

## RETURN TO DIEPPE, 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



August 19, 1942 is a date that all Royals know well as the date that the 1BN Royal Regiment of Canada participated in the ill-fated raid on the Normandy coast of France. Our objective, was the small port town of Puys, which in the language of Operation Jubilee, was called "Blue Beach".

We all know the story well, as the element of surprise had been lost, our troops suffering horrendous losses, and very few, of the Regiment made it off the beach to return to England.

As your Association President, I am really excited and pleased to announce that 75 years later, 19 August 2017, your Association plans to mount a return to Dieppe to commemorate the efforts of those Royals who participated in the raid, and to pay our respects to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

We are working with Connection Tours, who has been conducting and putting tour packages together for travel agencies like Carlson-Wagonlit. There are 2 different but similar tours being planned. The first, led by Jayne Turvey and Mark Cadeau, both relatives of Dieppe veterans will be heading off to London to visit WWII sites of interest, crossing the Channel and then on to Dieppe and up to Vimy. The second excursion led by the Association will land in Belgium to visit Ypres, then down to Dieppe where the two groups will combine to observe ceremonies at Puys, the Dieppe cemetery, and of course Dieppe itself on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

As the details, costs, and itineraries are firming up for both excursions, they will be posted on the Association website with instructions as to how to register as well as a separate mailing with all the details.

It has been some time since our Association has visited France and the sites of some of our Regiments most honoured battles where we were awarded so many of the units battle honours. It is our intention to recognize our past achievements on a much more regular basis, and look forward to many more visits over the coming years. In fact, we are already speaking with the tour operator regarding a trip to the Netherlands to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the liberation of Holland in 2019.