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## History

On National Peacekeepers' Day, we remember the peacekeepers who have sacrificed so much, even their lives, so others can know peace. We take the time to remember these heroes on August 9 because it was on that date in 1974 that the greatest single loss of Canadian lives on a peacekeeping mission occurred. Nine Canadians lost their lives while serving with the United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt and Israel.

Canadian peacekeepers help foster sustainable peace and security in countries devastated by conflict. Canada's Armed Forces, Canadian diplomats, the RCMP, provincial and municipal police forces and civilians all take part. Peacekeepers deliver humanitarian aid, supervise elections, repatriate refugees, train local police forces, disarm warring factions, clear mines and improve education and democratic systems.

## Publications

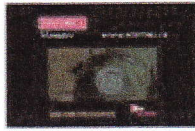


- [Canada and Peacekeeping \(sub.cfm?source=teach\\_resources/peacefact\)](#)
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- [The Origin of the Blue Helmets \(sub.cfm? source=feature/week2007/vw\\_edres/crtimes\\_news/page4\)](#)
- [Fighting the Cold War \(sub.cfm? source=feature/week2007/vw\\_edres/crtimes\\_news/page4#coldwar\)](#)

## Dextraze in the Congo Historica Minute

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In July 1960, a newly independent Congo erupted in violence and quickly collapsed into anarchy. The UN sent 1894 men, its largest deployment ever to the region. Brigadier-General Jacques Dextraze arrived in 1963 as second-in-command of the mission. [More >>](#)

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