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Beachhead landing on enemy sands
Frozen feet and shaking hands
Salt spray ice wind stings the eyes
Sullen storm clouds loom overcast skies
Black waves strike and smash and roar
Nausea consumes bile spit on flooded floor
Fear clutches soul tears at the heart
Buzzer screams the nightmare starts

Bullets falling pouring malicious rain
All around the sound smell sight of pain
Thunder crashes from concrete clouds
Lightning flashes strikes targets like angered gods
Fireball spraying sand cloud of choking haze
Rusty razor wire biting cruel dead wood maze
No place to run cower shelter or hide
Knee-deep cold sea breaking crimson tide.
Faceless foes merciless towers of steel and stone
Invoking resistance bearing none
Drills six months hidden in unconscious mind
Operation briefing no memory like home left behind
Blood stained sand mud covering boots hands soul
No mercy shrapnel fallen soldier chest gaping hole
Smell bitter smoke wet sweat piss bated breath
Staggering onward certain death

Delusive quest slay Fascist beasts force surrender
Love hope dreams life flame reduced to cinder
Twisted cross plague pestilence infecting evil smear
Futile fight for freedom people to never see touch or hear
Purple heart iron cross president's honor badge
To decorate casket folded flag twenty-one shot barrage

Pain shatters falling spinning burning lungs chest
Tasting blood retching gore red torn worthless vest
Lying crying praying staring at the sky
Arms legs fingers toes mind unfeeling throat dry
Mind blackening thoughts life reflect closing doors
Another nameless casualty decorating scarlet shores.
