

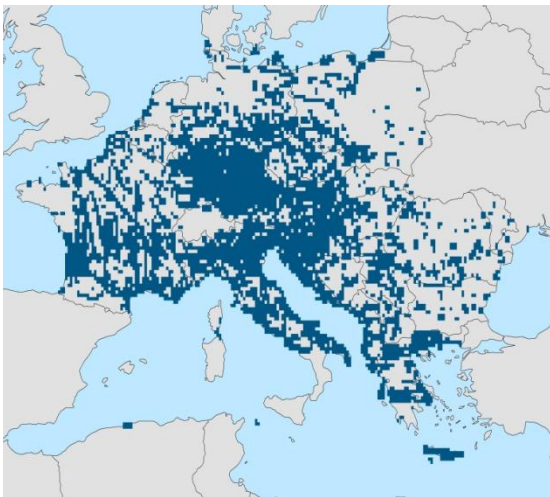
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NATIONAL COLLECTION OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Welcome to the NCAP Newsletter - Autumn 2017, which aims to keep our subscribers informed of new releases and upcoming projects here at NCAP.

NEWS

[MAPRW Collection now online](#)



All of our catalogued finding aids from the MAPRW Collection are now available to browse on our website. The map above shows the coverage of this aerial photography, ranging across the Mediterranean and southern Europe.

MAPRW was the Mediterranean Allied Photographic Reconnaissance Wing, an allied unit operating out of airfields in Italy from 1943-1945. The aerial photography in this collection was flown by the RAF, USAAF and South African Air Forces.

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All of our MAPRW finding aids can be examined with a website subscription.



This image is an oblique aerial photograph of the coastline near Ortona, Italy. It was taken shortly after an armoured battle between Canadian and German forces in December 1943. The port engine of the USAAF F-5 reconnaissance aircraft is visible at upper left.

[German Aerial Photographs of England](#)



German *Luftwaffe* aerial images of London, Kent and Sussex are now accessible on the NCAP website. Around 400 images taken in 1940, during the Battle of Britain, have been digitised from the collections of the US National Archives.

US D-Day Images Released

Over 1,500 USAAF aerial photographs of locations along the Normandy coastline on D-Day, 6 June 1944, are now accessible online. They have been digitised courtesy of our digitisation partnership with the US National Archives and Records Administration.



This is one of several hundred low-level oblique photographs, taken during so-called 'dicing' missions. These were flown to collect intelligence on beach defences and obstacles along the French coastline.



Here, a flight of USAAF P-38 fighters is photographed crossing the English coast, heading south to Normandy on the morning of D-Day.



In this image, armoured vehicles can be seen disembarking from landing craft along GOLD beach. Smoke plumes rise from burning grass, set alight by the pre-invasion naval bombardment.



Smoke billows over Courseulles-sur-Mer, as Canadian troops fight their way ashore on D-Day.



Sherman-DD tanks moving south from Asnelles, behind JUNO beach, on D-Day. Each tank has an enclosing 'skirt', now lowered, which enabled it to swim ashore from a landing ship.