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On D-Day, 6 June 1944, Allied forces launched a combined naval, air and land assault on Nazi-occupied France. The 'D' in D-Day stands simply for 'day' and the term was used to describe the first day of any large military operation.

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Most argue it was merely a redundancy that also meant 'day', but others have proposed everything from 'departure' to 'decision' to 'doomsday'. According to the U.S. military, 'D-Day' was an Army designation used to indicate the start date for specific field operations.

Why Is It Called D-Day? | HISTORY : news : why-was-it-called-d-day