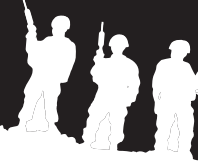


# WORLD WAR II IN CAPE MAY COUNTY



**Fire towers** were built as part of Fort Miles to fight off air raids and German surface ships. They quickly changed into submarine spotting towers.

Atlantic Ocean

**World War II bunker** was equipped with 16-inch guns and had rooms sealed off from the outside in case the Germans used chemical weapons.

## CAPE MAY COUNTY

**The Cape May Canal** was built in 1942 in response to the sinking of the U.S.S. Jacob Jones. Its purpose was to create an access point to the Delaware Bay for both Navy and Coast Guard ships instead of sailing into the ocean off Cape May Point, where German subs lurked throughout the war.

## LOWER TOWNSHIP

In 1942, a **magnesite plant** was built to create firebricks used to line steel mill furnaces and warships' boilers. It was shut down in 1983 and then torn down.

Garden State Parkway

Cape May Harbor

U.S. Coast Guard Training Center

## WEST CAPE MAY

## CAPE MAY POINT

## CAPE MAY

Cape May Inlet



**Jetties** at the end of the canal on the Delaware Bay and on the other side at the Cape May Inlet have led to major beach erosion. The jetties in the Cape May Inlet were constructed in the early 1900s to maintain boating access to Cape May Harbor. That proved to be important for the Navy during World War I.