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UNITED STATES

HISTORY

with Mr. Willis

UNIT 6 - DAY 13

VICTORY in EUROPE



**WHILE FIGHTING IN ITALY, THE ALLIES
BEGAN PLANS TO INVADE EUROPE**

The PLAN WAS GIVEN THE CODE
NAME **“OPERATION OVERLORD”**



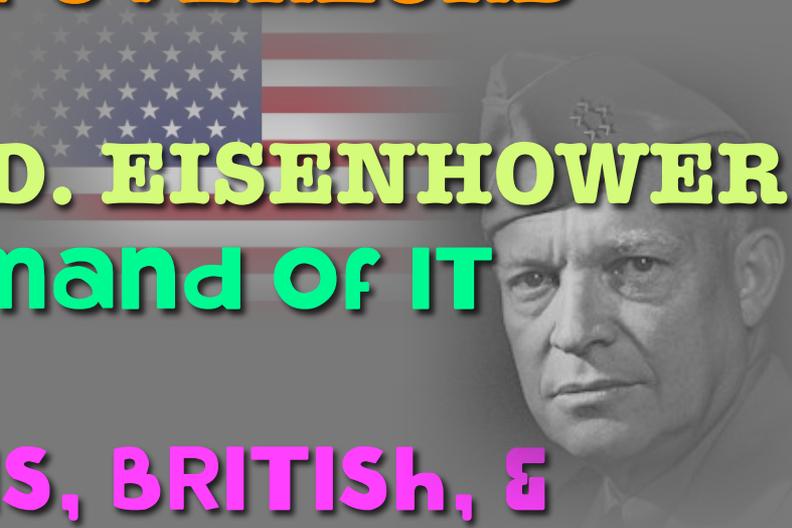
**US GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
WAS GIVEN COMMAND OF IT**



**OVER 3 MILLION US, BRITISH, &
CANADIAN TROOPS ASSEMBLED IN UK**



WHICH LEADS TO...



D-DAY

“OPERATION OVERLORD”

June 6, 1944 - Allied forces attack the beaches of Normandy, France

Paratroopers dropped behind enemy lines to secure key sites

Pre-dawn naval bombardment of German defenses along the coast

3.5 million troops used amphibious crafts to land under heavy fire

Allies had built a phony army as a diversion for Germans at Calais

IT WORKED, AND HITLER REFUSED TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO NORMANDY





D-DAY





THE

COSTS

OF

D-DAY

The Allies suffered an estimated **10,000 casualties** at **NORMANDY**

By early July, the Allies had landed nearly **1 MIL troops**, **180K vehicles**
TANKS, JEEPS, SUPPLIES, FORCES THAT
WOULD PUSH INTO FRANCE & GERMANY

By August, Gen. George S. Patton's **THIRD ARMY** rolled into France

LIBERATING FRANCE



8/25/44 - US AND FRENCH FORCES
LIBERATE PARIS, DRIVE NAZIS INTO RETREAT

SEPT 1944 - WESTERN FRONT HAD BEEN
RIPPED OPEN, GERMANY WAS IN RETREAT



HOWEVER...

IT'S **NOT** OVER YET!





THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

Fall 1944 - Allies pushed east toward Germany, chasing retreating Nazis

12/16/44 - Hitler orders a last-ditch, surprise attack

THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE WAS THE FINAL GERMAN ATTACK OF WWII

GERMANS attack the 101st Airborne and pin them down near Bastogne

CAUGHT IN FREEZING TEMPS, w/o supplies AND CUT-OFF FROM REINFORCEMENTS

12/26/44 - American tanks arrive and drive the Germans into final retreat

**BY SUMMER 1944 , GERMANY WAS
RETREATING ON ALL FRONTS**

**SOVIETS WERE DRIVING INTO THE
GERMAN HEARTLAND IN THE EAST**



**AMERICANS, BRITS, FRENCH WERE
PUSHING INTO THE REICH IN THE WEST**



**BUT AS THEY ADVANCED, THEY
FOUND...**

THE HORRORS OF THE HOLOCAUST



Allied troops **liberated** Nazi death camps in western & eastern fronts

SOVIETS WERE FIRST TO FIND **ATROCITIES**,
CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN POLAND

6 MILLION Jews were killed in **mass executions**, **concentration camps**
TO COVER UP THE EVIDENCE, **GERMANS**
CREMATED/BURIED MASS HEAPS OF BODIES

FDR had been **reluctant** to accept
Jewish refugees to America

HE ALLOWED JEWS OF **SPECIAL MERIT**, BUT
DENIED THE **AVERAGE** REFUGEE

FINALLY, LET'S COVER...

THE DEFEAT OF

Germany



THE

YALTA

CONFERENCE



Feb. 1945 - FDR, Churchill, Stalin
Meet at **Yalta** IN the USSR to
discuss **plan for war's end & peace**

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MEETING

#1

After the war, Germany would be divided
into **4 military zones**, **occupied by Allies**

West Germany - **3 zones** (US, UK, France)

East Germany - **1 larger zone** (USSR)

City of **Berlin** - split into **4 military zones**

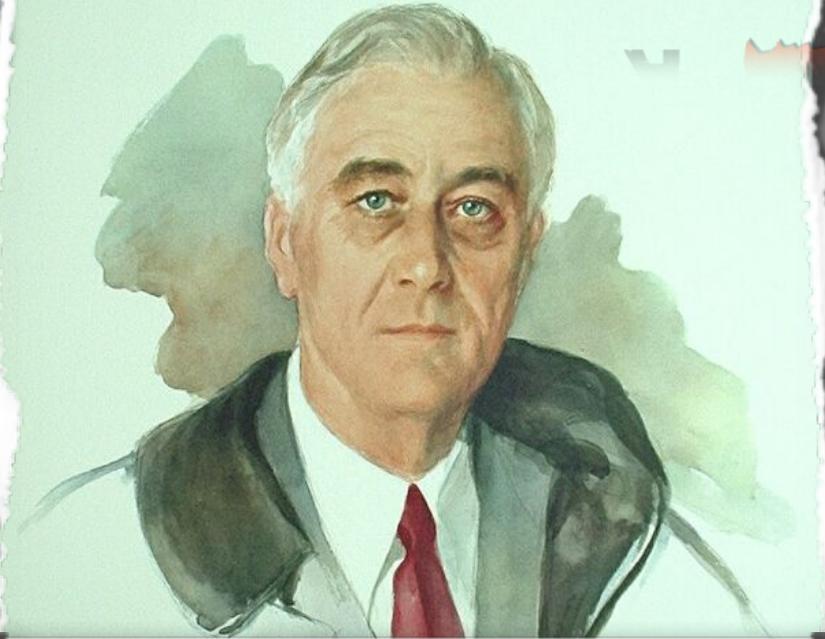
#2

Stalin would allow free, **democratic
elections** IN **Poland & eastern Europe**

#3

Soviets would **declare war on Japan**

A LOSS FOR THE AGES



4/12/45 - FDR unexpectedly dies in Warm Springs, GA

FDR's sudden death was shocking, sank the nation into despair

HE WAS MORE THAN A LEADER, HE WAS A FATHERLY FIGURE AND A FRIEND

Vice President Harry S. Truman was sworn in and became the 33rd POTUS



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Germany SURRENDERS

By APRIL 1945, German resistance was defeated & the Reich was done

4/20/45 - As the Soviets shelled Berlin, Hitler and his top officials committed suicide in his bunker

HITLER'S DEATH CAUSED DESERTIONS & SURRENDERS AMONG NAZI FORCES

5/7/1945 - Germany surrenders unconditionally to the Allies

5/8/45 - "V-E Day" (Victory in Europe) officially ends the war in Europe while the Pacific rages on

