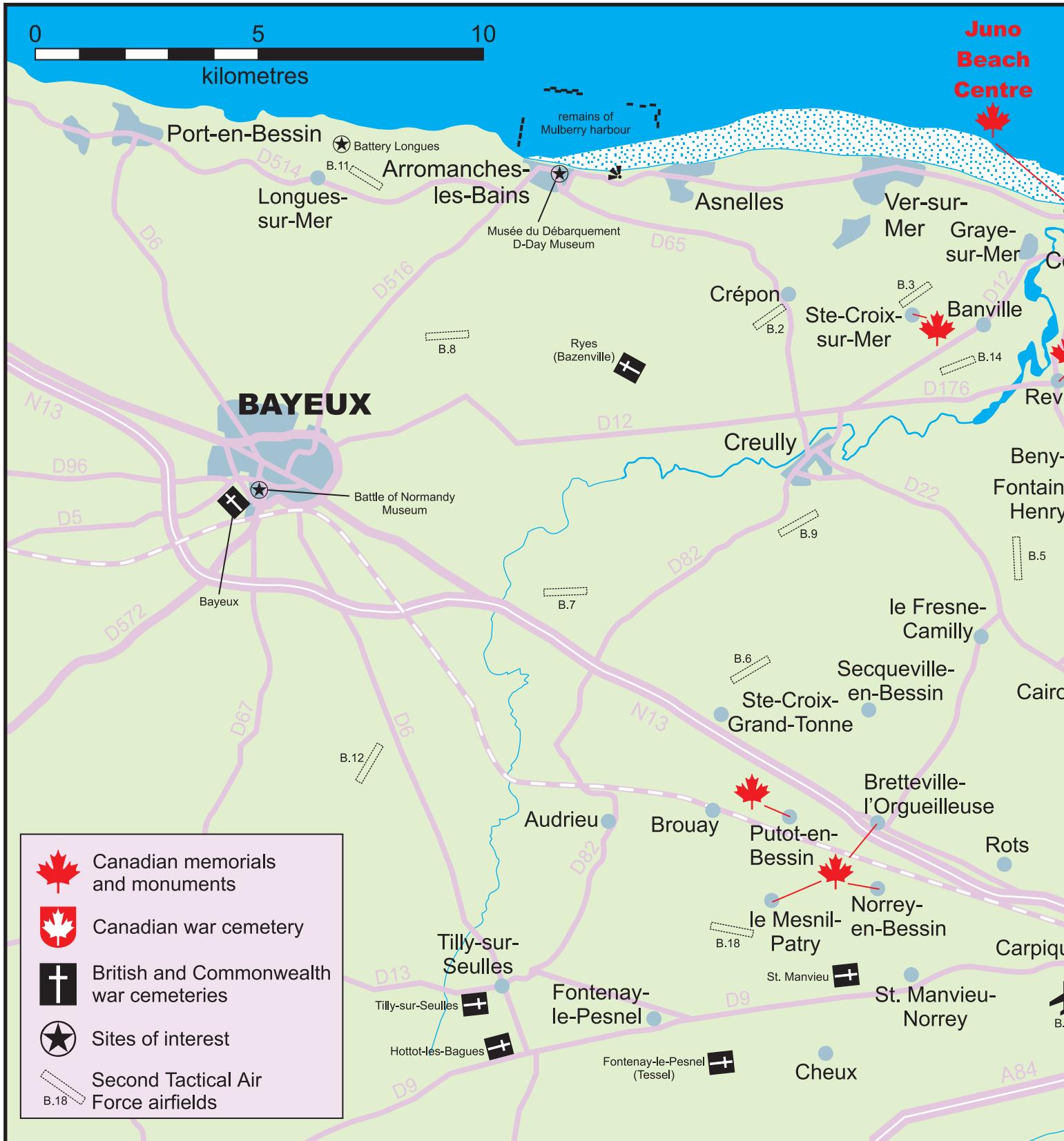


# Canadian Battlefields & Memorials in Normandy





As you tour the Canadian battlefields you will obtain some impression of the challenges faced by these volunteer citizen-soldiers who helped to win the Battle of Normandy. As armchair generals you will no doubt have your own views on how the battles should have been planned. Remember that the men who actually fought the battles lacked the 20-20 hindsight

which we possess today. No one knew what the outcome of individual battles would be or how long the campaign in Normandy might last. And no one knew exactly what was required of them. Which actions were courageous and which were foolish? Should attacks be pressed when things were going badly or should they be called off? Discipline and courage could

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keep men going, but at what point did the price become too high? There were no easy answers in 1944 and there are none today. What we do know is that Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen made a vital contribution to the defeat of Hitler and the liberation of Europe. The victory did not bring an end to

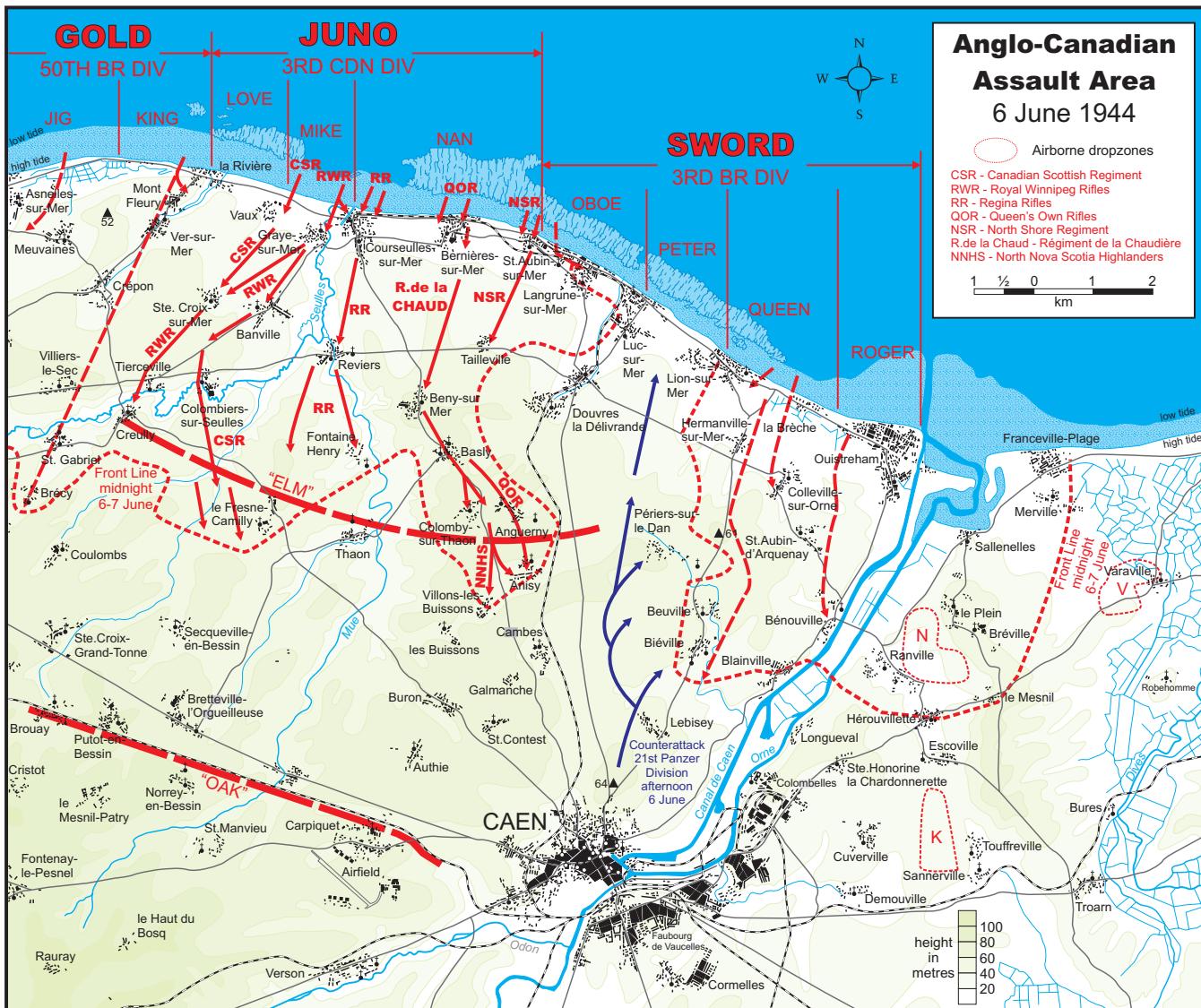
war or to human misery, but it did destroy a “monstrous tyranny never surpassed in the dark, lamentable catalogue of human crime” and offered the world the opportunity to build a new and more rational social order.



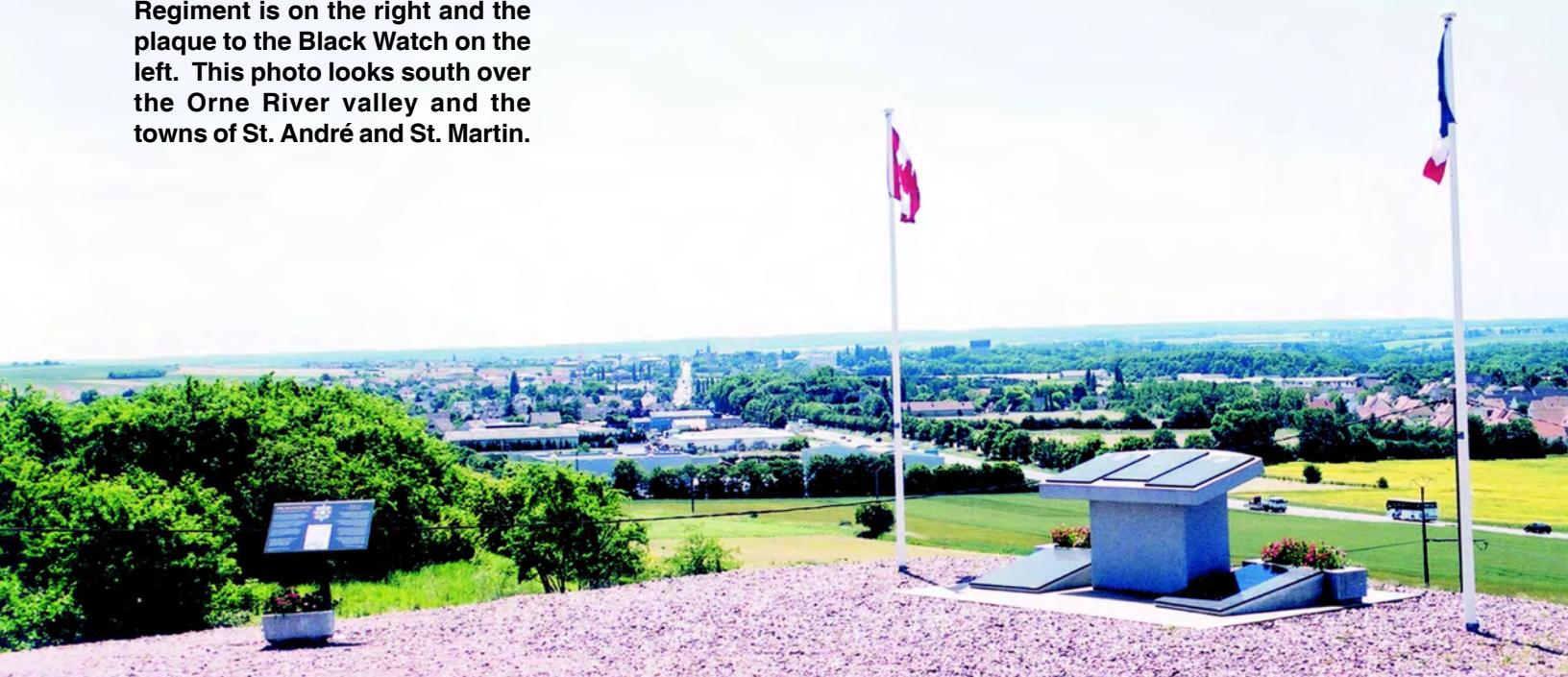
Above: The Canadian Memorial Garden, Le Mémorial, Caen.

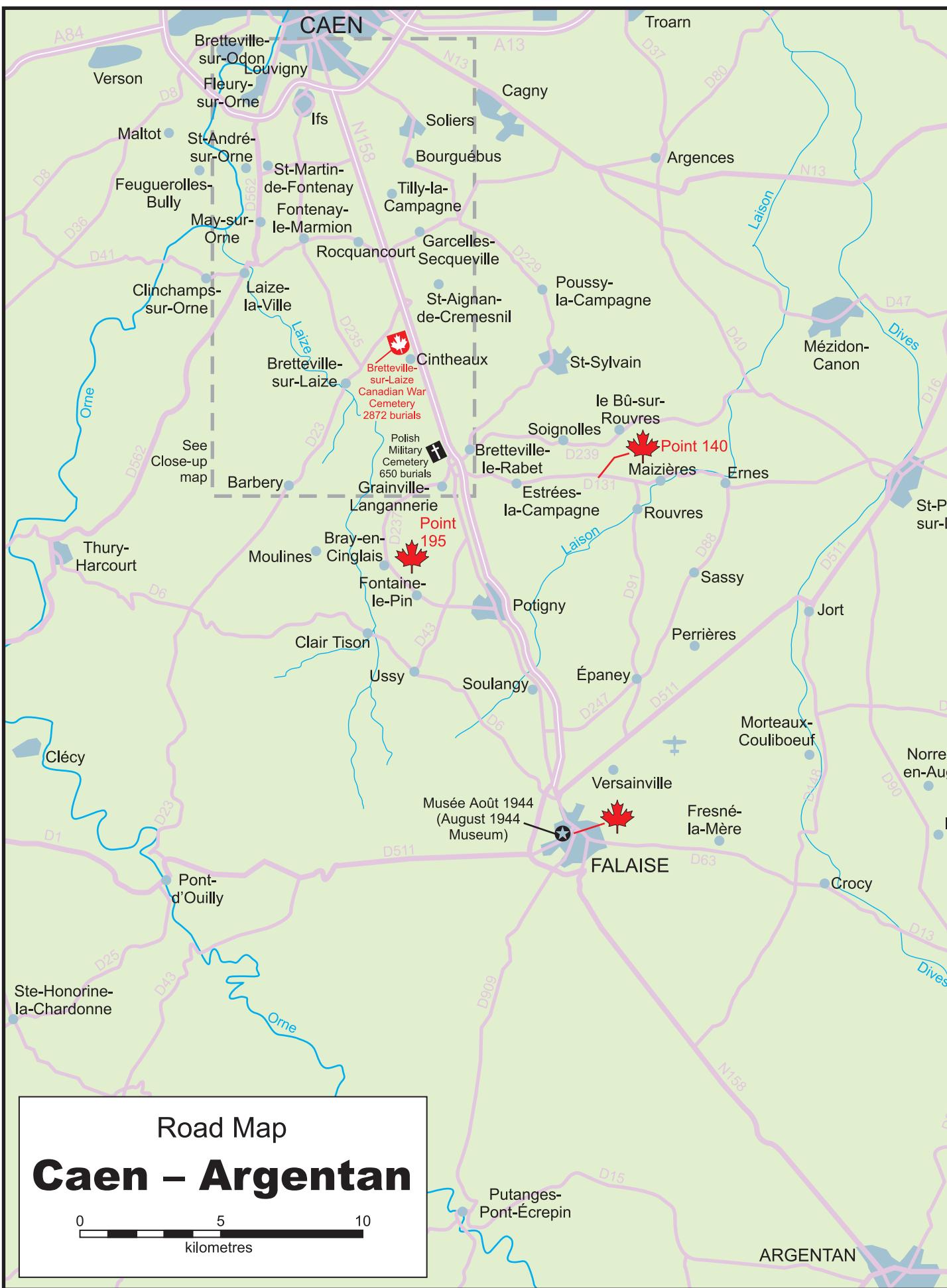


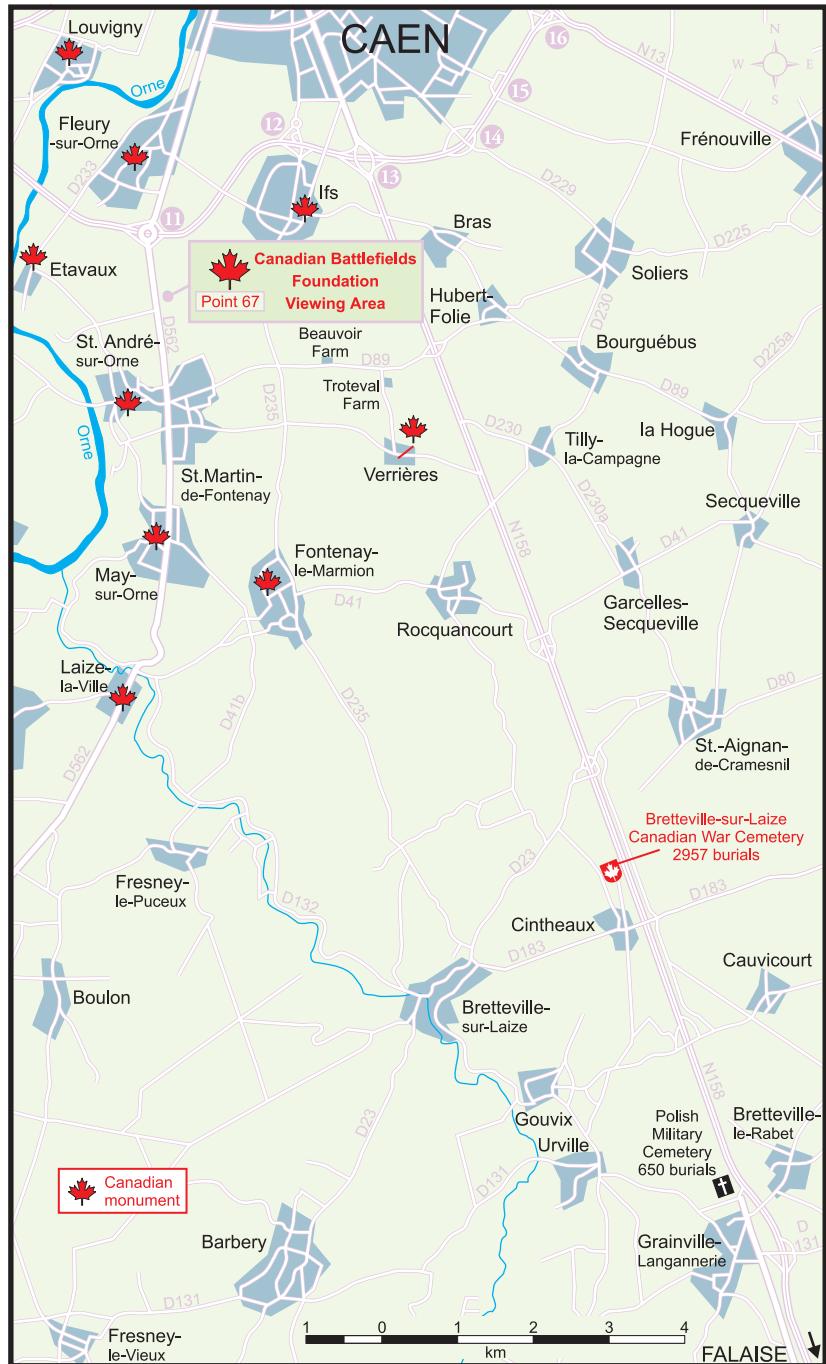
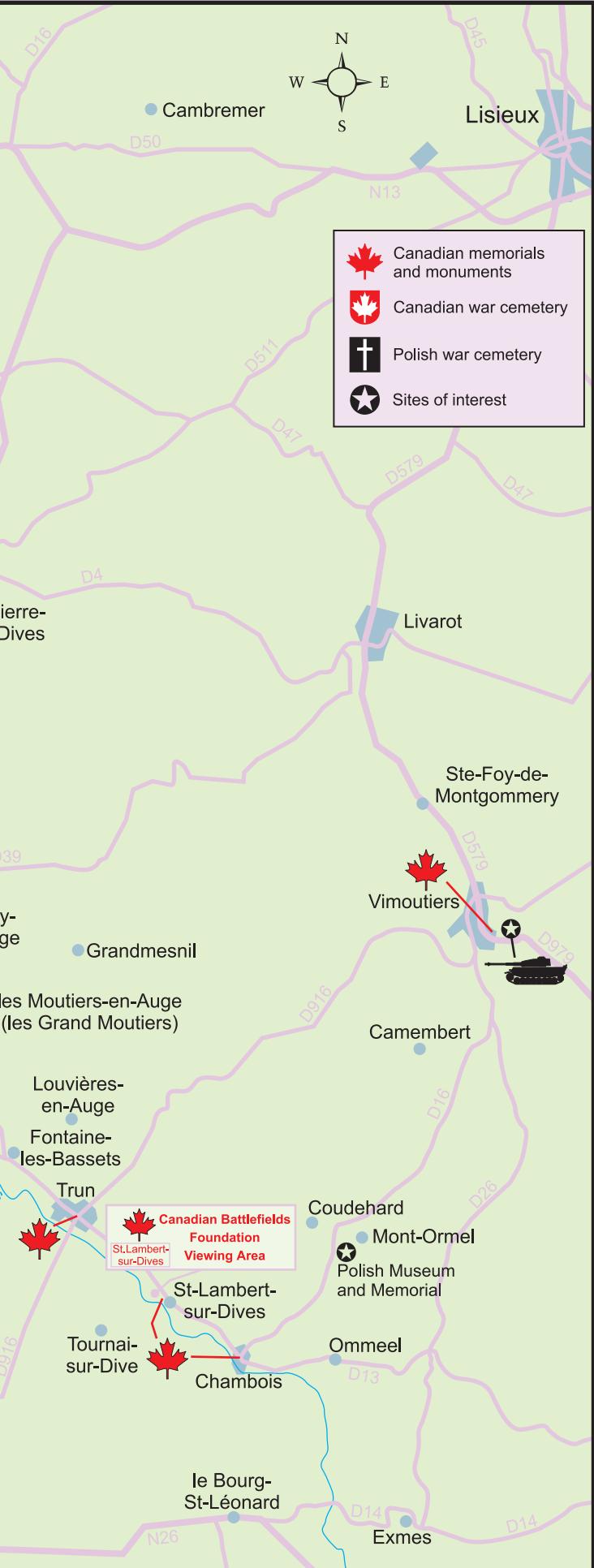
Left: The Canadian War Cemetery at Beny-sur-Mer.



The Canadian Battlefields Foundation viewing area at Point 67 on Verrières Ridge. The memorial to the Toronto Scottish Regiment is on the right and the plaque to the Black Watch on the left. This photo looks south over the Orne River valley and the towns of St. André and St. Martin.









Above: The view from the Canadian Battlefields Foundation belvedere at St. Lambert-sur-Dives.

Left: Another view of the belvedere.



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