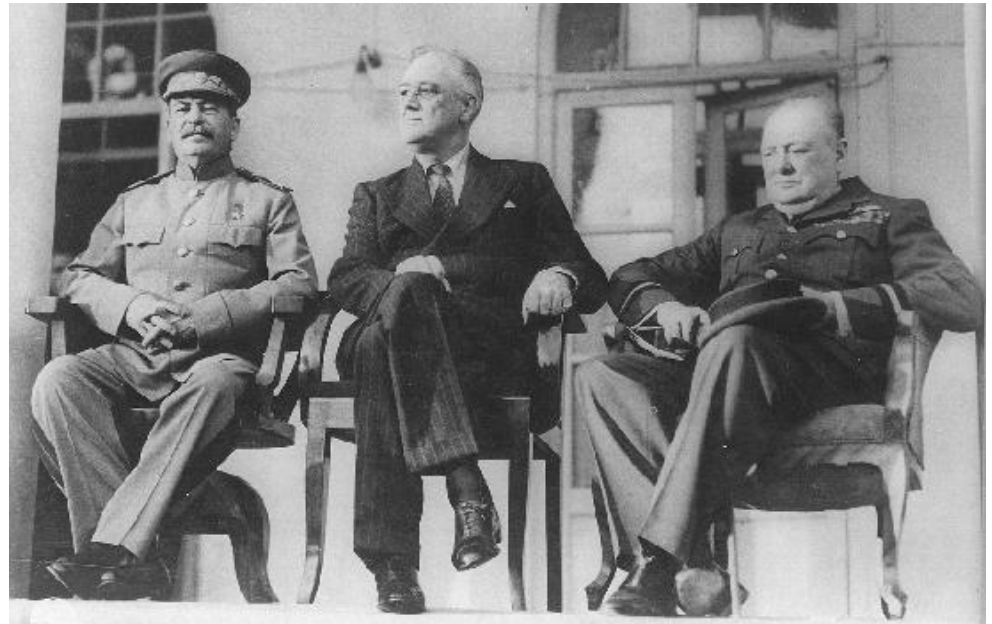


WWII: THE COURSE OF WAR IN EUROPE

THE ALLIES RESPOND

ALLIES WAR PLANS

- GER defeat = top priority
- Stalin desperate for help
- “The Big Three” = Churchill (GB), Roosevelt (US), Stalin (USSR)
 - ▣ GB, USSR decide to focus on GER first
 - ▣ After GER defeated, USSR, GB can help U.S. against Japan



BATTLE OF STALINGRAD

- Aug 1942: GER takes the Russian city of Stalingrad, then...winter comes
 - USSR uses “scorched earth” strategy (burning everything so GER army can’t use it as they invade)
 - Severe urban warfare (house-to-house fighting); not good for GER tanks
 - Cuts off GER supplies; GER soldiers freeze, starve
- Both sides order soldiers not to surrender
- Jan 1943: GER finally surrenders
 - GER = 300,000 lost
 - USSR = 1.1 million lost
- MAJOR turning point for Allies!



Discuss the meaning of the cartoon

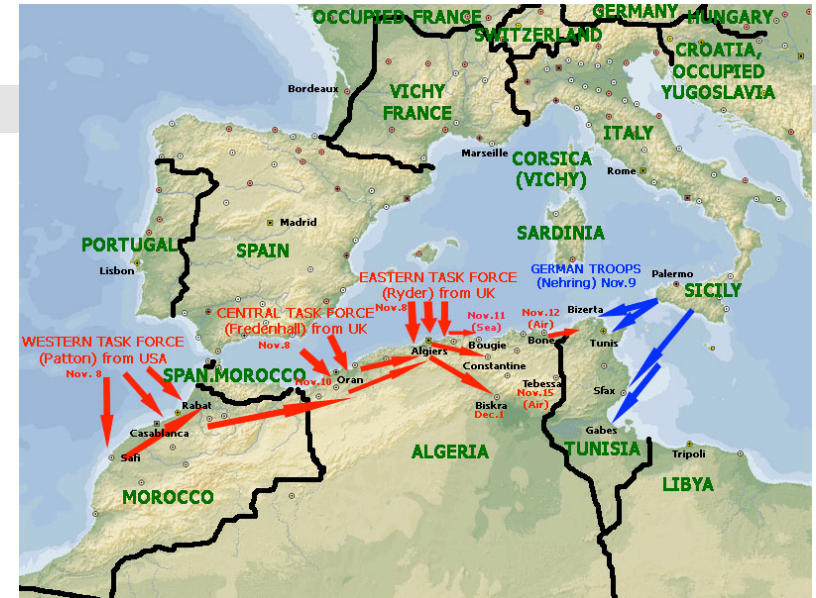
A RUSSIAN LANDSCAPE



Hungerford in The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

NORTH AFRICA & ITALY

- GER & IT control North Africa
 - Under Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allies attack GER forces
 - May 1943: GER surrenders
- After Africa, Allies focus on Italy
 - Called “the soft, underbelly of the Axis”
- Summer 1943: Italy surrenders
 - Italy’s king takes Mussolini out of power
 - Hitler takes over Italy and puts Mussolini back in charge
- “Bloody Anzio” = Invasion of Rome
 - Battle lasts 4 mo.
 - Allies: 25,000 dead
 - Axis: 30,000 dead

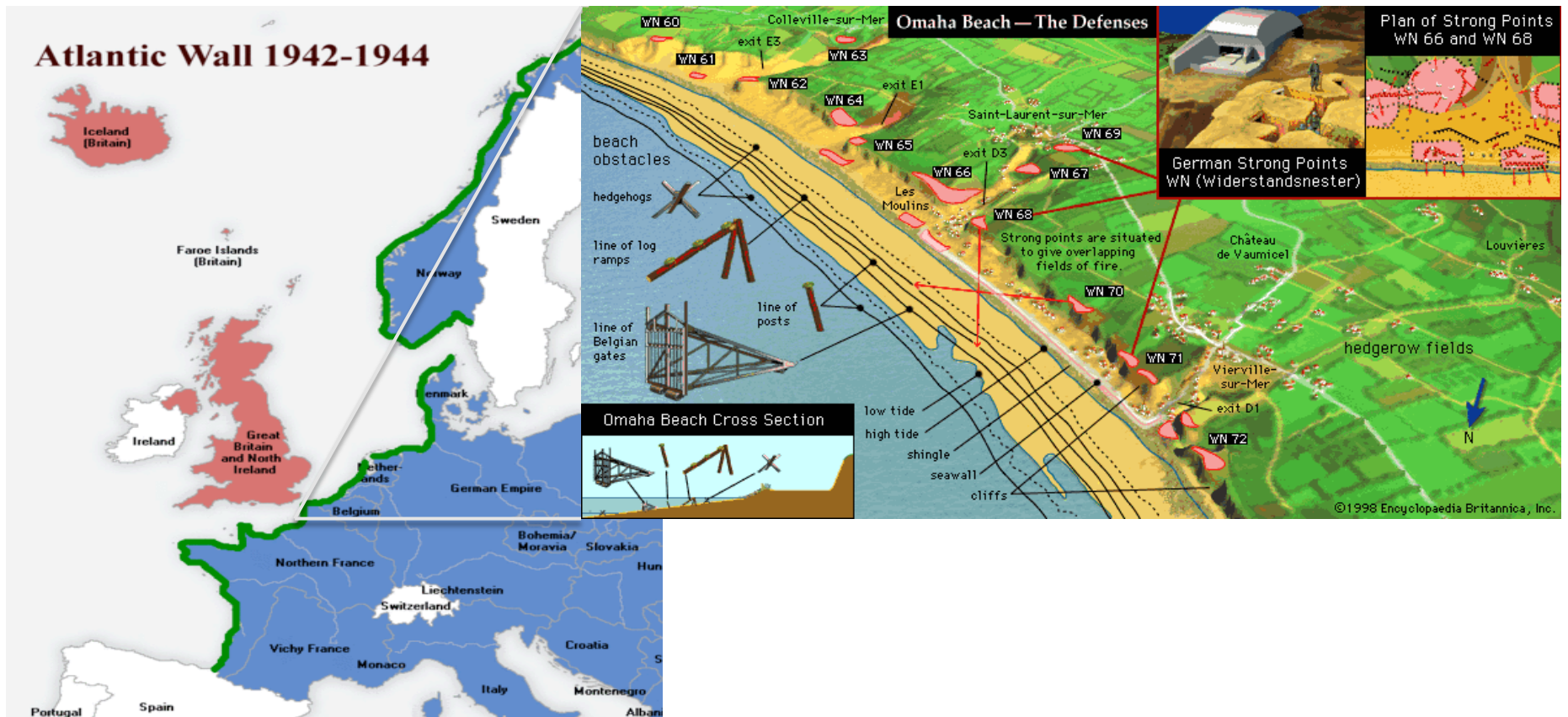


D-DAY

- US, GB plan invasion for 2 yrs
 - Build up 3 million troops to attack GER-controlled FR
- June 6, 1944: paratroopers dropped behind enemy lines
 - GB, US, CAN forces attack France's beaches
- Largest land-sea-air operation in history
 - 156,000 troops
 - 600 warships
 - 11,000 planes
 - 4,000 landing craft



Why did the Allies need such a large invasion force to take France back from Germany? Look at the below pictures for a hint.



D-DAY (CONT)

- US deaths: 2,500
- 95% of Allied casualties happened in first 5 min.
- Sept 1944: Allies free FR, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands



Watch the Video as a Group 😊

<http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/d-day>

BATTLE OF THE BULGE

- ❑ Dec. 1944: GER breaks through Allies in Ardennes Forest (French border)
- ❑ At first, GER successful
- ❑ Jan 1945: Allies push GER back
 - ❑ Last major GER offensive
- ❑ Deaths
 - ❑ US = 19,000 (deadliest battle for US)
 - ❑ GER = 15,600



Keeping in mind the dates of the below battles, where do you think the Allies are heading? Explain your answer.

