

The Miracle of D- Day
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“This was the Lord’s doing and it is marvellous in our eyes.” Gen. Bernard Montgomery.

June 6, 1944 – “the longest Day,” was certainly one of the most decisive dates of world history. On that day over 250,000 soldiers crossed the English Channel for their Crusade in Europe. It was the greatest combined assault in human history, with 6,939 ships and landing craft supported by over 11,000 aircraft.

The stakes were colossal. If the Allied invasion had been unsuccessful, like another Dieppe, we would not be here today to tell about it. At that point the Germans were closer than the Allies to perfecting the atomic bomb.

Yet the behind the scenes story is even more remarkable and offers convincing evidence for the part played by the unseen hand of Almighty God. D-Day was originally scheduled for June 5, not June 6. But the German commanders were advised by their meteorological experts that there could be no invasion on June 5 or 6 because of continuous stormy weather.

That is why D-Day forces landing during a brief break in the weather found so many German troops unprepared. This was the miracle of D-Day. Even General Rommel, in charge of the Normandy defences, was home for his wife’s birthday on June 6. The odds were 50 – 1 against moon, tide and wind being just right after the stormy weather that was raging.

But something important was taking place that made all the difference. Thousands of people in England and across North America were praying, and prayers were answered. How? The Allied meteorological staff predicted that by the morning of June 6 there would be a period of relatively good weather previously completely unexpected.

And so, in spite of the best efforts of man, the D-Day battle, like so many in history, lay at the mercy of the weather and the weather is under the control of Almighty God.

General Sir Frederick Morgan wrote confirming the weather factor: “there comes a point in so many of our plans when we pray for a miracle and miracles still happen. There was Dunkirk with its thick fog and calm sea. Who planned that?”

General D Eisenhower said, “That clear break in the terrible weather, allowing the great invasion to proceed, with losses far below those anticipated, proved to me the intervention of an Almighty and merciful God.” Sadly, of the 21,400 Canadians involved, 359 paid the ultimate sacrifice. But without the miracle involving the weather, it is estimated the losses would have been much higher.

Today, we must not break faith with those who died, because another war is being fought. A war between good and evil, truth and falsehood, heaven and hell. A war, seeking to wreck the character of our youth, destroy the sanctity of marriage and the family and leave us facing a hopeless future. You and I cannot stand idly by; we must take sides!

*“Judge of the nation’s spare us yet, lest we forget, lest we forget”
Rudyard. Kipling.*