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The following statement was issued by Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King today in commenting upon the Defence Department's announcement that awards had been made to 178 Canadian soldiers for bravery during the combined operations at Dieppe.

The announcement of honours conferred upon 178 Canadians for bravery at Dieppe will kindle a new flame of pride in the hearts of all Canadians. Gallant sons of Canada were chosen to be the spearhead of one of the most difficult military tasks of the war to date. Mingled with accents of sorrow over heavy casualties there will not<sup>W</sup> be, for all time, a proud remembrance of bravery and devotion.

The announcement of these honours is the official recognition of what we all feel so deeply in our hearts. It will be but a part of the larger recognition which has now added the name Dieppe to the imperishable list of battle honours of Canadian forces.

It is our duty also to remember that some of the heroes of that August day will never come back. In the heat and fury of the battle, much gallantry and self-sacrifice <sup>inevitably</sup> ~~must have~~ passed unnoticed. In paying our special tribute