

## **Canada in World War Two**

### **What Canada lost**

- The war cost Canada 12 million dollars (\$12 000 000) per day
- The war cost Canada a total of 20 billion dollars (\$20 000 000 000) all together
- 41,700 Canadian lives were lost, and thousands more were injured or crippled
- The conscription issue caused division, especially between the English and French

### **What Canada gained**

- The war ended the Great Depression within a few months
- Canada gained self-confidence, pride, and international recognition
- Many factories were built which made Canada one of the world's richest nations
- Women's rights were advanced in many areas
- Canada helped to win the fight for freedom and human dignity

### **What Canada contributed to the war**

- Canada produced many supplies for itself and other Allied countries.
- Over all, Canada produced:
  - 14 000 planes
  - 700 000 trucks
  - 1 500 000 machine guns
  - 100 000 artillery guns
  - 900 ships
- Over one million (1 000 000) men and women served in the Canadian Armed Forces.
- BCATP (British Commonwealth Air Training Plan) – a program in which over 130 000 Allied pilots were trained in Canada
- When the war ended, Canada had the third largest navy in the world (after the USA and Great Britain)

### **Canada's main roles**

- Canada fought in many places during World War Two, including:
  - North Africa
  - Italy
  - France and the rest of Europe
  - Hong Kong
- Canada provided most of the troops for the attack at Dieppe, France ("Operation Jubilee")
- Canada played a major role in D-Day ("Operation Overlord") on the beaches of Normandy
- Canada liberated The Netherlands from German occupation near the end of the war