

- D-Day landings took place on 6 June 1944 during World War 2
- The landings marked the start of the campaign to free north-west Europe from the Nazis.
- It was a very important moment during the war.



For the 75th anniversary of D-Day Newsround met this soldier, who explained the landings to his greatgrandchildren



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Germany's control of much of north-west Europe was vast in 1942. And, in order to achieve success in World War II, the Allies would need to end the German occupation of European countries.

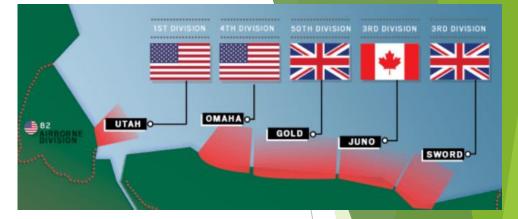


Video: What happened on D-Day?





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- Although success was not achieved on the first day, the Allies gained a foothold which allowed them to continue the operation, securing all five beaches by 11th June. As their foothold in France grew, the Allies were eventually able to succeed in liberating France from German control.
- Operation Overlord was completed on 30th August 1944, as the last of the German forces retreated from France.

D-Day Remembrance

We should make sure the efforts and sacrifices made by those fighting for freedom during D-Day and the days that followed are never forgotten.

