

The situation in 1942...



German soldier in Soviet Union, summer 1941

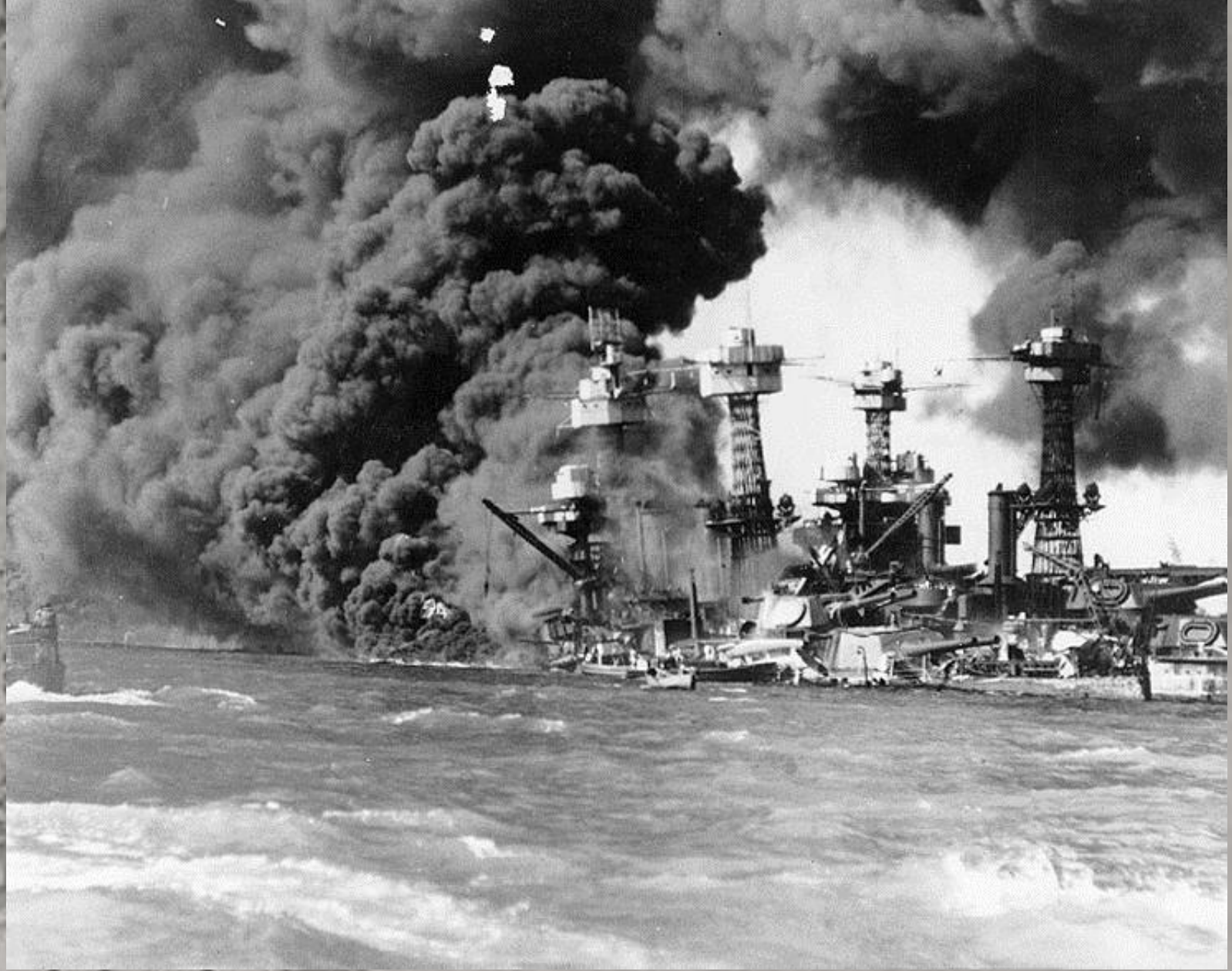


Soviet prisoners of war, 1941

German soldiers in Soviet Union, autumn 1941

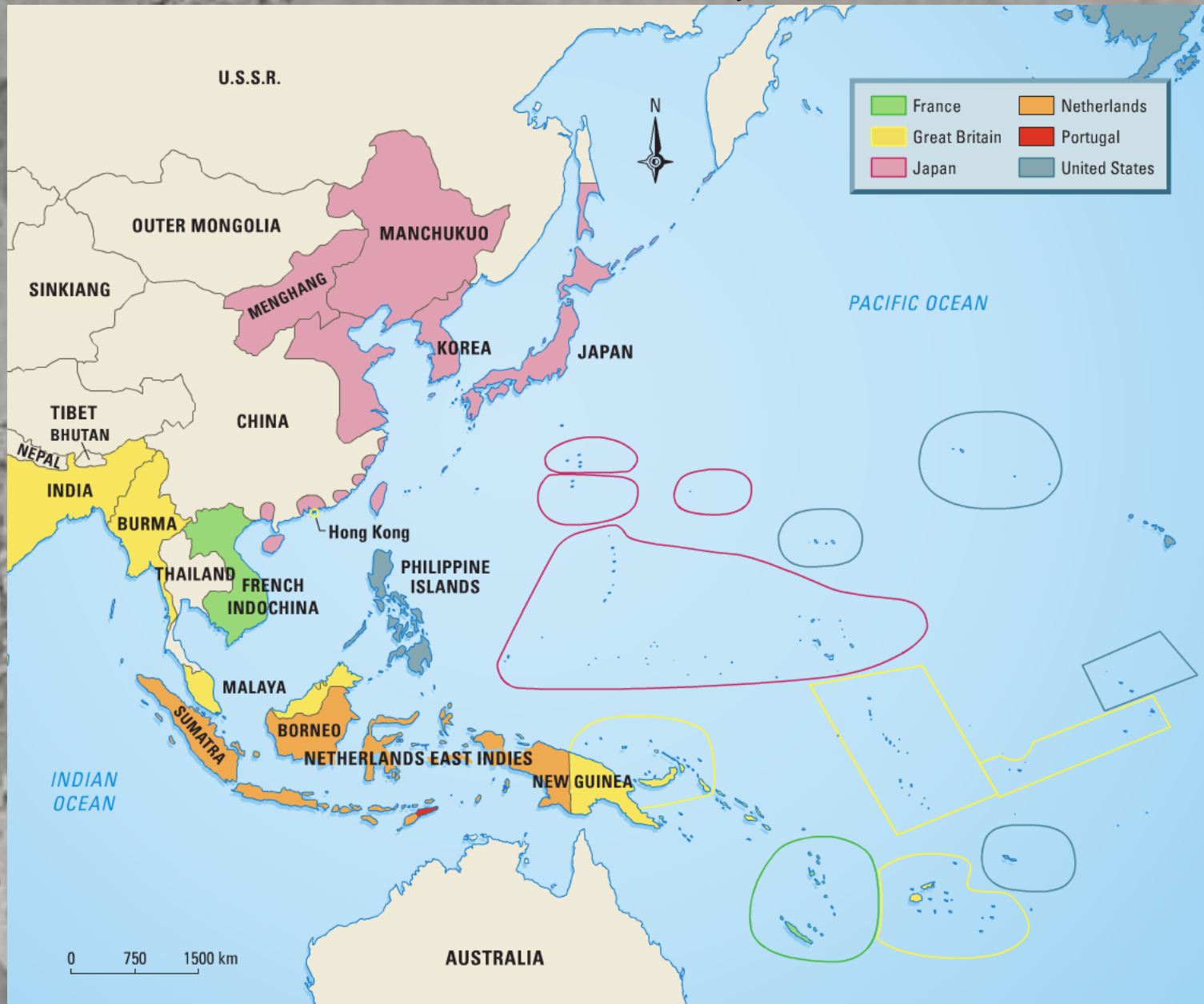






Meanwhile, in the Pacific...

The Pacific, 1939



The Battle of Hong Kong, December 1941

- 1400 Canadian soldiers killed or captured



Japanese Empire, 1942



In the first three years of the war, things could not have gone much better for the Axis Powers.

Put differently, things could not have gone much **WORSE** for the Allies.

So what changed?

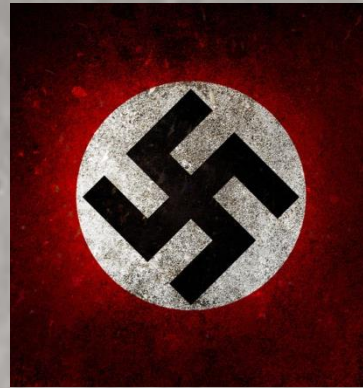


Who were the Axis Powers?

Italy



Germany



Japan



But also:

Finland

Slovakia

Yugoslavia

Romania

Bulgaria

Hungary

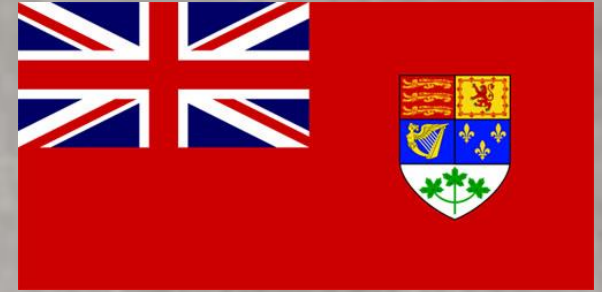


Who were the Allies?

Britain



And many, many
more including
Canada



United States



One of these
things is not
like the other...

Soviet Union





Churchill: “If Hitler invaded hell, I would at least make a favourable reference to the devil.”

Major Turning Points



Battle of Stalingrad

August 1942-February 1943





- **Over 1.6 million Soviet casualties**
- **This includes over 1 million soldiers killed and around 40,000 civilians killed**

**Average life expectancy for a Soviet
soldier at the Battle of Stalingrad...**

Any guesses?

24 hours!!!



- 850,000 German casualties
- Out of 90,000 German POWs, less than 6,000 ever made it back to Germany



Stalingrad really marks the beginning of the end for the Axis Powers in Eastern Europe





ENEMY AT THE GATES

August 1942-February 1943(!)



Battle of Guadalcanal

Where is Guadalcanal?



Guadalcanal ended Japanese expansion in the Pacific.



- It was another “beginning of the end” that took two-and-a-half years

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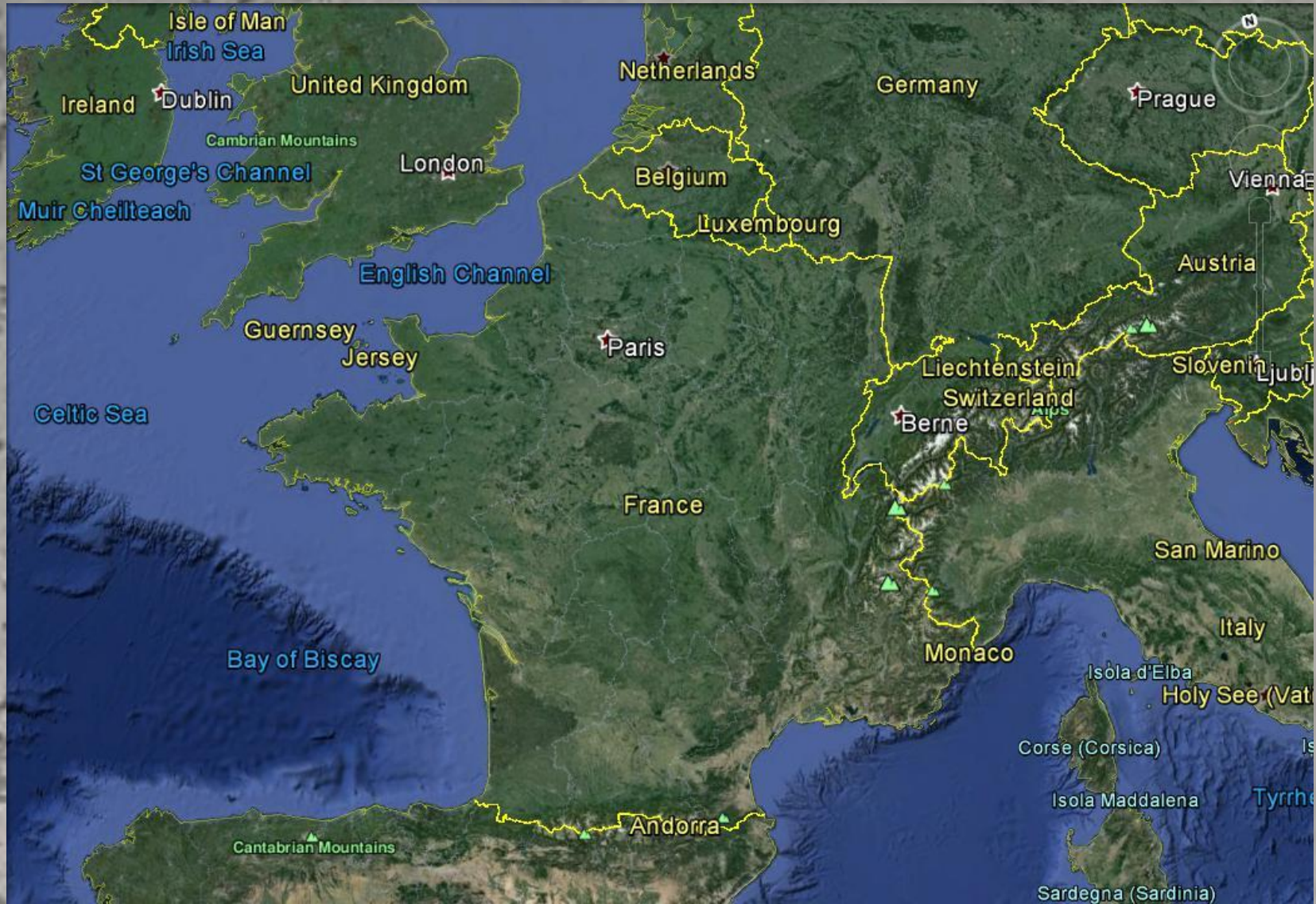


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6 June 1944: D-Day



Where to attack?





The Criteria

1. The enemy must remain ignorant of the proposed landing site
2. The enemy must be prevented from bringing up reinforcements quickly once the allies landed
3. Complete Allied air and naval superiority in the English Channel
4. Local defences must largely be destroyed by air and sea bombardment



Operation “Overlord”

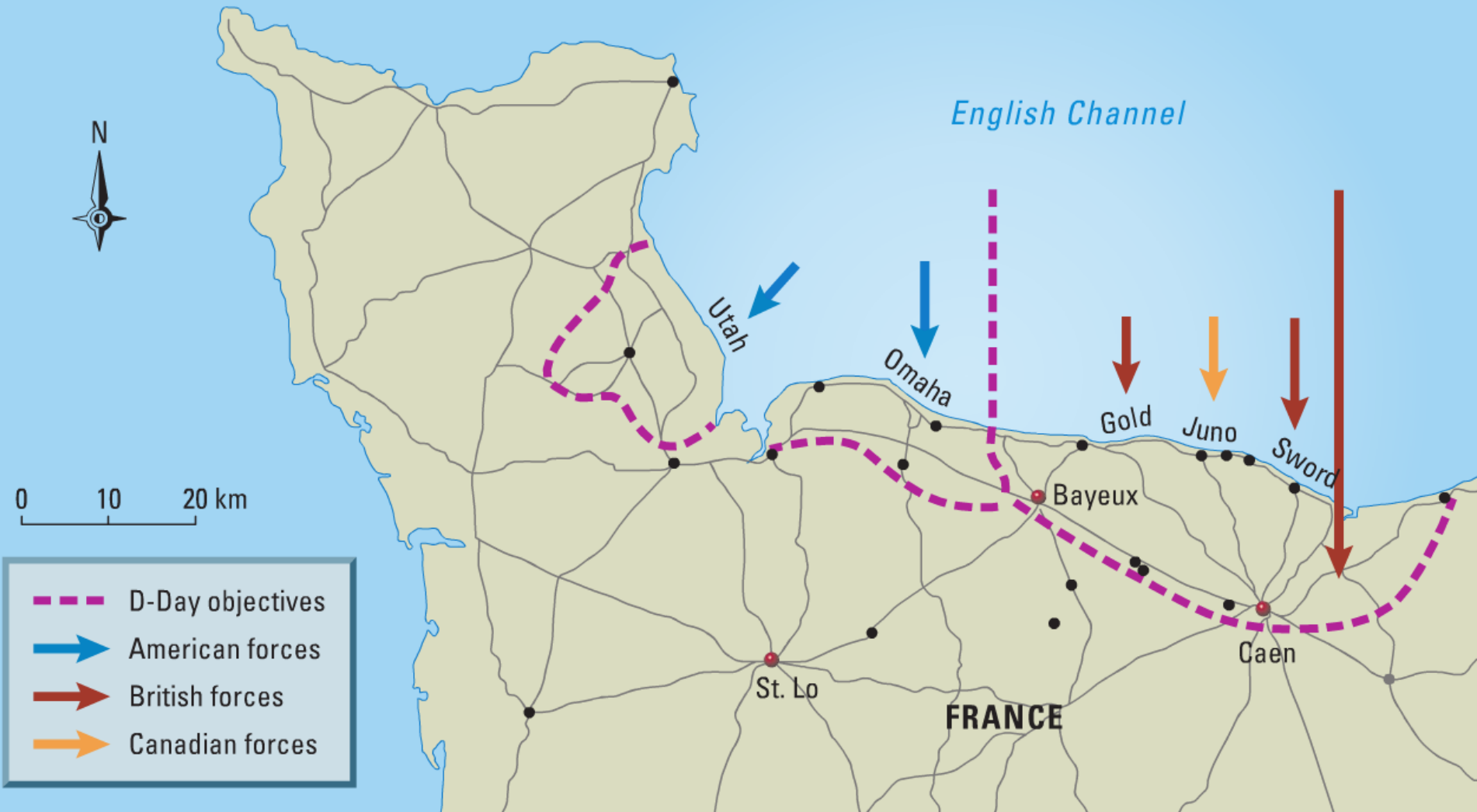


There would be five sectors that would be attacked:

1. Utah – American
2. Omaha – American
3. Gold – British
4. Juno – Canadian
5. Sword – British



The Beaches of Normandy





The Canadians on D-Day

- Of the nearly 150,000 Allied troops who landed or parachuted into the invasion area, 14,000 were Canadians
- The Royal Canadian Navy contributed 110 ships and 10,000 sailors in support of the landings while the R.C.A.F. had helped prepare the invasion by bombing targets inland
- Canadians suffered 1074 casualties, including 359 killed.



D-Day marked the beginning of the end for the Axis Powers in Western Europe





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