

Stormont, Dundas, and
Glengarry Highlanders
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Maple Leaf Route: Caen
(Vol I) and Falaise (Vol II),
by Terry Copp and Robert
Vogel are the first two
volumes of a series covering
the Canadian campaign in
North-west Europe 1944-45.
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Map showing where troops
landed on D-Day.



Canadian Forces Headquarters

lance, and the 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars. The Canadian 1st Parachute Battalion formed part of the British 6th Airborne Division who were dropped behind enemy lines prior to the landings.

The Royal Canadian Navy also assisted in the D-Day operations: clearing lanes in the English Channel with minesweepers; hammering the enemy's beach defences; and transporting some of the 3rd Division's units in Canadian landing ships. In the skies the Royal Canadian Air Force made its important contribution as bombers of No 6 (RCAF) Group of Bomber Command attacked German batteries in the assault area, and Canadian fighter squadrons in No 83 Group of the 2nd Tactical Air Force assailed targets further inland.

Progress was slow in the early days and the capture of Caen, in which Canadian troops played a big part, took longer than planned. It did not fall until 9 July. Meanwhile, the Canadian Second Division had arrived in Normandy and on 18 July they saw action for the first time since the raid on Dieppe almost two years before. Again they fought tenaciously, but casualties were heavy, particularly in the area of Falaise. But once 'the gap' was closed and the Canadians had taken Rouen, the Second Division became known as the 'army in a hurry'. They were assigned to capture Dieppe. It was a date with destiny.

The 8th Reconnaissance Regiment led the advance, followed by the Regiments that had been on



that 'beach of hell' two years previously: the Essex Scottish, the Royal Regiment, the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, the South Saskatchewan Regiment, the Cameron Highlanders of Winnipeg, the Fusiliers Mont-Royal, the Calgary Highlanders, the Black Watch from Montreal, the Régiment de Maisonneuve, and the Toronto Scottish.

The Second were ready for battle, but as they approached Dieppe, they were met by cheering French citizens welcoming them back. The enemy had fled. Two days later they staged a parade through the centre of the town, and held a memorial service. Dieppe had been avenged.

Canadian Armed Forces associated with D-Day Landings

Army Units

3rd Canadian Infantry Division

7th Canadian Infantry Brigade
The Royal Winnipeg Rifles
The Regina Rifle Regiment
1st Battalion, The Canadian Scottish Regiment

8th Canadian Infantry Brigade
The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada
Le Régiment de la Chaudière
The North Shore (NB) Regiment

9th Canadian Infantry Brigade
The Highland Light Infantry of Canada
The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders
The North Nova Scotia Highlanders

Divisional Troops

7th Reconnaissance Regiment (17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars).
12th, 13th, 14th and 19th Field Regiments,
Royal Canadian Artillery
3rd Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery

3rd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery

The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa (MC)
The Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers
The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals
The Royal Canadian Army Service Corps
The Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps
The Royal Canadian Dental Corps
The Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps
The Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
The Royal Canadian Army Chaplain Corps
The Canadian Provost Corps
Canadian Intelligence Corps

2nd Canadian Armoured Brigade

6th Armoured Regiment (1st Hussars)
10th Armoured Regiment (The Fort Garry Horse)
27th Armoured Regiment (The Sherbrooke Fusiliers)

1st Canadian Parachute Battalion
(a unit of 6th Airborne Division)

Royal Canadian Air Force Squadrons

2nd Tactical Air Force
83 Group
126 Wing –
401, 411, 412 Squadrons
127 Wing –
403, 416, 421 Squadrons
144 Wing –
441, 442, 443 Squadrons
143 Wing –
438, 439, 440 Squadrons
39(R) Wing –
414, 430 Squadrons

2nd Tactical Air Force
85 Group
409, 410 Squadrons
Fighter Command
10 Group
406 Squadron

Fighter Command
11 Group
402, 418 Squadrons

Bomber Command
6 RCAF Group
408, 419, 420, 424,
425, 426, 427, 428,
429, 431, 432, 433,
434 Squadrons

Bomber Command
8 PFF Group
405 Squadron

Coastal Command
15 Group
423 Squadron

Coastal Command
16 Group
415 Squadron

Coastal Command
19 Group
404, 407 Squadrons

Royal Canadian Naval Forces

29th and 65th Canadian Motor Torpedo Boat Flotillas
260th, 262nd and 264th Canadian LCI Flotillas

528th and 529th Canadian LCA Flotillas
31st Mine Sweeping Flotilla