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Presentation to explore the impact of Dieppe, eighty years to the day

On August 19, 1942, Allied troops — predominantly Canadian — put ashore on the German-occupied port of Dieppe in northern France. The Dieppe Raid, or Operation Jubilee, was a pivotal moment for Canada in WWII and among the bloodiest days for its armed forces.

Of over 6000 Canadians involved, the operation left more than 900 dead, 2400 wounded, and nearly 2000 captured. Dieppe became a lesson in what not to do, offering insights that would help make the D-Day invasion in 1944 a success.

Eighty years later, on August 19, 2022, Royal Military College Associate Professor Capt. Arthur Gullachsen's presentation at KFPL will explore the Dieppe operation, outlining the sequence of events and their significance to Canadian military history. There will be a Q&A session after the presentation.

"Dieppe is one of those words that conjures up images of blood, smoke and disaster. This event is a chance for people to learn more," said Jake Miller, Librarian, Adult Programming. "Dr. Gullachsen will speak to the motives, consequences and outcomes of this operation and help us understand why. Why was it planned? Why the losses? And for what gain? Our region has an embarrassment of riches when it comes to military knowledge, and Dr. Gullachsen will help us understand some of the answers to these questions."

Dr. Gullachsen is a WWII specialist at RMC and author of [*An Army of Never-Ending Strength: Reinforcing the Canadians in Northwest Europe 1944-45*](#) and *Bloody Verrières: The I. SS-Panzerkorps' Defence of the Verrières-Bourguébus Ridges*.

Attend the presentation, 80 Years to the Day: The Dieppe Raid, on August 19 from 1-2 p.m. at the Isabel Turner Branch. Register online at <https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/6813922>.

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