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6th June 1944

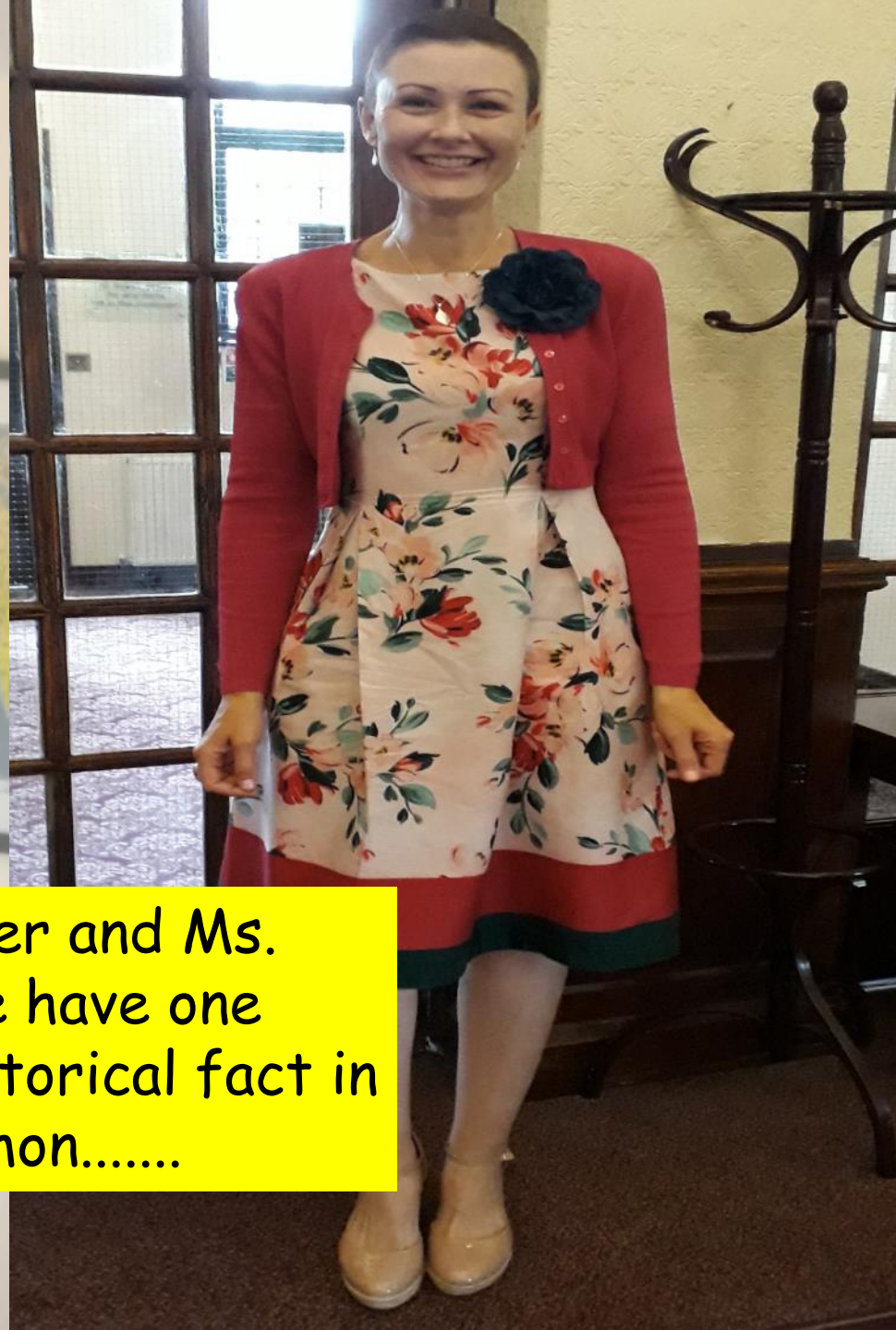




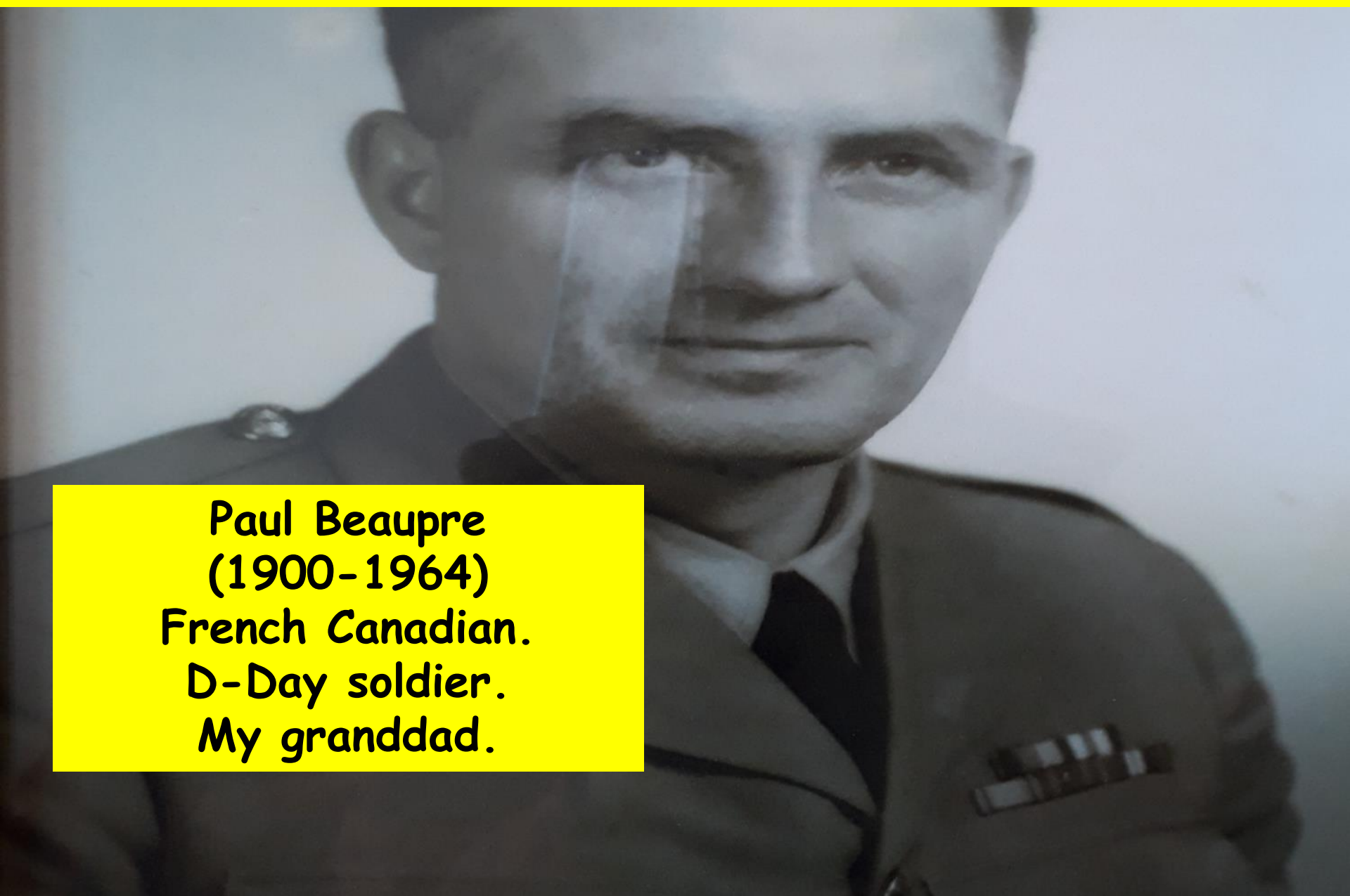
The clue is in the arrow (for those of you who know your geography)!



Mr Fowler and Ms. Fordyce have one uncanny, historical fact in common.....



**Both our grandfathers were GI's -
(Government Issue) soldiers !!**



**Paul Beaupre
(1900-1964)
French Canadian.
D-Day soldier.
My granddad.**

GI's in Britain-1943-1944



Gi's were largely welcomed in Britain.....
They were handsome, exciting and brought rationed items with them like gum, tinned fruitand stockings !



And were great fun !



Why were the GIs in Britain during WWII ?



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From 1940-1944, Germany had control of Europe.

Britain, France, America, Canada and many Commonwealth countries (eg: Australia, India) had fought against Germany, Italy and Japan for 4 long years.....

In 1944, the Allied Command decided to take Europe back and free her countries from German dominance.....

FREEDOM !



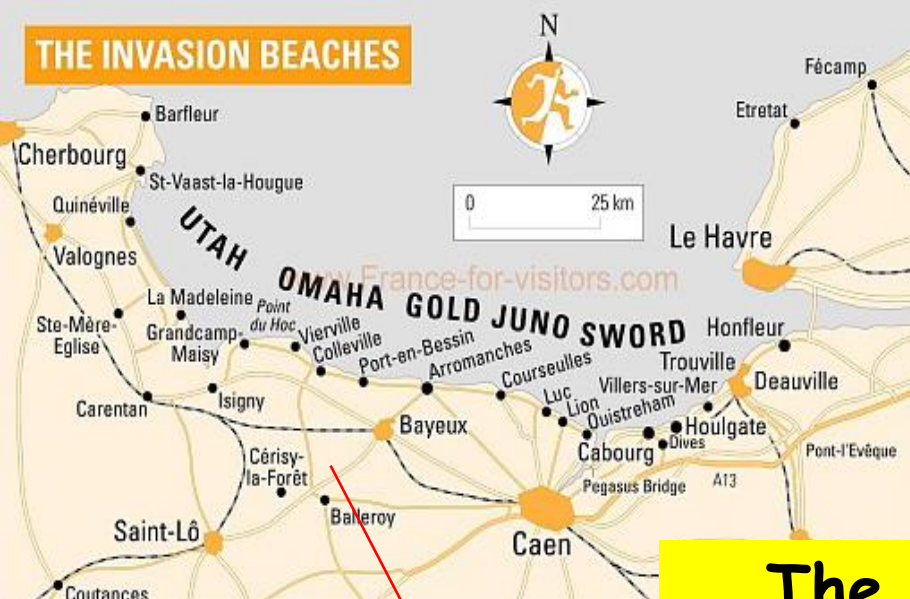
D-Day preparations..... 1943=-1944

'Yanks'

[:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZ8QEeUiJS8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZ8QEeUiJS8)

For a year leading up to the invasion, armies of soldiers from across the Commonwealth gathered across Britain....

THE INVASION BEACHES



The invasion started from the south coast of England at 5.30am on the morning of June 6th 1944 across 5 beaches on the north coast of France - Normandy.

5 beaches -
knicknamed Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, Sword

[Normandy Invasion](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5DVGt4c71E)

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D-Day - 6th June 1944

American GI's approaching the beaches of Normandy, France, early morning 6th June, 1944
.....what do you think they were thinking ?



German defences had large machine guns..... Allied casualties were very high



Let's hear from the veterans themselves.....

D-Day Veteran Harry Billinge (03:45)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osGEWFZ3xYk>

**D-Day "Things You Don't Forget" | Memoirs Of WWII #14
(10:35)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fd8okLRFUeQ>

We didn't want to fight - German Soldier - D-Day (01:41)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzLCvS3AU8E>

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/stories/capturing-memories-of-d-day>

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Capturing D-Day memories

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D-Day 75th Anniversary 2019

Last year was the 75th anniversary of D-Day

D-Day 75: A Tribute to Heroes | LIVE Event - BBC

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSL9NJ8WJMM> (01:24:20)



D- Day in film

Throught the day tomorrow (6th June), you will find films about D-Day on television. Look out for....

08:00 (Ch 40-Sony Movie Action): 'Ike-Countdown to D-Day'

14:00 (Film4): 'The Longest Day'

16:00-17:00 (Ch57-Smithsonian Channel): 'The Battle of Normandy'

17:00-18:30 (Ch57 - Smithsonian Channel) : 'D-Day and Dambusters'

21:00-23.05 (Ch50 Sony Movies Action) : 'The Victors'

Find out more.....!

[D-Day at Portsmouth](https://thedaystory.com/)

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THE D-DAY STORY
PORTSMOUTH

We wanted
to see the
sights

In the end we couldn't forget

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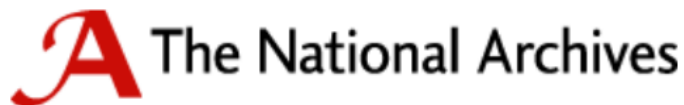
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D-Day preparation and the invasion of Normandy

A large number of American troops flooded into Britain as part of [Operation Bolero](#). The initial invasion plans drafted during the 1943 [Operation Round-up](#) were criticised as too narrow by the newly appointed Supreme Allied Commander Europe, General Eisenhower and the British land force commander, [General Montgomery](#). As a result the invasion plan was changed to an assault over five beaches rather than

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Never Forget

