

# WHAT WAS D-DAY?

D-Day (6th June 1944) was the day of the biggest invasion in history in which Allied forces invaded northern France, landing on the beaches of Normandy to break through the German army's defences.

## 10,440

aircraft took part in the landings

3,950 - FIGHTERS

670 - GLIDERS

4,450 - BOMBERS

1,370 - AIR TRANSPORT



## 6,939

vessels were involved in the naval effort during Operation Neptune



## 156,000

allied troops landed in Normandy on the first day of the invasion



## 4,413

British, American and other  
Allied nation fatalities

## 8,413 – 13,413

TOTAL LIVES LOST ON D-DAY

## 4,000 - 9,000\*

German fatalities

\*Total number of German casualties on D-Day are not known.

## WHAT HAPPENED AS A RESULT OF D-DAY?

On D-Day, the Allied troops began an attack that lasted for 11 months and took them all the way to the German capital, Berlin. The war ended 11 months later.