



WWII – OPERATION OVERLORD

[Operation Overlord](#) was the codename for the Battle of Normandy, the Allied operation that launched the successful invasion of German-occupied Western Europe during World War II. The operation was launched on 6 June 1944 with the Normandy landings (Operation Neptune, commonly known as [D-Day](#)). A 1,200-plane airborne assault preceded an amphibious assault involving more than 5,000 vessels. Nearly 160,000 troops crossed the English Channel on 6 June, and more than two million Allied troops were in France by the end of August. Several movies and TV series portray the events of D-Day, including the HBO Series [Band of Brothers](#) and the movies [Saving Private Ryan](#) and [The Longest Day](#).