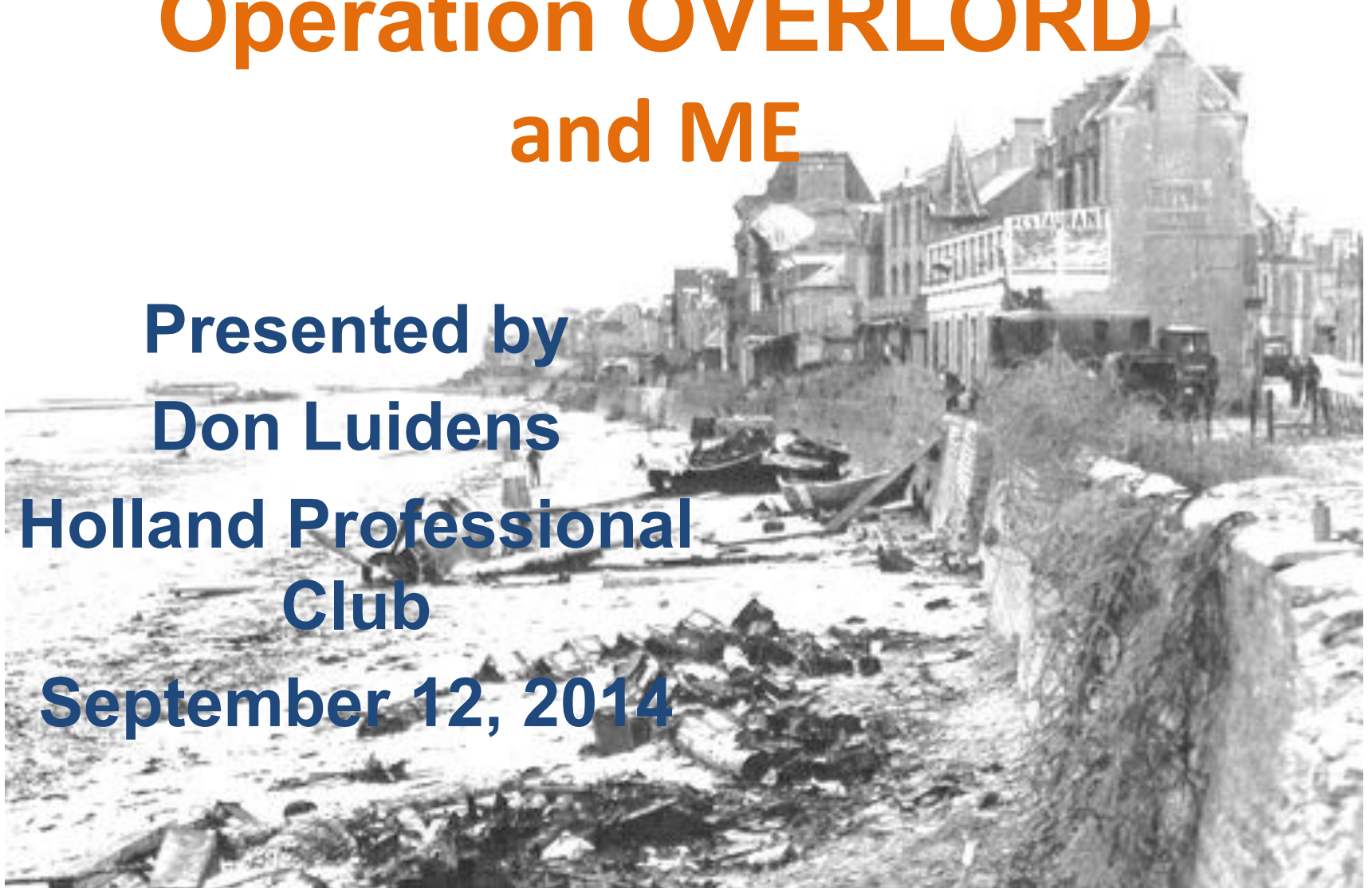


Operation OVERLORD and ME

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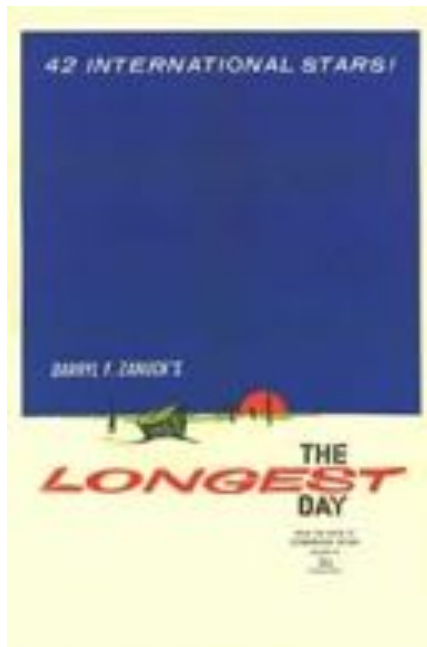
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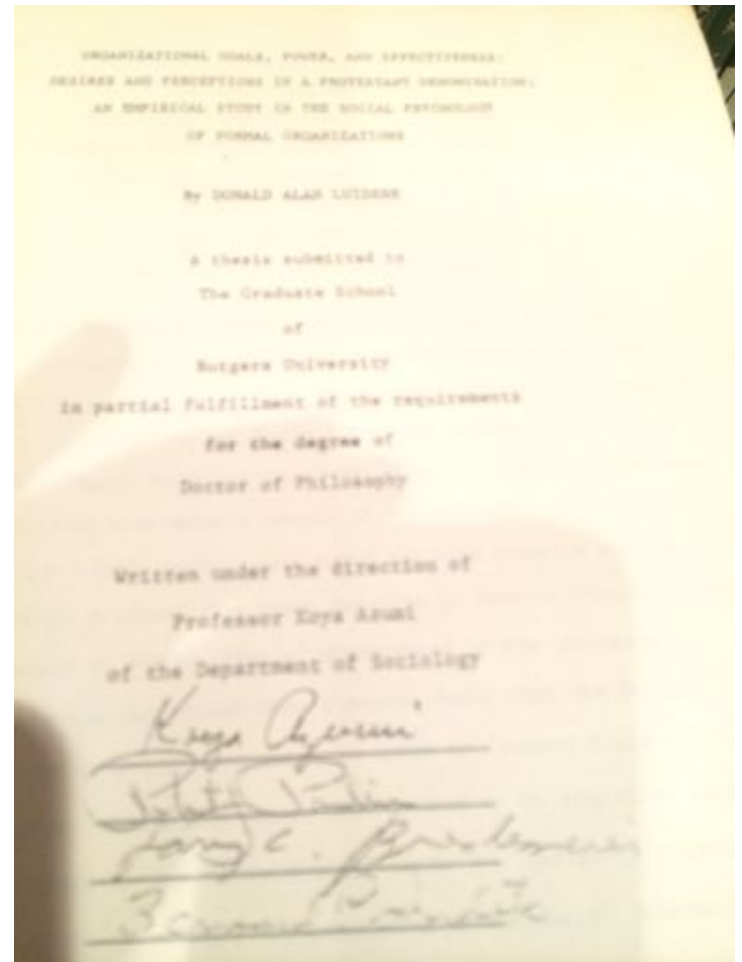


Friendly question:

- Why should an anti-war dude like me have such a fascination with World War II in general and with D-Day in particular?



DAL Dissertation next to Josephus!



I: Scale of Operation Overlord

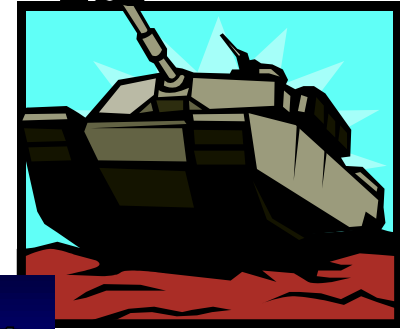
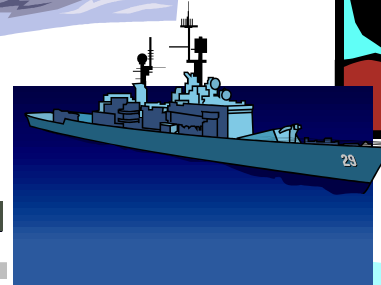
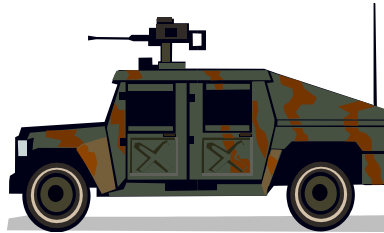
- My fascination with the sheer scale of *Operation Overlord* which subsumed
- *Operation Neptune*, the naval support;
- *Operation Transportation*, the air cover;
- *Operation Fortitude*, the covert manipulation of misinformation which centered on Calais and Norway)

Steven Ambrose

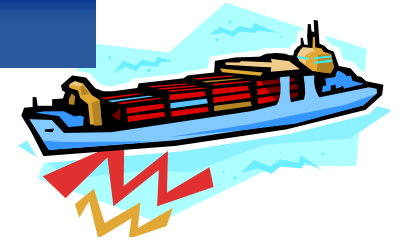
- 175,000 troops



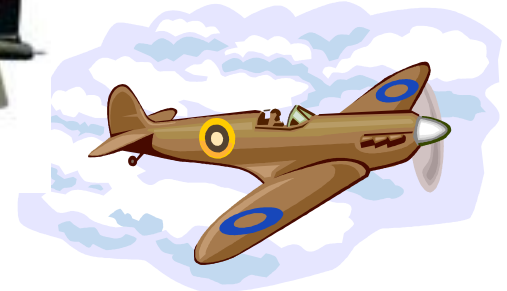
- 50,000 vehicles



- 5,333 ships



- 11,000 airplanes



From Stephen Ambrose's *D-Day*

- “It was as if the cities of Green Bay, Racine, and Kenosha, Wisconsin were picked up and moved – every man, woman and child, every automobile and truck – to the east side of Lake Michigan, in one night.” (1995: p. 25)





Operation Fortitude: Phase I



Dover to Calais

“First US Army Group” (FUSAG)

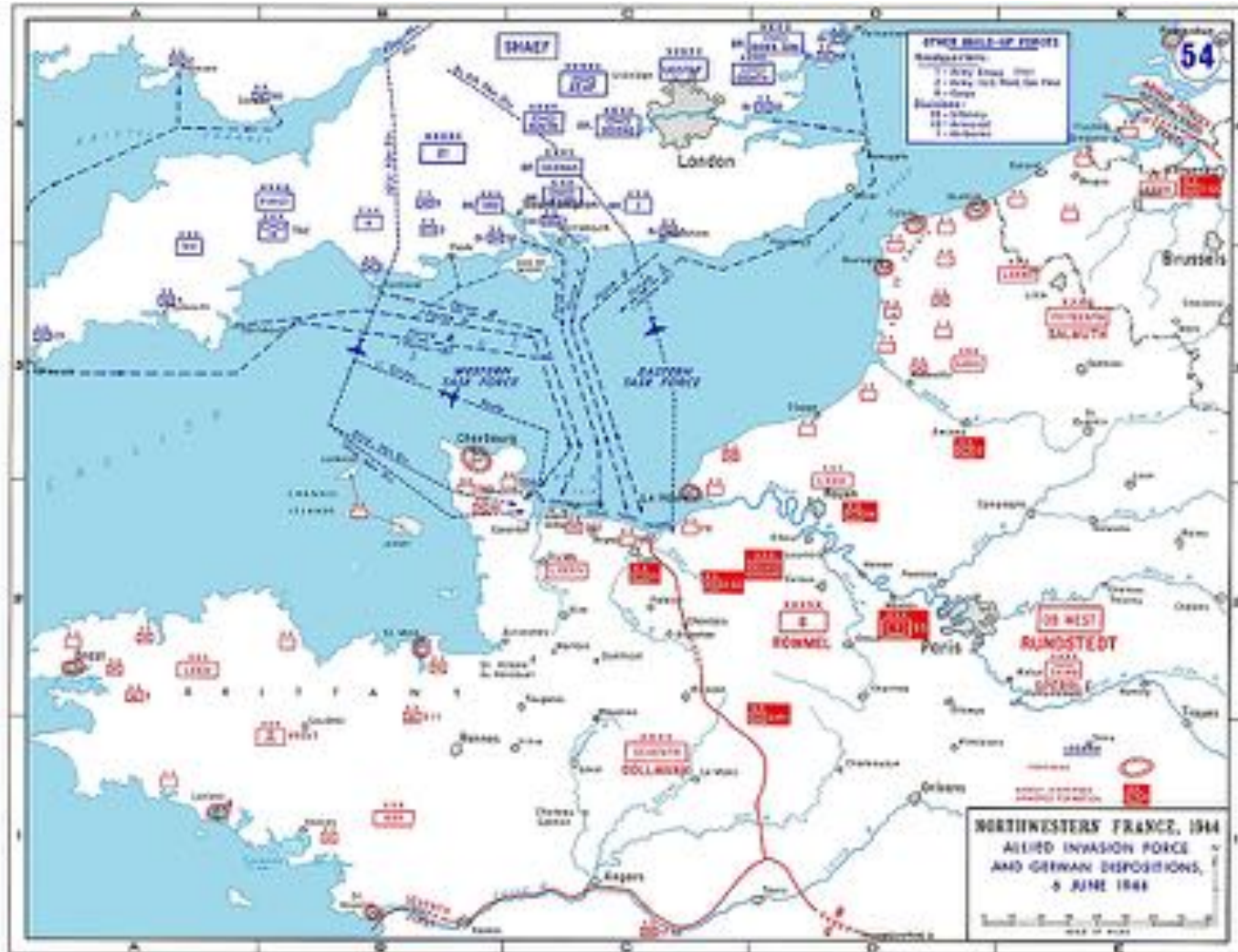


Operation Fortitude: Phase II

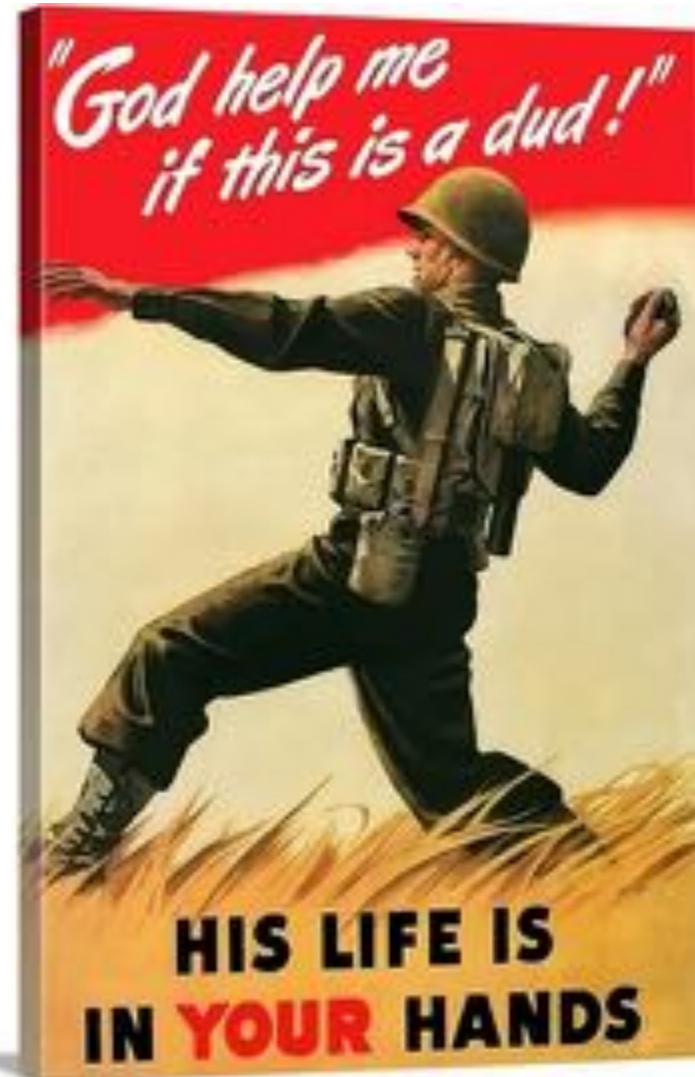


Norway as co-target

175,000 men on D-Day;
2 million more through Normandy



II: Crusade against Fascism



Eisenhower Addresses Troops

- <http://www.history.com/speeches/eisenhower-broadcasts-d-day-invasion-order#eisenhower-broadcasts-d-day-invasion-order>

Eisenhower Broadcasts D-Day Invasion Order and related media



III: Heroes Abound

12:01 AM

June 6, 1944

British

Paratroopers Hit

Pegasus Bridge



Pegasus Bridge



82nd and 101st Hit

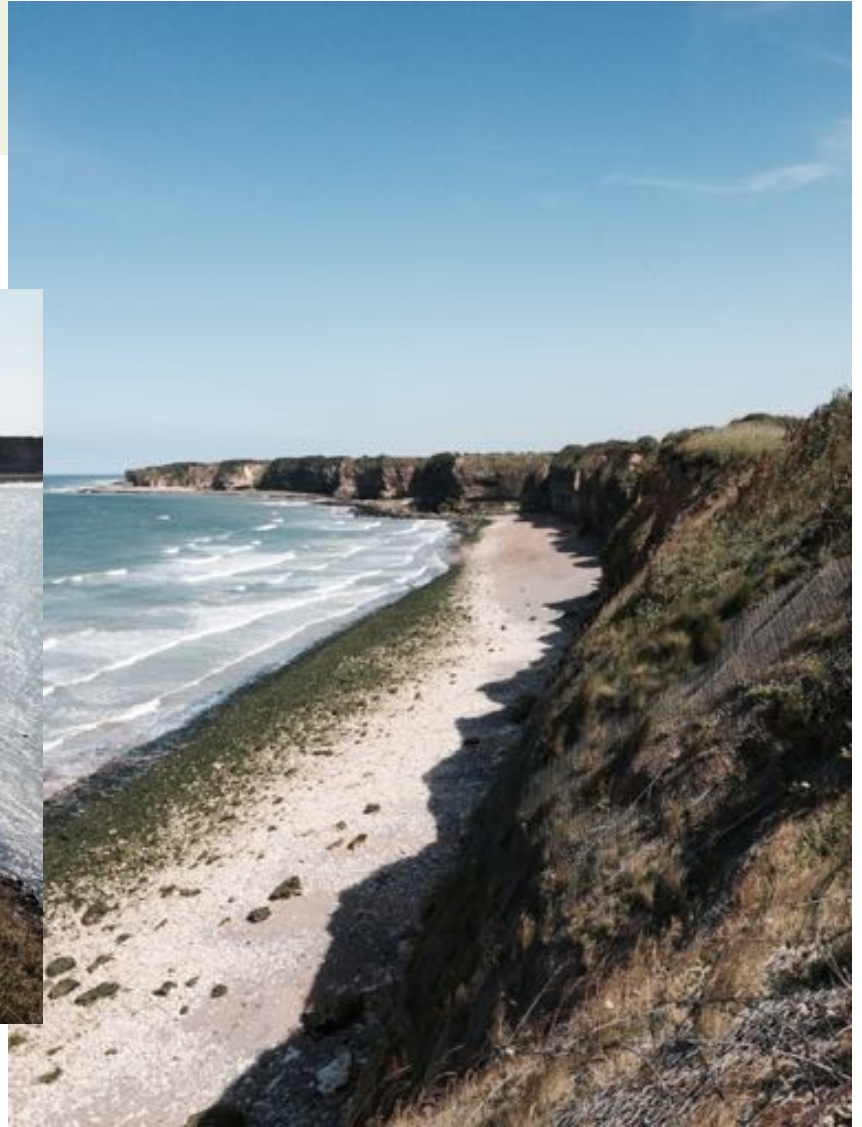
St. Mere Eglise & St. Marie Du Mont



St. Mere Eglise today with memorial



Omaha Crescent Beaches



Look-out and 88-Mortar Bunkers overlooking Omaha Beach



Omaha Beach D-Day



Omaha Beach on D-Day Plus One

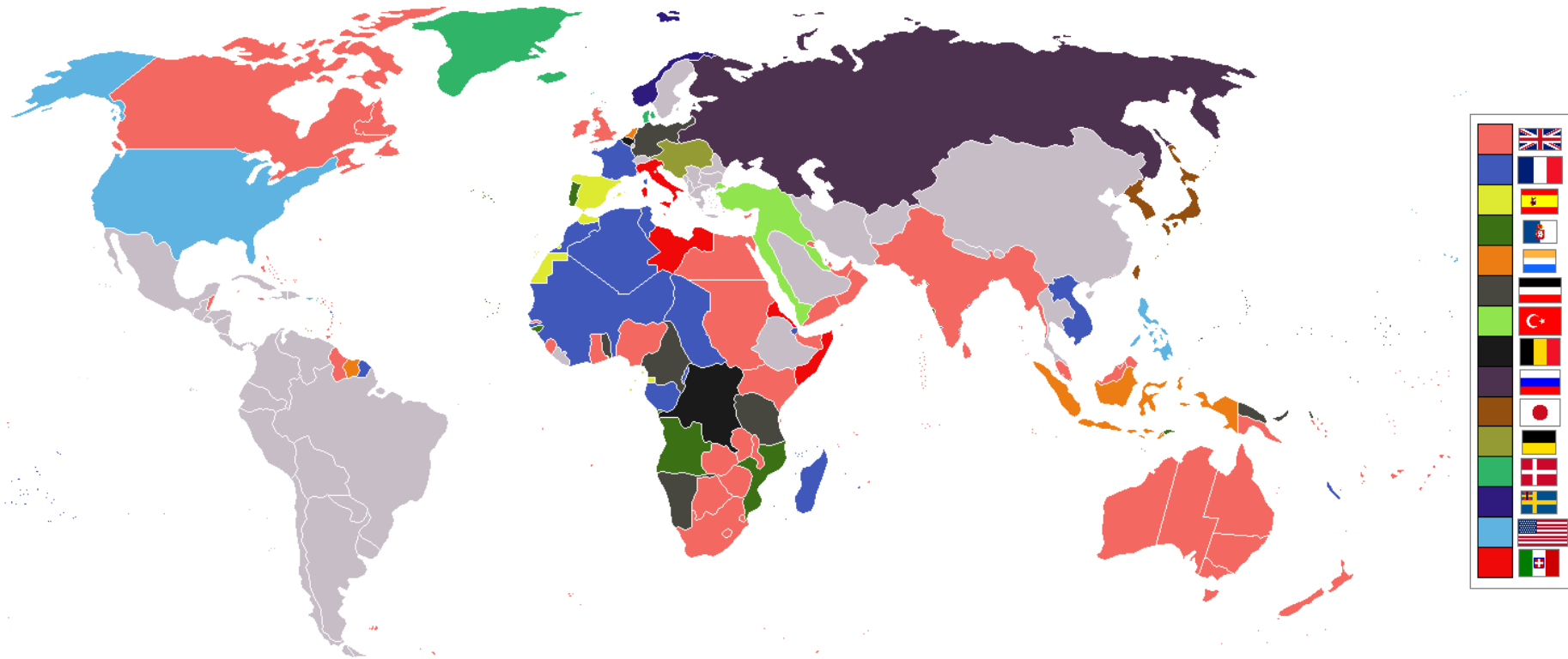


Flooded Fields, Hedgerows, Artillery Await



IV: The Legacy of WW II/D-Day

- Colonial World on the Eve of World War II



Post World War II Map



US Hegemony



Modern *Commedia dell'Arte*





Bailey Bridges and African American Troops



What Else?



9,000 Heroes Lie in Coleville Cemetery

