

# WWII IN GETTYSBURG

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is offering WWII in  
Gettysburg tours this  
summer, highlighting this  
historic town's  
contributions to WWII.

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intelligence camp on the  
battlefield, POW camps,  
the Navy's map-making  
facility, civilian life during  
the war, and the WWII  
veterans in the national  
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## Responsibility is Never Out of Fashion

*"Leadership consists of nothing but taking responsibility for everything that goes wrong and giving your subordinates credit for everything that goes well."*

— Dwight Eisenhower



Eisenhower not only spoke those thoughts, he lived by them. In 1944, as the D-Day landing date approached, he weighed all the options—including failure. After delaying the invasion because of inclement weather in the English Channel, then weighing all the options and risks, he decided that June 6 was a “go.”

Ike wrote a message of encouragement and sent it out to all the troops about to deploy. Then he wrote a second message to be released, in case the landings failed.

*Our landings in the Cherbourg-Harve area have failed to gain a satisfactory foothold and I have withdrawn the troops. My decision to attack at this time and place was based upon the best information available. The troops, the air, and the Navy did all that bravery and devotion to duty could do. If any blame or fault attaches to the attempt it is mine alone.*

There is no attempt to lay blame for the failure on the weather, the enemy, or any of the Allied forces. Responsibility rested with the leader, and Ike was willing to be accountable.

