



DIEPPE - BLUE BEACH EVERY MAN REMEMBERED

The Royal Regiment of Canada



A not-for-profit research project to honour the soldiers of
The Royal Regiment of Canada
who participated in the Dieppe Raid on August 19, 1942.



This is our first e-newsletter which is being sent to keep you informed as to the progress of this memorial project. We are hoping to continue sending a newsletter each month, until the 75th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid on August 19, 2017.

This project, **“Dieppe - Blue Beach - Every Man Remembered”**, began shortly after Remembrance Day 2015, when Jayne Poolton-Turvey spoke to Mark Cadeau about a plan to research all 564 soldiers of The Royal Regiment of Canada who landed at Puys. Jayne is employed by the Orillia Public Library, and has put together Remembrance Day events at the Library for the past few years. Military collector and enthusiast, Mark Cadeau, whose grandfather, Harvey Seaton, was a “Royal” at Dieppe, has been a presenter at those events and had already begun searching for information on several soldiers, so was more than willing to sign on as Co-Project Manager/Researcher and work alongside Jayne to find stories and photos of all these men. Their goal is to create a memorial book as well as a file for each soldier, with as much information as possible so that every one of them is honoured and will not be forgotten.

So far, 200 partial service files of the fallen have been downloaded from Ancestry.com. They have also located approximately 100 photos of these men in various places, and are continuing to look for the remainder.

The challenge is locating information on the Prisoners of War and those men who got off the beach, as access to their



Photo courtesy Northern Sky Entertainment, “Dieppe Uncovered”.

service files are only available to family members. However, they have managed to connect with many of these families so far, and have begun to receive information on these men. They are also scouring newspaper archives and have been fortunate to find clips of interviews and some photographs on these sites.

If your Father or Grandfather was a “Royal at Dieppe”, please share photos and stories with us so that we can pay tribute to him. Or if you can help us locate families of these men, we would be most grateful, so we can ensure that every man is remembered!

In honour of Earl Wilfred Bradford, B68122



Killed In Action at Dieppe, August 19, 1942



My Canadian Soldier

My Great Uncle Earl was a young man
 When he went off to war,
 To fight for all our freedom
 Knowing all too well what was in store.
 My mother tells the story
 Of when they took him to meet his train,
 He said "see you later Blondie",
 She would never lay eyes on him again.
 On Puys beach in Dieppe they landed
 That frightful August day,
 The Germans were waiting
 No way out, they had to stay.
 They never found his body,
 Missing in action his death certificate reads,
 A son missing forever
 At home his family grieves.
 My soldier's lifeless body
 Is somewhere so far from home,
 He lay amongst his fellow soldiers,
 Cold lifeless, and still so alone.
 A stone is placed in a graveyard
 Etched with my soldier's name,
 Reminding us all, that Operation Jubilee
 Was most definitely not a game.
 His memory lives on within me
 His death was not in vain,
 I remember him through pictures, and stories
 And can visit the stone, etched with his name.
 Selflessly giving of himself
 So others may life free,
 I am so proud of my Canadian soldier
 Who lost his life giving freedom to me.

Written by Suzanne Fairhall



Born April 10, 1912 in Carleton Place Ontario, Earl moved to New Liskeard, Ontario when he was about 12 years old. He enjoyed baseball, skating, fishing and hunting. Earl worked as a truck driver and helping family in the construction field before the war. On April 9, 1941, Earl and his childhood friend, Ernie Monk, enlisted with the Royal Regiment of Canada. After extensive training in England, these two soldiers landed at Puys, Dieppe with the Royal Regiment on August 19, 1942. Both men were killed in action.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

"You who are alive, on this beach, remember that these men died far from home, that others, here and elsewhere, might freely enjoy life in God's Mercy."

From The Royal Regiment of Canada Memorial at Puys.



Plans are underway for a Dieppe 75th Anniversary tour to take place in August of 2017, to pay tribute to the Men of Dieppe. The tour has been **custom made** so that we can walk in the footsteps of our forefathers. Let's gather together as descendants of these heroes on Blue Beach next year! For more information, visit:
www.thebattlefieldtours.com/dieppe75

