

# SAVING A CONTINENT (II)

The Germans were **firing** down on us **the whole time**, and they were **cutting** the ropes **that** we were climbing, too. When we **reached** the top of the cliffs, we **started looking for** the huge guns. But they weren't there **anymore**. They **had been moved**. So we had to **keep looking for** them.

The Germans **were hiding** in underground tunnels. **Every time** you turned around, **one** would **show up** and **shoot at** you. In the end I found the guns a couple of kilometers **away** and I destroyed them **by throwing** grenades **at** them.

I don't really **remember being** scared. I mean, **as** the leader I **had an awful lot on my mind**. I had no time to think of myself. **Instead**, we were thinking **of how** we **were going to do our job**, and we **ended up doing a very good job**.

But we **paid a heavy price**. I landed with 225 other Rangers, and only 90 **were left at** the end of the battle. **There hasn't been** a day since that I didn't think of **those who died** on that beach. And that summer day, I'm pretty sure **that's what I'll be looking back on when I'm** dying.