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DR. COLIN CARRIE HONOURS D-DAY ANNIVERSARY WITH PRIME MINISTER HARPER IN NORMANDY

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Ottawa, ON June 6, 2014 – Today, Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, attended the 70th Anniversary of D-Day with Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Normandy, France. Dr. Carrie was part of a small delegation of MPs who were asked to attend the ceremony with the Prime Minister.

“The importance of D-Day cannot be overstated,” stated Dr. Carrie. “Those who landed on Normandy 70 years ago and those who made the ultimate sacrifice helped turn the tide of the war and liberate Europe from Nazi tyranny. Today we honour them for their courage. We must also remember those who helped make the success of D-Day possible. The Ontario Regiment RCAC from Oshawa was already engaged in battle in Italy and North Western Europe, and their sacrifices helped contribute to the allies’ success on D-Day.”

On the morning of June 6, 1944, Allied Forces from Canada, the United States, Great Britain, and other Allied nations launched the largest amphibious assault in history along an 80-kilometre stretch of beach in Northern France. 109 vessels and 10,000 sailors of the Royal Canadian Navy helped keep the German fleet bottled up in ports, cleared mines across the English Channel, silenced enemy batteries on the shoreline, and carried Canadian troops and landing craft to Juno Beach.

The soldiers of the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division and 2nd Canadian Armoured Brigade engaged in fierce combat on the beaches and in the small towns of Normandy helping smash the first line of German coastal defences. By the evening of June 6, 1944, Canadian troops had progressed further inland than any of their Allies. To secure victory on D-Day, 340 Canadians gave their lives, 574 were wounded and 47 taken prisoner.

“To be here on the beaches of Normandy with the Prime Minister on the 70th Anniversary is surreal and an honour,” stated Dr. Carrie. “Canadians owe it to those who fought and died and those who contributed to success of the D-Day operation to remember the sacrifices they made in the defence of freedom.”

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