

- After their victory the Russians quickly went on the offensive and by 1944 the Russians had begun advancing into eastern Europe.

REALLY

THE DIEPPE RAID (August 19/ 1942)

- Canadian troops saw very little action in Europe until the Dieppe Raid.
- the raid was meant to be a trial run for a full scale invasion of Europe by the Allies.
- the raid was a terrible failure.
 - the German's learned of the invasion and were prepared for the allied forces. (a ship carrying Canadian soldiers met a small German convoy).
 - Allied ships were delayed and the allied forces arrived on the beaches in daylight.
 - 907 Canadians were killed (more than any other day in the war).
 - 586 soldiers wounded.
 - 1874 taken prisoner.

1942 THE TIDE TURNS

THE INVASION OF ITALY

- Under the direction of British PM Winston Churchill who felt the best way to recapture Europe was through the "soft underbelly" of Europe, the Allied forces invaded Italy on July 10/1943.
- Canadian forces played a huge role in the invasion of Sicily and eventually mainland Italy.

OPERATION ORTONA.

- Fighting in Italy was very harsh, battles often fought on the streets of small Italian towns. Thousands of Canadian men lost their lives in Italy. The fighting in Italy continued until the spring of 1945.

D-DAY AND LIBERATION

WHEN: JUNE 6 / 1944 - "D-DAY"

WHY: On this day the Allied forces launched "OPERATION OVERLORD", a full scale invasion of Europe.

HOW:

- 5 landing points on a 80 km stretch of beach in Normandy in northern France.
- Beaches were code-named: Sword, Juno, Gold, Omaha and Utah.
- 30,000 Canadian troops arrived at "Juno" beach. (map p. 117 in counter points)
- Allied forces experienced heavy casualties on the beaches of Normandy, however the Allies were successful and began working their way inland towards Germany and eventually victory over Hitler and his Nazis army.

**** After D-Day, Canadian forces were given the task of liberating the Netherlands. Battles in the Netherlands were slow and Canadian casualties were high, but eventually the Canadians defeated the German forces.**