

## Chapter - Day 5

- By 1944 everything was ready, 1.5 million American soldiers, 12,000 airplanes, 5 million tons of equipment. The invasion had to begin at night, low tide, paratroopers dropped behind enemy lines so it had to be a moonlit night and good weather
- June 6, 1944 D-day invasion, 23,000 paratroopers dropped behind enemy lines, Allied warships open a barrage of fire, thousands of shells rained down on beaches code named “Utah, Omaha, Gold, Sword, & Juno”
- The US landing at Utah, GB and Canadian landings at Gold and Sword went well
- US landing at Omaha was met with stiff resistance, Germans had built machine gun nests atop the cliffs overlooking the beach
- 9,000 casualties on D-day, Omaha accounted for one 1/3

### Driving the Japanese Back

- While invasion of France happened, military leaders were developing a strategy to defeat Japan
- Pacific Fleet would island hop getting closer to Japan
- Gen. MacArthur’s troops advance through Solomon Island, New Guinea, and re-take the Philippines
- By 1944 US was dropping tons of bombs on Japanese cities
- MacArthur goes after Philippines in mid-Oct. 1944. Largest naval battle in history— Battle of Leyte Gulf—lasted 3 days 280 warships involved—1<sup>st</sup> use of kamikazes— Japanese fleet withdrew. Land forces continued to fight for 2 months in the end 80,000 Japanese soldiers were dead, less than 1,000 surrendered

### **Section 5 The War Ends**

- FDR thought the best way to end concentration camps was to destroy the Nazi regime
- We had to break out of Normandy, liberate France, and defeat Germany
- Aug, 25, 1944—Allies marching in Paris—3 weeks later American troops within 20 miles of German border

### Battle of the Bulge

- Hitler decides on one last desperate offensive move.
- Dec. 1944, Germans race west to Belgium attacking Allies causing a bulge in the lines
- Germans want the town of Bastogne. Americans get there first. Germans surround town
- Eisenhower ordered Gen. Patton to rescue them. 3 days later Patton slams into the German line
- Americans bomb German fuel depot. German advance halted.
- 3 weeks later US won the battle Germans lost 100,000 men and many tanks and aircraft