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Message from the Prime Minister of Canada

It is with great honour that I write to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

On June 6th, 1944, more than 150,000 troops landed on five beaches in Normandy, over 14,000 of which were Canadians who stormed Juno Beach. The brave soldiers broke through German defences on the beaches and opened up a new Western Front in Europe.

Today is a solemn reminder of the sacrifices the Allies made on D-Day and during World War II. The soldiers courageously went into battle – not knowing if they would come home – to protect and fight for freedom, human rights, and democracy. As we commemorate this day, let us also pay tribute to those who lost their lives 80 years ago.

More than one million Canadians served during World War II. It is important we remember their selflessness as it is their sacrifices that allow us to enjoy the peace we have in Canada today.

Lest we forget.

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