

# The Italian Campaign

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In 1941 Germany invaded the Soviet Union and violent fighting broke out on the Eastern Front. In 1943 the Soviet leader, Joseph Stalin, asked for help from other allied leaders to ease the pressure of this attack. The allies agreed to help and decided to use Italy (which was allied with Germany) as a platform to attack enemy territory in Europe.

The Italian Campaign was in Italy. It lasted 1 year, 10 months, and 22 days. It started on July 10th of 1943 and ended the 2nd of May 1945. There was a disagreement between the allies on how to beat the axis. The allies were, the United Kingdom, the United States, Poland, Brazil, British India, Free Ethiopia, Canada, New Zealand, Kingdom of Italy, Czechoslovakia, Italian Resistance, Free France, South America, Australia, and Greece. The axis were Germany, Kingdom of Italy, and the Italian social Republic. It took two months to invade Sicily. On September 18th, they invaded the main land of Italy which began the Campaign.

More than 93000 Canadians, along with their allies from Great Britain, France, and the United States played a vital role. Canadians who were injured in the Italian campaign totalled more than 26000, and almost 6000 men died.

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