history and meticulous reconstruction, *Omaha Beach* is the closest the modern reader can get to experiencing the Normandy landings firsthand.*

Published for the 60th anniversary of D-Day, this illustrated volume with audio CDs presents firsthand accounts of the Normandy invasion with a central narrative by one of America's preeminent historians. A compelling compilation of firsthand accounts of the Normandy invasion presents forty oral histories that recount the events and experiences of D-Day from the perspectives of the veterans themselves,

accompanied by a selection of interviews on CD.

D-day Exposed

The Invasion of Normandy, June 6, 1944

June 6, 1944

Dawn of D-DAY

Our Finest Day

Canada's D-Day Victory June 6, 1944

D-Day, June 6, 1944: it was the biggest amphibious operation in history. German Field Marshal Rommel, declared, "the enemy must be annihilated before he reaches our main battlefield," the Allied Forces undertook a massive invasion of the German-occupied coast of Normandy, France. First, there was the aerial onslaught by British and American airborne divisions, then the landing of the American, British, and Canadian seaborne troops. Over 150,000 Allied troops took the fight to the enemy, their incursion paving the way to their ultimate victory over Nazi tyranny. This book tells the story of those who lived and fought through this historic conflict. In first-person accounts of the Normandy landings, soldiers recreate the harrowing, world-changing drama of taking the beaches of France, dropping from the sky, wading out of landing craft, fighting to survive and, in the process, keeping alight the hopes of humanity.

6 June, 1944. 156,000 troops from 12 different countries, 11,000 aircraft, 7,000 naval vessels, 24 hours. D-Day - the beginning of the Allied invasion of Hitler's formidable 'Fortress Europe' - was the largest amphibious invasion in history. There has never been a battle like it, before or since. But beyond the statistics and over sixty years on, what is it about the events of D-Day that remain so compelling? The courage of the men who fought and died on the beaches of France? The sheer boldness of the invasion plan? Or the fact that this, Rommel's 'longest day', heralded the beginning of the end of World War II. One of the defining battles of the war, D-Day is scored into the imagination as the moment when the darkness of the Third Reich began to be swept away. This is the story of D-Day, told through the voices of over 1,000 survivors - from high-ranking Allied and German officers, to the paratroopers who landed in Normandy before dawn, the infantry who struggled ashore and the German troops who defended the coast. Cornelius Ryan captures the horror and the glory of D-Day, relating in emotive and compelling detail the years of inspired tactical planning that led up to the invasion, its epic implementation and every stroke of luck and individual act of heroism that would later define the battle. In the words of its author, *The Longest Day* is a story not of war, but of the courage of man.

On June 6, 1944 the greatest armada in history stood off Normandy and the largest amphibious invasion ever began as 107,000 men aboard 6,000 ships pressed toward the coast. Among this number were 18,000 Canadians, who were to land on a five-mile long stretch of rocky ledges fronted by a wide expanse of sand. Code named Juno Beach. Here, sheltered inside concrete bunkers and deep trenches, hundreds of German soldiers waited to strike the first assault wave with some

ninety 88-millimetre guns, fifty mortars, and four hundred machineguns. A four-foot-high sea wall ran across the breadth of the beach and extending from it into the surf itself were ranks of tangled barbed wire, tank and vessel obstacles, and a maze of mines. Of the five Allied forces landing that day, they were scheduled to be the last to reach the sand. Juno was also the most exposed beach, their day's objectives eleven miles inland were farther away than any others, and the opposition awaiting them was believed greater than that facing any other force. At battle's end one out of every six Canadians in the invasion force was either dead or wounded. Yet their grip on Juno Beach was firm.

Stephen E. Ambrose's D-Day is the definitive history of World War II's most pivotal battle, a day that changed the course of history. D-Day is the epic story of men at the most demanding moment of their lives, when the horrors, complexities, and triumphs of life are laid bare. Distinguished historian Stephen E. Ambrose portrays the faces of courage and heroism, fear and determination—what Eisenhower called "the fury of an aroused democracy"—that shaped the victory of the citizen soldiers whom Hitler had disparaged. Drawing on more than 1,400 interviews with American, British, Canadian, French, and German veterans, Ambrose reveals how the original plans for the invasion had to be abandoned, and how enlisted men and junior officers acted on their own initiative when they realized that nothing was as they were told it would be. The action begins at midnight, June 5/6, when the first British and American airborne troops jumped into France. It ends at midnight June 6/7. Focusing on those pivotal twenty-four hours, it moves from the level of Supreme Commander to that of a French child, from General Omar Bradley to an American paratrooper, from Field Marshal Montgomery to a German sergeant. Ambrose's D-Day is the finest account of one of our history's most important days.

D-Day Illustrated Edition

Pointe Du Hoc Normandy Beach

The D-Day Landings - June 6, 1944

Dawn of D-Day

June 6, 1944: The Climactic Battle of World War II

D-Day June 6, 1944: A Concise Guide to the Normandy Landings

For 70 years the myths have lived on unchallenged. Myths about what went wrong on D-Day June 6, 1944 - the "surprise" storm, the air and naval bombardment that "missed," the "surprise" quality of the defending German forces, and the "surprise" of the bocage fields. Yet, until now some very fundamental questions about the nature of the D-Day Combat Plan have remained hidden and unchallenged. One of the most obvious of these questions is: Why did the largest "amphibious" invasion in human history fail to use the available armoured amphibious technology and combat experience that would have changed the course of the Normandy invasion (and WW2 in Europe) and saved so many lives? The Allied invasion of Normandy on D-Day June 6, 1944 is one of the most widely written about wartime assaults in history. It still is the most complex "amphibious" invasion in human history. It was the culmination of 4 years of planning by the Allied High Command. The sacrifice and bravery of the landing troops who were slaughtered in their thousands is remembered to this day with reverence, respect and sadness. Yet much

of this loss of life was unnecessary. In this controversial book, the first in a series on D-Day, the author Temple Kehoe provides irrefutable evidence that the D-Day invasion plan was an incompetent combat plan that failed to use the available amphibious invasion technology and experience that could have changed the course of the war. The author shows how even as late as April 1944 this could have been fixed. But instead, D-Day was saved by the bravery and resilience of the combat troops, so many of whom died unnecessarily on that day and the days that followed before World War 2 was finally won. Visit www.dday-exposed.com for more information.

Balkoski is in top form in this groundbreaking analysis of the other half of America's D-Day.--Dennis Showalter, author of Patton and Rommel

Chronicles the events of the Normandy invasion in graphic novel format.

Before landing in France on D-Day, June 6, 1944, the Allies executed an elaborate deception plan designed to prevent the Germans from concentrating forces in Normandy. The lesser-known first part, Fortitude North, suggested a threat to Norway. The more famous Fortitude South indicated that the invasion would occur at the Pas de Calais rather than Normandy, largely by creating a fictitious army group under Gen. George S. Patton. While historians have generally praised Operation Fortitude, Barbier takes a more nuanced view, arguing that the deception, while implemented well, affected the invasion's outcome only minimally. A much-needed reassessment of the deception operation that preceded the Allied invasion of Europe in World War II Involves double agents, fake equipment, phantom units, and famous commanders

Juno Beach

If Chaos Reigns

The D-Day Experience

War Stories of D-Day

The Voices of D-Day

D-Day, June 6, 1944

Updated with more than 120 photographs, a visual edition of Ambrose's definitive account of D-Day traces the epic stories of the soldiers and junior officers who fought and defeated Hitler's armies.

"The best sort of popular military history."--Times Literary Supplement. No one who was alive on June 6, 1944, will ever forget that historic day ... and those who came after will hear of it with awe: it was the moment when the tide of war turned to victory, when the long-elusive dream of peace finally seemed attainable. This minute-by-minute account of the Normandy landings by Allied forces unforgettably reconstructs, in pictures and first-person reminiscences, every important minute of the invasion.

In ships and planes, they crossed the English Channel. On the other side Hitler's army waited. And the longest day was about to begin.... In the spring of 1944, 120,000 Allied soldiers crossed the English Channel in the most ambitious invasion force ever assembled. Rangers, paratroopers, infantry, and

armored personnel, these soldiers--some who had just cut their teeth in Africa and Sicily and some who were brand-new to war--joined a force aimed at the heart of Europe and Hitler's defenses. On the morning of June 6, D-Day began. And in the hours that followed, thousands lost their lives, while those who survived would be changed forever No other chronicle of D-Day can match Gerald Astor's extraordinary work--a vivid first-person account told with stunning immediacy by the men who were there. From soldiers who waded through the bullet-riddled water to those who dropped behind enemy lines, from moments of terror and confusion to acts of incredible camaraderie and heroism, June 6, 1944 plunges us into history in the making--and the most pivotal battle ever waged. For the 75th anniversary of D-Day, a deluxe collector's edition gathering two gripping masterpieces of military history. Library of America presents two of the best books ever written about World War II in a deluxe collector's edition featuring 88 pages of photographs, full-color endpaper maps, rare archival material revealing how the books were written, and a new introduction by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and historian Rick Atkinson (The Liberation Trilogy). The Longest Day tells the story of the Allies' greatest success, the Normandy invasions of June 6, 1944, Operation Overlord; A Bridge Too Far recounts perhaps their greatest failure, the catastrophic airborne invasion of Holland in September 1944, known as Operation Market Garden. Together, they reveal not only the twisting fortunes of war and the grand sweep and scale of the largest amphibious and airborne invasions ever mounted, but also the very real human experience of combat, the small but momentous individual acts that can change the course of history. No one has told these stories more powerfully than Cornelius Ryan. LIBRARY OF AMERICA is an independent nonprofit cultural organization founded in 1979 to preserve our nation's literary heritage by publishing, and keeping permanently in print, America's best and most significant writing. The Library of America series includes more than 300 volumes to date, authoritative editions that average 1,000 pages in length, feature cloth covers, sewn bindings, and ribbon markers, and are printed on premium acid-free paper that will last for centuries.

Utah Beach

D-Day, June 6 1944

These Men Were There, June 6, 1944

The Classic Epic of D Day

D-Day Invasion

The Invasion of Normandy, D-Day June 6, 1944, World War II

More than seventy personal accounts and twenty-four pages of photographs of the Normandy Invasion redefine World War II's most astounding operation in honor of its fiftieth anniversary. By the author of A Blood-Dimmed Tide.

"Drawing universal truths from urgent battlefield crises, the author provides a terrific guide and training tool for leaders at all levels" (Ralph Peters, New York Times–bestselling author). The odds were against the Allies on June 6, 1944. The task ahead of the paratroopers who jumped over Normandy and the soldiers who waded ashore onto the beaches, all under fire, was colossal. In such circumstances, good leadership can be the deciding factor of victory or defeat. This book is about the extraordinary leadership of seven men who led American soldiers on D-Day and the days that followed. Some of them, like Eisenhower, Theodore Roosevelt Jr., and Lt. Dick Winters, are well known, while others are barely a footnote in the history books. This book is not a full history of D-Day, nor does it cover the heroic leadership shown by men in the armies of the Allies or members of the French Resistance, who also participated in the Normandy assault and battles for the lodgment areas. It is, however, a primer on how you can lead today, no matter what your occupation or role in life, by learning from the leadership of these seven figures. A critical task for every leader is to understand what leadership is. Socrates once said that you cannot understand something unless you can first define it in your own words. This book provides the reader with the means to define leadership by telling seven dramatic, immersive, and memorable stories that the reader will never forget. "Nobody tells a story better than John Antal and nobody knows better how to root out the lessons of history." —James Jay Carafano, author of Wiki at War

Stackpole's Battle Briefings series offers accessible and insightful summaries of battles, commanders, and other military history topics. This inaugural installment features one of World War II's most pivotal campaigns: D-Day and the battle for Normandy that followed. It begins with Allied plans for the beachhead assault and Rommel's construction of German defenses, but the book's heart is the fighting as seen from both sides, from the Rangers at Pointe du Hoc and the landing at Omaha Beach to hedgerow combat, the air war, and clashes of Shermans and panzers.

The power and the glory of the D-Day landings as recounted by the men who fought their way ashore. A tale told by a master of prose this account is among the best you'll ever read of the greatest amphibious invasion ever.

The Longest Day

The Near-Disaster and Ultimate Triumph of the Allied Airborne Forces on D-Day, June 6, 1944

D DAY Through German Eyes - the Hidden Story of June 6th 1944

Omaha Beach on D-Day

D-Day and the Normandy Campaign

The Normandy Landings

The Kansas Heritage Center for Family and Local History presents a fact sheet

on the World War II D-Day invasion by the Allies of Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944. The fact sheet highlights the events leading to the invasion, the participants, the invasion, and the events on Omaha Beach and Utah Beach. The Amphibious Landing and Airborne Operations on D-Day, June 6, 1944
The D-Day Story, June 6th 1944