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**Medals Commemorating Transatlantic Partnerships**

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In 1939 with war looming the King and Queen made a state visit to Canada spending a month touring the nation from coast to coast. This was the first time a reigning Canadian Monarch had set foot in Canada and arguably the most successful royal tour in Canadian history. This included the first Royal "walkabout" which arose spontaneously when the royal couple mingled with 25,000 First World War veterans in Ottawa.

The timing of this visit was critical in renewing ties between Britain and Canada helping to ensure support for joining Britain in the war effort.

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## American Detour



In the midst of their Canadian tour, the royal couple spent four days in the United States, which included a visit with US president Franklin Delano Roosevelt at his private residence at Hyde Park in New York and in Washington, DC. The royal couple visited the British and Canadian pavilions at the 1939 New York World's Fair and enjoyed a picnic lunch of hot dogs with the Roosevelts.

The King and Queen developed a strong rapport with Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, which lasted throughout the Second World War. Queen Elizabeth recalled decades later that the American visit “was very valuable because the King was able to talk to Roosevelt. Endless night talks they had, because Hitler was looming then.”

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# 1939 Britain Declares War

September 3, 1939



In response to Hitler's invasion of Poland, Britain and France, both allies of the overrun nation declare war on Germany.





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**Silver Medal - 32 mm**



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**Bronze Medal - 32 mm**



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**Silver Medal - 54 mm**



**Gold Medal - 54 mm**

Medal	Size	Composition	Distribution	Designer/ Engraver
	32 mm almost half dollar-sized	Bronze	417,000	Obv - Percy Metcalfe Rev - Emanuel O. Hahn
	32 mm	Silver	183,000 or 260?	Obv - Percy Metcalfe Rev - Emanuel O. Hahn
	54 mm	Gold	5	Obv - Percy Metcalfe Rev - Emanuel O. Hahn
	54 mm	Silver	125	Obv - Percy Metcalfe Rev - Emanuel O. Hahn
	54 mm	Tombac	650	Obv - Percy Metcalfe Rev - Emanuel O. Hahn
	26 mm almost quarter-sized	Bronze	2,500,000	Obv - Thomas Shingles Rev - Emanuel O. Hahn

# 26mm vs 32/54mm obverses



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# Emanuel Otto Hahn - Familiar Canadian Coins



# Percy Metcalfe - Familiar Coins



# Thomas Shingles - Familiar Coins

