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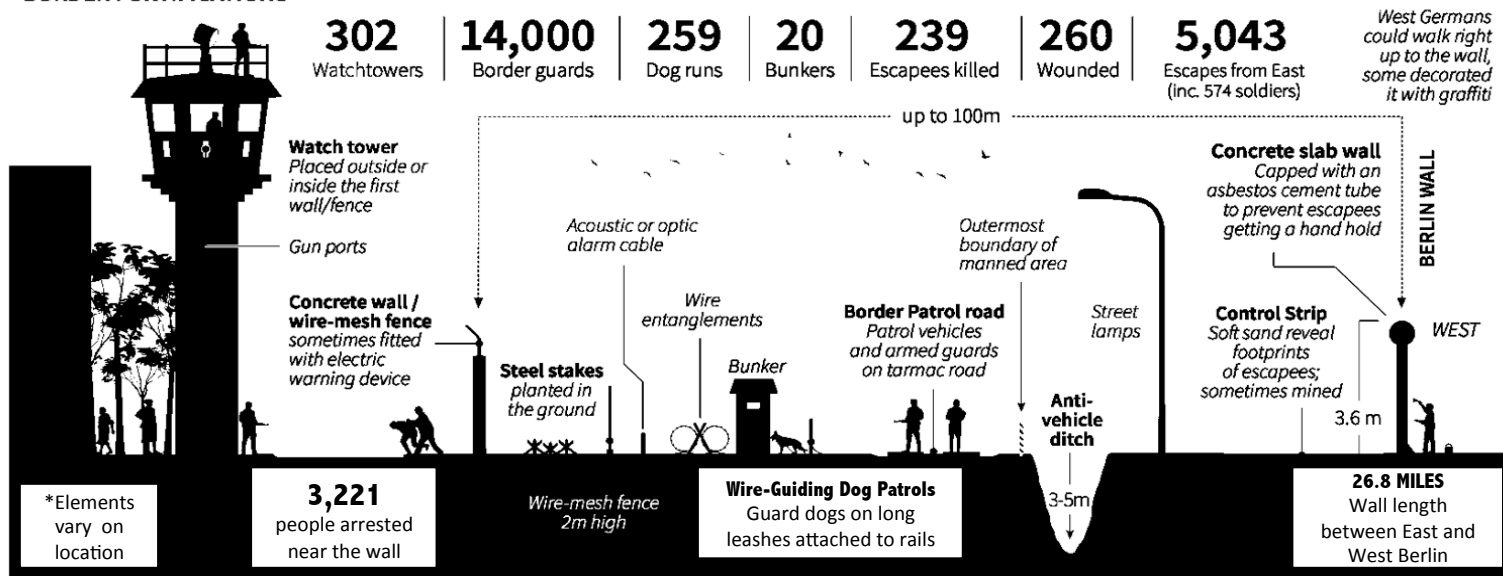
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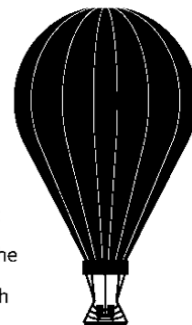
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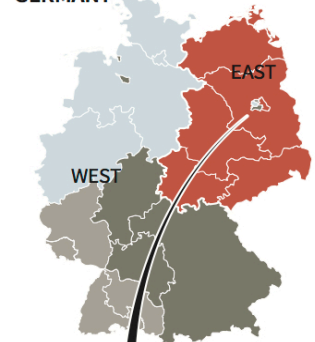
# FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL

25 YEARS

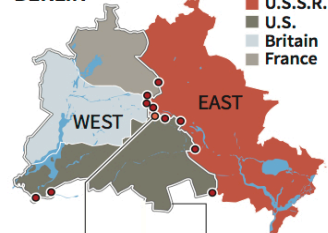
On November 9, 1989, thousands of East Germans flocked to border crossings in Berlin, and for the first time, crossed into West Berlin while border guards stood back and did nothing to stop them.

The wall, which separated the city and its people for almost three decades, was breached. East and West Berliners pulled down the wall together.

## GERMANY



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**Checkpoint Charlie**  
Foreigners and diplomats' checkpoint

The 155km wall enclosed West Berlin in East Germany

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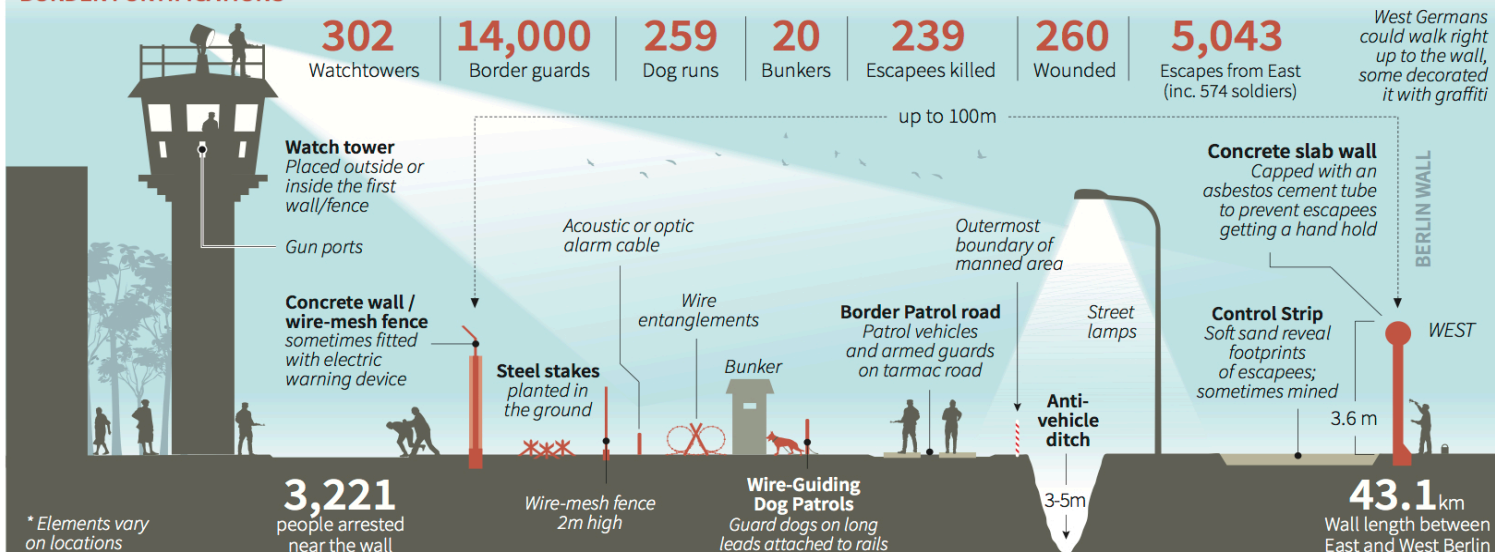
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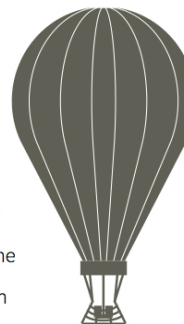
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