



OPERATION HUSKY

Operation Husky, the allied invasion of Sicily, began shortly after midnight on the morning of July 10, 1943, when the transport ships carrying allied troops dropped anchor seven miles off the Amber Coast. Canadians were not originally scheduled to participate in the invasion and it required the personal intercession of Prime Minister Mackenzie King before Britain reluctantly invited Canadian troops. After a month long voyage from Scotland through U-boat infested waters, the Canadians were eager to see action.



Canadian troops en route to Sicily. n.d. (Credit: Canada. DND/LAC).

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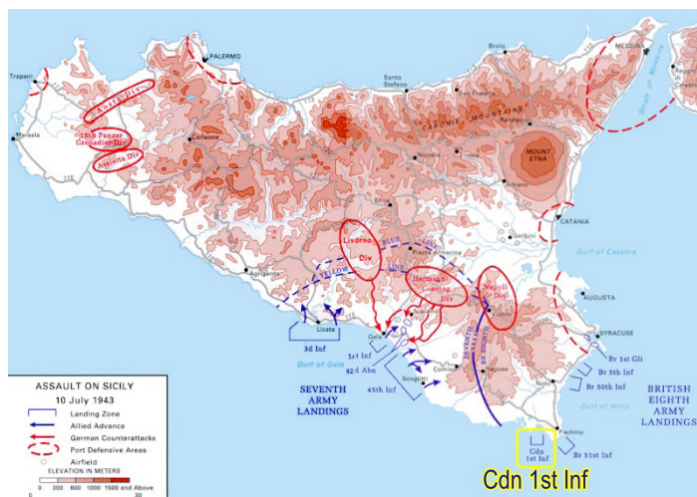


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The voyage was especially tense for Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR) Captains Ron Liddell, Strome Galloway and Ian Hodson. The regiment was in need of another Major, but unable to decide which of his captains was most deserving of promotion, Lieutenant Colonel Crowe decided to hold a competition: whoever he felt performed better in the Sicilian invasion would be promoted. Lieutenant Colonel Crowe was killed in action during the Battle of Nissoria before a decision was made.

A month after their landing in Sicily, the Allies had successfully liberated the island and were preparing for an invasion of the Italian mainland. Up to that point, Canadian losses were 2,300 casualties and 562 deceased.

Although the soldiers who participated in Operation Husky are sometimes referred to as the 'D-Day Dodgers' their actions, very importantly, helped gain a strong mid-Mediterranean foothold that would better secure the sea lanes for Allied shipping and eventually facilitate the overthrow of Mussolini.



Map of the Allied army amphibious landings on Sicily, July 10, 1943, as part of Operation Husky. (Credit: United States Army, via WikiCommons)

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2) CLISY:

3) REMPI TINSRIME AKEMCEZIN NIGK:

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EVENTS:

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our recent events - the Online Pub Quiz in March, the Vimy Ridge Talk in April, the Virtual Beer Tasting & Pub Quiz in May and the Juno Beach Online Historical Tour in June. Each event was a success, and we are so pleased you could join us! **Stay tuned for more events coming this fall!**

FUTURE EVENTS:

2022 Battlefield Tour - France, Belgium and Holland: During the Spring of 2022, Valour Canada will be hosting a Battlefield Tour of France, Belgium and Holland, and led by an experienced historian and tour guide. Come with us to explore historic battlefield sites, and the towns and pubs in between. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

To let us know if you're interested, please send us an email at: contact@valourcanada.ca.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bomber Command Museum of Canada in Nanton, Alberta, is hosting an event on July 24th, 2021. You will get a chance to explore the museum, and see the Lancaster FM-159 engine run! To learn more, [visit their website](#).

To take a virtual tour of their Lancaster, [click here](#).

JUNE 2021 ANSWER KEY:

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O A
A R M O U R E D B R I G A D E H O R D
D A B
M I A B E N H O W E R
U L N A C A O
B I J C C Y
O V E R L O R D I N F U H H A L
R R F A N O W I
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