

Dieppe

The Dieppe raid of 1942 was a major event in Canada’s war experience. Of the 5,000 soldiers who participated, more than 900 were killed and another 1,874 were taken prisoner. Dieppe was also the site of the largest one-day aerial battle of the war. The Memory Project has several accounts of the battle.

Note: You may want students to use headphones if they are doing these activities independently. Alternatively, simply play the brief clips from war veterans through a pair of speakers.



ACTIVITY #1

Learning Outcomes:

1. To appreciate and discuss Canada’s role at Dieppe.
2. To compare information taken from an oral personal story to that taken from a text source.

Listen and Learn

Students can listen to the experiences of Royal Air Force pilot [Douglas Warren](#) and soldier [Arthur Fraser](#) as they recount their experiences at Dieppe.

Comparing Stories

Students can use the chart below to record information about the raid on Dieppe that they learned from listening to the veterans' stories about Dieppe. They can use the other column to record information they read in their history textbook or online at [The Canadian Encyclopedia](#).

Veterans’ Stories	Text or online source



Questions

1. In what ways is the information similar and in what ways is it different?
2. What is the value of each of these accounts of Dieppe?
3. What does Arthur Fraser's account of his experiences at Dieppe and at POW camps tell us about the nature of war and its impact on people?
4. What do you think it would have been like to be in a POW camp for years?
5. In your view, was the raid on Dieppe a failure, or a success that helped in future battles? Was it worth the losses suffered by Canada?