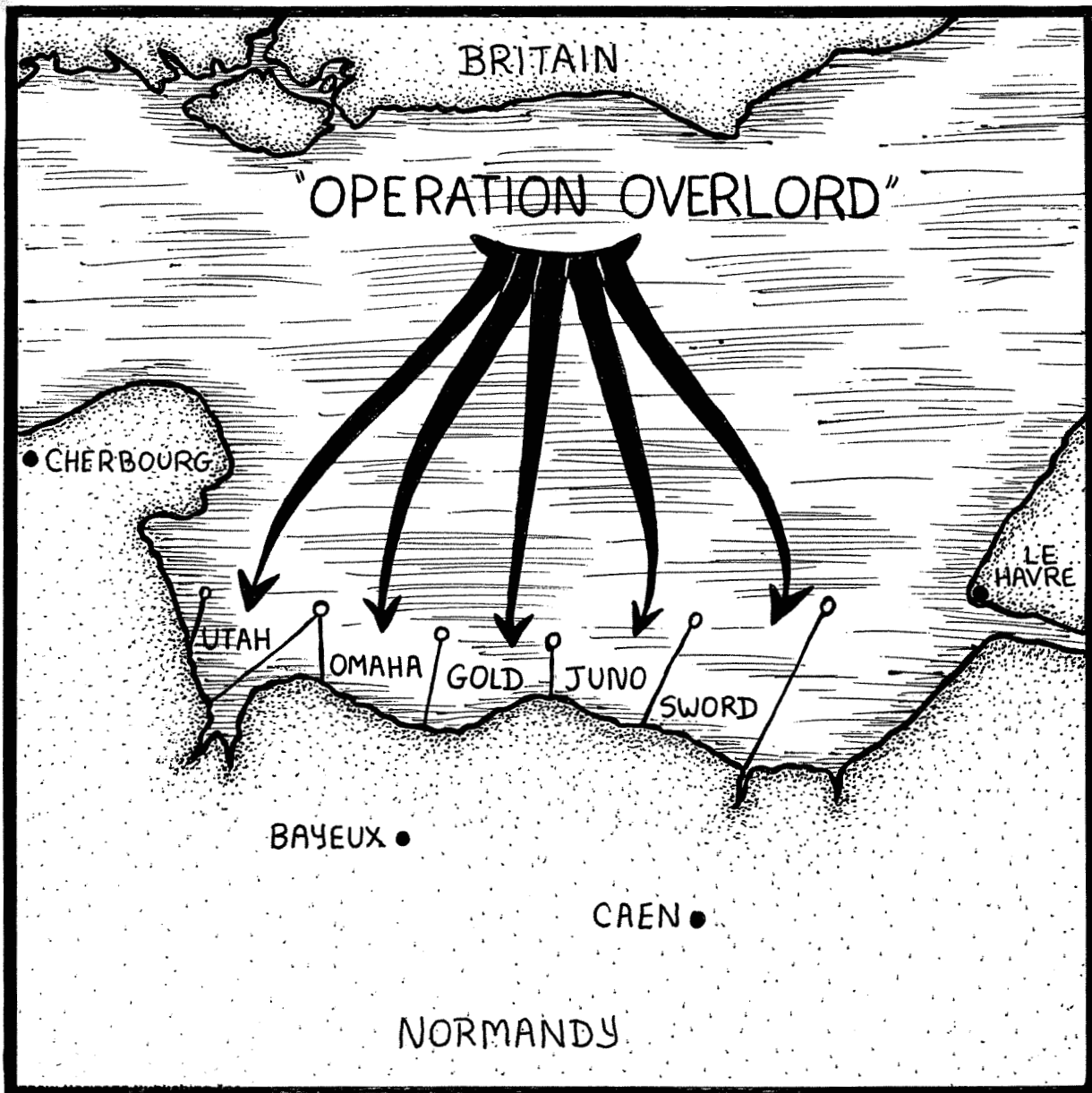


“Day Of Infamy” (Pearl Harbour, December 7, 1941)

D-Day

On June 6, 1944, the Allies launched an invasion into France to begin the long drive toward Germany. The first wave of soldiers landed in rough weather, with the Canadians going ashore at Juno Beach. The British came ashore on beaches named Sword and Gold, while the Americans landed at Utah and Omaha beaches. Fighting was brutal and the Canadians were the only Allied soldiers to reach the goals that had been set for D-Day. Slowly, as more men and equipment landed, a breakout from the beachhead was made. With Canadian, British and American forces attacking on the western front and Russians now attacking in the east, Germany was finally losing the war.



Events Of 1939

- Sept. 1, 1939 Germany invades Poland in "Blitzkrieg" attack.
- Sept. 4, 1939 Britain, France and Canada declare war on Germany.

Events Of 1940

- April 9, 1940 Germany invades Norway and Denmark.
- May 10, 1940 Germany invades Holland and Belgium, driving towards France.
- June 5, 1940 Germany invades France.
- June 10, 1940 Italy joins the war on the side of Germany.
- June 22, 1940 France surrenders.
- July 12, 1940 Battle Of Britain begins.
- Sept. 8, 1940 The "Blitz" begins. Germans try to bomb British into surrendering - lasts 8 months.

Events Of 1941

- April 6, 1941 Germany invades Greece and Yugoslavia.
- June 22, 1941 Germany invades Russia.
- Sept. 4, 1941 Germans begin twenty-eight month siege of Leningrad in northern Russia. (1million starve)
- Nov. 31, 1941 Germans reach to within 20 km of Moscow before being stopped.
- Dec. 7, 1941 Japanese launch surprise attack using carrier planes at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii.
- Dec. 8, 1941 United States enters war.
- Dec. 25, 1941 Canadian troops in Hong Kong surrender to Japanese.

Events Of 1942

- Feb. 15, 1942 Singapore captured by Japanese.
- April 9, 1942 Philippine Islands fall to Japanese.
- June 6, 1942 Japanese carriers destroyed at Battle of Midway. Turning point in the Pacific.
- Aug. 19, 1942 Dieppe raid. (906 killed, 1874 captured)
- Oct. 23, 1942 British win Battle Of El Alamein. Germans in Africa begin to retreat.

Nov. 1, 1942 Germans reach Stalingrad in southern Russia.

Dec. 23, 1942 Americans attack Pacific island of Guadalcanal.

Events Of 1943

- Feb. 2, 1943 German Sixth Army surrounded at Stalingrad. (300,000 killed or captured)
- April 19, 1943 Warsaw Ghetto uprising as Polish Jews rise up against German army.
- May 13, 1943 German forces in Africa surrender.
- July 3, 1943 Germans attack at Kursk in Russia. This becomes the largest tank battle in history. Russians beat back attack.
- July 4, 1943 Canadian troops participate in invasion of Sicily.
- Sept. 9, 1943 Canadian troops participate in invasion of Italy.
- Dec. 1, 1943 Soviet winter offensive begins as Germans begin to retreat from Russia.

Events of 1944

- Feb. 5, 1944 Russians driving toward Germany.
- March 5, 1944 American forces retake Phillipines.
- June 6, 1944 Normandy invasion (D-Day) begins as Allied soldiers land in Northern France.
- July 20, 1944 German generals fail in an assassination plot against Hitler.
- Aug. 18, 1944 Allied forces cross Rhine River into Germany.
- Dec. 16, 1944 Germans launch Battle Of The Bulge in a last ditch effort to win the war. It fails.

Events Of 1945

- April 30, 1945 Hitler commits suicide in his bunker in Berlin
- May 8, 1945 Germany surrenders. (VE Day)
- Aug. 6, 1945 Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima. 70,000 dead.
- Aug. 9, 1945 Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki. 28,000 dead.
- Aug. 15, 1945 Japan surrenders and war is over.