



# The Raven & The Rock

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## REMEMBERING SACRIFICES

Many of you may have seen the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dieppe Raid this month on television. There was one Glen involved in the raid.

A pre-war Glen, Captain (later Colonel) Donald MacRae was attached to the Essex Scottish. He was the only officer in the unit who landed and returned from the shore landing at Dieppe. His courage during the engagement resulted in him being awarded the Military Cross. More details can be found in our regimental history – “Up The Glens”.

More than 3,600 of the military force of 6,100 were killed, wounded, missing, or captured. Those often overlooked are the 550 naval casualties. There was a good representation of naval personnel at the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary services. Most who died because of the raid are now buried or commemorated at the Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery with 948 graves of servicemen.

The three main landing areas were Pourville to the West, Dieppe in the centre, and Puy in the East. The Glens Tours of 2012 and 2018 visited Pourville and Dieppe. Short memorial services were held during each visit.

Canadian military historian and author Mark Zuehlke wrote in the Epilogue of his book “The Dieppe Raid”



*I have visited countless battlefields across Europe where Canadians fought and died, but I find Puy the grimmest and saddest of all. The high headlines close in oppressively upon either side. Remains of bunkers dominate every flank. It is impossible to look across the bleak, rocky beach and not be haunted by images and sounds of young men dying.*

The beach at Puy has not been a stop on the two past tours. If there is another Glens Tour, let's hope the tour members can experience the beach at Puy.

But will there be another Glens Tour, Glens Reunion, or even a gathering as a Regimental Family at the Cornwall Armoury? We hope so.

Up The Glens!

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