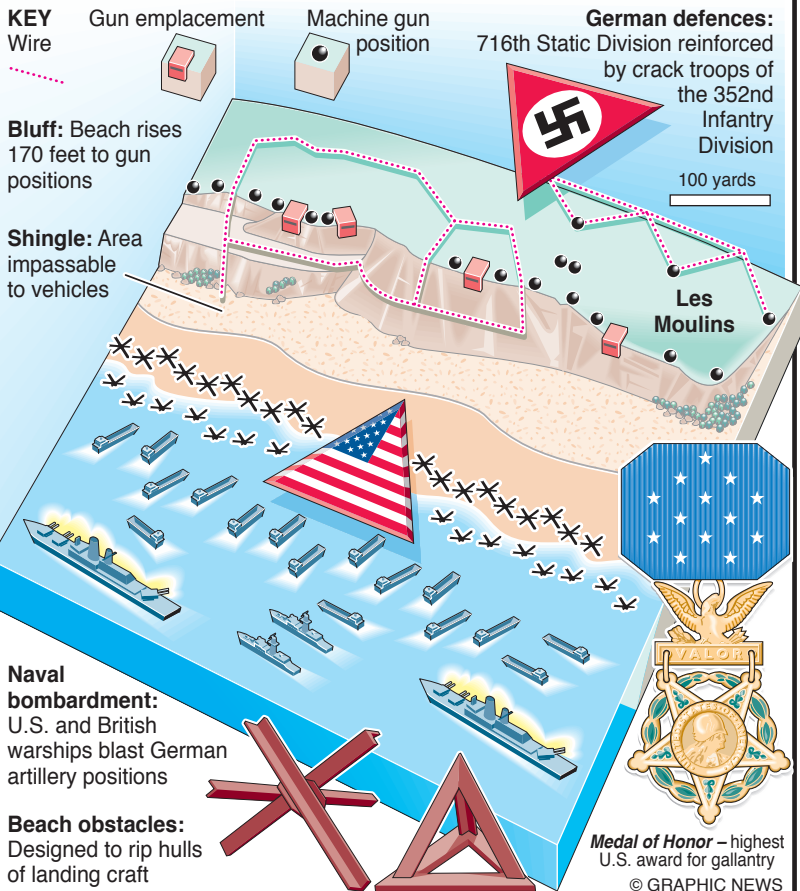


'Bloody Omaha' – a near disaster

Unknown to the U.S. 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions, heavy enemy forces were dug in along the bluff behind the 5 mile stretch of Omaha beach. At 06:30 the first of 34,000 troops waded ashore – losing most of their tanks and artillery in the heavy swell – to fight one of the bloodiest battles of D-Day. By nightfall Omaha had claimed the lives of an estimated 3,000 American servicemen



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