

A Place They Call Dieppe

First Released: 2004

A Place They Call Dieppe was written and performed by the late singer and songwriter Barry Campbell. The lyrics recall the courage and heroism of the Canadian troops who stormed the beaches at Dieppe on August 19, 1942.

Most of the books and films about the Dieppe raid have labelled the assault a monumental failure. The War Amps documentary *DIEPPE: Don't Call it a Failure*, in which Campbell's song was first featured, takes a look at the raid from a different perspective and shows how the lessons of Dieppe saved thousands of lives on D-Day.

"The courage and sacrifice of our men of Dieppe was clearly not in vain. In Normandy 20 months later, we landed with a strong umbrella of heavy artillery support. The assault equipments - landing craft, armour, and weapons - were superb. The intelligence was accurate. These assault skills and technical innovations were 'bought and paid for' by the Second Division at Dieppe."

Brig Gen Denis Whitaker
Dieppe veteran and author

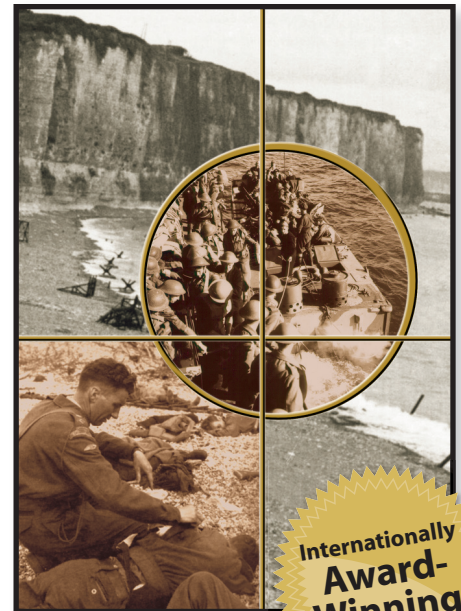
A Place They Call Dieppe features images of young soldiers in training, their landing craft approaching the beach, the enemy defences they faced, and the battle's tragic aftermath: haunting scenes that tell the story of the sacrifices made by the Canadian volunteers.

Campbell, who passed away in 2002, earned a well-deserved reputation as a singer and composer. He spent some time in the Royal Canadian Navy, and was later a firefighter in Etobicoke, Ontario.

He said he was inspired to write *A Place They Call Dieppe* because, "It's important to me that fellows who did what they did in the Second World War get some recognition."

Awards:

Creative Excellence Award – 2003 Worldfest-Houston (Texas)



**Internationally
Award-
Winning**

A Place They Call Dieppe

(Performed by Barry Campbell)

A summer's day in forty-two, they called it Jubilee
Five thousand young Canadians, goin' in harms way
Prepared to fight, they'd stand no chance, the enemy so strong!
The beaches would run red that day; at a place they call Dieppe.

The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, Fusiliers de Mount Royal
The South Saskatchewan Regiment and The Calgary Tanks
The Hamilton Light Infantry, The Essex Scottish too
The Royal Regiment of Canada all sailed towards Dieppe.

If courage made a victory, they'd win a thousand times
Out flanked and all defences strong, was a hellish sight
But still they came, and still they fought 'till they could fight no more!
For those brave men, the war would end; at a place they call Dieppe.

And all around the shells exploded, while bullets ripped into the flesh
Some men were drowned, and while others lay bloodied
The beach was piled high with the dead!
Yet some would succeed, then have to fall back,
The tanks got bogged down in the stones
But for over nine hours they stubbornly fought, 'till ordered to lay their arms down.

Whenever people think about the battle at Dieppe
Remember through the carnage there, they gave their very best.
Though you were made the pawns of war, hold your heads erect.
No braver soldiers can be found than the ones that stormed Dieppe.

And here's to those that made it back
And the ones that were taken prisoner
But most of all we'll not forget, the ones that gave it all.

Ya, here's to those that made it back
And the ones that were taken prisoner
But most of all we'll not forget, the ones that gave it all.