

Canada in World War II - Timeline

- Germany invades Poland – September 1, 1939
- Britain declares war on Germany – September 3, 1939
- **Canada declares war on Germany – September 10, 1939**
- First Canadian troops arrive in Britain - December, 1939
- The Netherlands surrenders to Germany – May 14, 1940
- Japanese attack the United States at Pearl Harbour –December 7, 1941
- Japanese attack Canadians at Hong Kong – December 8, 1941
- Canadians surrender to the Japanese at Hong Kong – Christmas Day, 1941
- Canadians vote “yes” to conscription - April 27, 1942
- **Canada plays a huge role in the landings at Dieppe, France – August 19, 1942**
- Princess Margriet of The Netherlands born in Ottawa, on “Dutch Soil” - January 19, 1943
- Canadians enter the town of Ortona, Italy - December 17, 1943
- The Germans retreat out of Ortona, Italy – December 27, 1943
- **D-Day: Allies land on the beaches of Normandy, France - June 6, 1944**
- Canadian Prime Minister begins enforcing overseas conscription – November 22, 1944
- Canadians begin supplying relief to The Netherlands – April 28, 1945
- Hitler and his wife (Eva Braun) kill themselves – April 30, 1945
- Germany surrenders (Victory in Europe Day) – May 5, 1945
- The first atom bomb (“Little Boy”) is dropped on Hiroshima, Japan – August 6, 1945
- Another atom bomb (“Fat Man”) is dropped on Nagasaki, Japan – August 9, 1945
- Japan surrenders (Victory in Japan Day) – August 15, 1945