Airborne & Special Operations Museum

World War II Gallery Scavenger Hunt

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5. Identify the axis powers.

6. The 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion began Operation TORCH with a jump in to which African country?

7. What factors contributed to the failure of Operation HUSKY?

8. Name two reforms that resulted from the campaign in Sicily.

9. In what areas where the soldiers of the 1st Special Service Force trained?

10. What was the mission of the Jedburghs?

11. Which beaches did the U.S. Army take on D-Day? When was D-Day?
12. Where did PVT John Steele land on D-Day?

13. Why was it necessary for the 101st Airborne Division to seize Carentan?

14. How did the hedgerow cause problems for the Allied soldiers in Normandy?

15. Why was Operation DRAGOON delayed?

16. What was the largest single parachute and glider operation of the war? How many troops were scheduled to land?

17. Identify the location of “a bridge too far.”

18. List three obstacles faced by soldiers fighting in the Battle of the Bulge.

19. According to Franklin D. Roosevelt, when was the “date which will live in infamy?” What happened on this day?

20. What Philippine prison camp did 11th Airborne Division troopers seize on February 23, 1945?

21. How many Japanese soldiers did the men of the 503rd Regimental Combat Team estimate to be defending “the Rock?” What was the actual count?

22. Identify three factors that made war in the China-Burma-India Theater difficult.

23. During Operation VARSITY, how many gliders landed in Germany in about an hour?

24. How much hazardous duty pay did glider riders receive for D-Day?

25. What was significant about the soldiers of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion?
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1. Name two countries whose success developing parachute operations in the 1930s spurred the U.S. to create its own airborne program.
   Germany and the Soviet Union
   “From Test Platoon to Airborne Command”

2. Who designed the “jump wings” worn by U.S. Army airborne soldiers?
   CPT William P. Yarborough
   “Test Platoon to Airborne Command, 1940-1944”

3. How much money did paratroopers receive as hazardous duty pay?
   $50/month
   “The 501st Parachute Infantry Battalion”

4. Translate the German term “Blitzkrieg.”
   Lightning war
   “The World Turned Upside Down”

5. Identify the axis powers.
   Japan, Germany, and Italy
   “Major World War II Missions”

6. The 509th Parachute Infantry began Operation TORCH with a jump in to which African country?
   Algeria
   “North Africa – Operation TORCH” and “North Africa”

7. What factors contributed to the failure of Operation HUSKY?
   High winds, poor navigation, and friendly antiaircraft fire
   “Airborne Operations in Sicily”

8. Name two reforms that resulted from the campaign in Sicily.
   Deploying pathfinders to mark drop zones, improving Allied airborne planning, and improvements in flight crew training, and communications equipment
   “Sicily, 1943”

9. In what areas where the soldiers of the 1st Special Service Force trained?
10. What was the mission of the Jedburghs?
   To parachute in to France, keep radio communications between the French Resistance and Allied Headquarters, coordinate partisan operations, arrange delivery of supplies, and help partisans conduct guerilla warfare
   “Special Operations in Europe” and “Jedburgh Operations in France”

11. Which beaches did the U.S. Army take on D-Day? When was D-Day?
   Omaha and Utah   June 6, 1944
   “D-Day: Operation NEPTUNE”

12. Where did Private John Steele land on D-Day?
   The steeple of St. Mere Eglise’s town church
   “82nd Airborne Liberates St. Mere Eglise”

13. Why was it necessary for the 101st Airborne Division to seize Carentan?
   To link Utah and Omaha beaches in a continuous beachhead
   “101st in Normandy”

14. How did the hedgerow cause problems for the Allied soldiers in Normandy?
   It provided a natural defensive position for the Germans
   “Battle of the Hedgerows”

15. Why was Operation DRAGOON delayed?
   Lack of shipping and aircraft
   “Operation DRAGOON”

16. What was the largest single parachute and glider operation of the war? How many troops were scheduled to land?
   Operation MARKET GARDEN   Over 30,000
   “Operation MARKET GARDEN”

17. Identify the location of “a bridge too far.”
   Arnhem
   “Operation MARKET GARDEN”

18. List three obstacles faced by soldiers fighting in the Battle of the Bulge.
   Waist-deep snow, blizzards, 0-degree temperatures, forests, lack of roads
   “Battle of the Bulge”

19. According to Franklin D. Roosevelt, when was the “date which will live in infamy”? What happened on this day?
   December 7, 1941   Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor
   “Day of Infamy”

20. What Philippine prison camp did 11th Airborne Division troopers seize on February 23, 1945?
   Los Banos in Luzon
   “Counterattack in the Pacific”
21. How many Japanese soldiers did the men of the 503rd estimate there to be defending “the Rock?” What was the actual count?
   Estimated: 850  Actual: over 5,000
   “Return to Corregidor”

22. Identify three factors that made war in the China-Burma-India Theater difficult.
   Terrain, climate, disease, insects, and heat
   “Special Operations in Burma”

23. During Operation Varsity, how many gliders landed in Germany in about an hour?
   1,348
   “CG-4A Waco Glider”

24. How much hazardous duty pay did glider riders receive for D-Day?
   $0  They started to receive hazardous duty pay afterwards
   “These Guys Don't Get Paid Enough”

25. What was significant about the soldiers of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion?
   First African American paratroopers
   “Pioneers”
World War II Gallery Activity Answer Locations

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Legend:
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C. Main Exhibit Gallery
D. Special Exhibit Gallery
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F. Video Theater
G. Motion Simulator
H. Memorial Garden
I. Yarborough-Bank Theater
J. Restrooms
K. Gen. Lindsay Conference Room
L. Administration

Entrance From Lobby
Exit To Lobby