



Battle logistics

Hello, my name's **Pat Dyas**. During World War 2 it was my job to train British soldiers how to use Sherman DD tanks, otherwise known as 'Donald Duck' tanks, because they were designed to be used on water as well as land. These special 'swimming' tanks worked using a canvas floatation ring and propellers when on the water, and were used in the allied troop's invasion of Normandy in France in 1944, also known as the D Day landings.

Imagine that your platoon have landed in Normandy and have to walk 16km inland to set up camp for the night. **How** would different conditions affect your marching speed? Split into two teams and use the chalkboard grid and the hazard dice to find out which team will arrive first. Start back at 4kmph when calculating the speed of each new 4km or you might get in a muddle!

What weapons do you think would be the most useful during an invasion on enemy land? Play World War 2 Top Trumps to help you decide.

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