

## #20 First French Town Liberated

*U.S. paratroopers and German troops engage in street fighting in Saine-Mere-Eglise.*



Sainte-Mere-Eglise was a key location in the line of defense along the road to Omaha Beach. During the Normandy invasion, 30 paratroopers landed in the town of Sainte-Mère-Eglise , including 20 on the church square.



German soldiers counter-attacked and a battle raged on for two days.

Subsequently, Sainte-Mere-Eglise would become the first town in France liberated by Allied troops.