

Video 1 – Liberation 1944

“D’Amerikaner sinn do!”



1. In September 1944, the Americans reached Luxembourg.

Match the dates to the correct locations and pictures.

September 9th
1944

Luxembourg



September 10th
1944

Diekirch



September 11th
1944

Pétange



2. Why didn't the American army advance into Germany in 1944 ?

Choose the correct answer. Multiple answers are possible.

The American army didn't advance into Germany,...



to allow the Soviet troops approaching from the East to enter the country first.

because they lacked fuel and ammunition.



because the soldiers were war weary and wanted a break.



because they were worried by the German border defenses ("Westwall").

3. Which vehicles did the Americans use in their advance?

Match the numbers with the correct pictures.

1 **Willys / Ford „Jeep“**
~ 640.000 units produced,
Off-road vehicle, four-wheel drive
max. 4 passengers



2 **GMC CCKW 6x6**
~ 520.000 units produced
Truck, four-wheel drive
min. 16 passengers



3 **Dodge WC52**
~ 340.000 units produced
Troop transport
max. 10 passengers



4 **Harley Davidson WLA**
~ 70.000 units produced
Motorbike
1 passenger



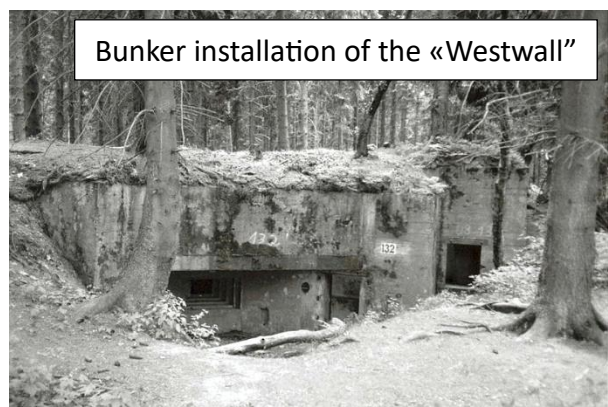
4. “Westwall”, “Siegfriedlinie”... what does that mean?

Use the prompts and the documents below to fill in the blanks.

Prompts:

“Höckerlinien” (“Camel hump lines”) - Switzerland – Eastern Europe – 630 km long – Netherlands – 17.000 bunker installations - back – “Westwall” – “Drachenzähne” (“Dragon’s Teeth”) – Western border – anti-tank barriers – bunkers – building projects

The was a defensive line along the of Germany and was among the largest of the Third Reich. It was a network of fortifications, consisting of, trenches and Due to their shape, these were also called or This line stretched from the in the North down to in the South. Construction began in 1936 and ended in mid-1940. During this period, were built across 5 construction phases. Hitler wanted to have his covered in the West, so he could attack more easily.



5. In December 1944 Hitler ordered his troops to attack once again on the Western Front.

What was the wording of this order?

(1: *We shall win!* – 2: *We are attacking!* – 3: *Victory shall be ours!* – 4: *We shall overcome them!*)

