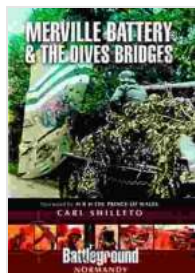


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Merville Battery was a German coastal artillery battery built during World War II as part of the Atlantic Wall defenses. It was located at the mouth of the River Orne in Normandy, France, and was designed to protect the port of Caen from Allied invasion. The battery was heavily fortified and armed with four 150mm guns, and it was considered to be one of the most important German coastal fortifications in Normandy.

The Dives Bridges were a series of bridges over the River Dives that were located near Merville Battery. The bridges were important targets for the Allies, as they would allow them to cross the river and attack the battery

from the rear. The bridges were heavily defended by the Germans, and the Allies suffered heavy casualties in their attempts to capture them.

On June 6, 1944, the Allies launched Operation Overlord, the invasion of Normandy. The 9th Parachute Battalion was tasked with capturing Merville Battery and the Dives Bridges. The paratroopers landed behind the German lines in the early hours of the morning, and they quickly secured the bridges. However, they were then counterattacked by the Germans, and they were forced to withdraw.

The Allies eventually captured Merville Battery and the Dives Bridges on June 7, 1944. The capture of the battery was a major victory for the Allies, as it allowed them to secure the port of Caen and open up a new front in the battle for Normandy.

The Merville Battery Museum

The Merville Battery Museum is located on the site of the former German coastal artillery battery. The museum tells the story of the battery's construction, its role in the Battle of Normandy, and its eventual capture by the Allies.

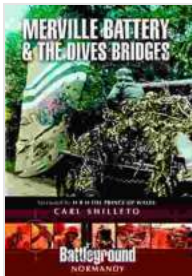
The museum is open to the public, and it offers a variety of exhibits and tours. Visitors can learn about the history of the battery, view the original bunkers and gun emplacements, and see a collection of artifacts from the battle.

The Dives Bridges Memorial

The Dives Bridges Memorial is located near the site of the former Dives Bridges. The memorial commemorates the Allied soldiers who were killed

in the fighting for the bridges on June 6, 1944.

The memorial is open to the public, and it offers a place for visitors to reflect on the sacrifice of the Allied soldiers who fought and died in Normandy.



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