

CANADIANS IN FRANCE

Photographer: Lt. Duberville - Roll 53 - 8 Sep 44.  
 Location: Dieppe, France.  
 Story: Re-opening of harbour.

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- 40050 - Pictured here are ships entering the harbour carrying  
 40051 with them balloons for protection from enemy aircraft  
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- 40053 - Pictured here is a ship docking at Dieppe.
- ⊕ 40054 - An L.C.T. is pictured here as it ploughed its way  
 into the harbour.
- 40055 - French citizens of Dieppe along with soldiers watch  
 a ship at the dock.
- 40056 - French citizens are pictured here watching the  
 unloading of L.C.T's.
- 40057 - Pictured here is a ship in the background while a  
 destroyed building doorway makes a frame for it.
- 40058 - A long shot of the harbour showing cranes and ships  
 in the background.
- 40059 - Pictured here is some of the demolition work carried  
 out on the hangers beside the dock by the Germans.
- 40060 - Pictured here is the beach at Dieppe with the entrance  
 40061 to the harbour in the background where the Canadians  
 in Aug 1942 made their attack on Dieppe. Beach  
 obstacles can be seen along the shore while, when  
 tide is out mines and further obstacles can be seen.  
 The Casino, which was one of the objectives of the  
 Canadians in the 1942 raid, is pictured in the  
 foreground, a mass of wreckage. This building along  
 with many others were destroyed by the Germans

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40060 - before they left the town in 1944.  
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- 40062 - Pictured here is ammunition being unloaded from a ship and piled to the right there to await shipment to the front
- 40063 - Pictured here is some of the demolition work carried out by the Germans of a railway track along the water. A sunken ship and a broken harbour wall can be seen in the background.
- 40064 - A picture of damaged harbour walls with small ships in the background.
- 40065 - Pictured here are troops building a road wall along the wharf so that it can be filled in by bulldozers. In a short time this road will be in operation and trucks loaded with supplies will pass along it.

Hundreds of Canadians were killed in the raids on dieppe in 1942. The Germans buried them in a common grave on the beaches and later the French People removed the bodies and placed them in coffins which they themselves constructed and buried the soldiers in rows in a peice of ground on the outskirts of Dieppe which they called the Canadian cemetery. Here they placed flowers on the graves and planted grass and in general kept it neat. Over each grave they erected a cross. Now since Dieppe has been captured members of the R.C.E. of the 2nd Division, are painting the crosses white and stencilling the names on the cross in addition to the Division crest. It is slow work for there are 855 Canadian graves in this one cemetery. Many of the victims are unidentified but a large percentage of them are identified.

- 40066 - An overhead shot showing a portion of the 855 graves with the crosses.