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The Battle of Normandy, also known as D-Day, started on June 6, 1944 and was the beginning of the major invasion of German-occupied Western Europe during World War II. But why was it called "D-Day"?

You might at first be inclined to think the abbreviation is similar to V-Day (Victory Day). Indeed, one commonly touted explanation given for the meaning of the "D" in D-Day is that it stands for "designated day." Others claim it stands for "decision day", "debarkation", or even "deliverance day." Even General Dwight Eisenhower, or at the least his assistant, weighed in when Eisenhower received a letter asking for an explanation of the meaning of D-Day. His executive assistant wrote back stating D-Day was a shortened version of "departed day".