

53.3 D-Day, the Humanity

Greetings Patriots, this is Perry Greene with GNA. We are continuing our thoughts on D-Day with today's podcast, "*D-Day, the Humanity*." We must never forget D-Day is about people, the people who sacrificed and the people whom they freed.

Normandy Beach, France, is one of those places I wanted to see once I heard about it. This week, we mentioned that June 6, 1944, was a significant date for America and its allies in WWII. D-Day is the day that thousands of allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy to push back against the German occupation of France. Less than a year later, on May 8, 1945, the allies accepted Germany's unconditional surrender.

Allied military leaders knew that casualties might be staggeringly high in planning the D-Day attack. Still, it was a cost they were willing to pay to establish an infantry stronghold in France. Days before the invasion, a top strategist told General Dwight D. Eisenhower that paratrooper casualties alone could be as high as 75 percent. Nevertheless, he ordered the attack. Of the 4,414 Allied deaths on June 6th, 2,501 were Americans, and 1,913 were our Allies.¹

I can only imagine what fear those young men felt as they boarded the landing crafts and headed to shore. The first wave of incoming soldiers was devastated as the landing craft doors dropped, and the men stepped out onto the beach. These men faced almost certain death. Yet they attacked and eventually compromised the pillboxes so that the subsequent waves of incoming troops could come unabated.

Two of my dad's brothers were in the artillery and came ashore after the infantry secured the beach at Normandy. I have tried to see the site as Thomas and Henry had. That beach must have been a bloody mess. My uncles must have seen the bodies of foot soldiers they knew stacked on the beach as they came ashore.

I also imagined my uncles listening to General Eisenhower's D-Day orders before the invasion. Listen to the words my uncles and their buddies heard and imagine how you would have felt. Then, stop and think about their mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers who were at home hearing about what they were living.

Here are General Eisenhower's words:

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force!

You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hope and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped, and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944! Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41. The United Nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. Our air offensive has seriously

¹ Roos, David. "How Many Were Killed on D-Day?" *History*, A&E Television Networks, LLC., 5 June 2019, www.history.com/news/d-day-casualties-deaths-allies.

reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to Victory!

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full Victory!

Good luck! And let us beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.²

Did you hear the General's positive outlook? He knew the work was hard, but he believed in his troops and God. He called their invasion a "Great Crusade" and pointed to the "Liberty-loving people everywhere" who would be praying on their behalf.

There is a point when tyranny, in all its forms, must be defeated at all costs. Leaders relinquish respect and submission from citizens when they cease being proper governors and become tyrants. We are seeing a rise of the oppressive today on the national, state, and local levels. Tyrants, just like Hitler, must be defeated, and it is up to "we the people" to make it happen.

The immediate question is, "How can we make it happen?" We must wake up to the realities we face and engage in the spiritual war that demands spiritual soldiers and weapons. We must question authorities and solicit a return to the foundational principles of our country.

We do not have to tolerate the immoral behaviors of our day. We can find Christians willing to run for office and restore a semblance of order to the land. We can overturn school boards and city councils to reestablish educational and civic standards.

Jesus reminds us in **Luke 19:13** (NKJV) to, '*Do business till I come.*' Our business is to advance the kingdom and will of God on earth as in heaven, and we cannot do that if we do not engage the enemy.

D-Day would have failed if the Allied troops had stayed on the ships, but they could not because they were committed to the cause of freedom and the defeat of tyranny. When the cause matters, we are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to accomplish the goal.

I want to encourage us to be informed and involved in our modern spiritual conflict. By all means, pray, but don't stop with prayer. Activate and show your support for God's unalienable life, liberty, and property gifts. These gifts or rights are not transferrable. God gives these gifts to us and expects us to protect them as good stewards.

Keep The Light of *Actively Engaging the Enemy* Burning!

² "General Dwight D. Eisenhower's Order of the Day (1944)." *Milestone Documents*, National Archives, 8 Feb. 2022, www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/general-eisenhowers-order-of-the-day.