



12th Armoured Regiment  
 (The Three Rivers Regiment) 1st Canadian Armoured Brigade  
 Sicily and Italy, 1943 – 1945, Northwest Europe, 1945



Unit Serial and Arm of Service Flash, 1942 – 1945

Battle Honours: Second World War

Landing in Sicily, Grammichele, Piazza Armerina, Valguarnera, Agrig, Adrano, Troina Valley, Sicily, 1943, Termoli, The Gully, Ortona, Cassino II, Gustav Line, Liri Valley, Hitler Line, Trasimene Line, Arezzo, Advance to Florence, Monte La Pieve, Monte Spaduro, Italy, 1943-1945, Apeldoorn, North-West Europe, 1945.

Historical Sketch



Formation Sign,  
 1st Army Tank Brigade  
 and later,  
 1st Canadian Armoured  
 Brigade

The Regiment mobilized The Three Rivers Regiment (Tank), CASF on 01 September 1939. It was redesignated the 12th Army Tank Battalion (The Three Rivers Regiment (Tank)) on 11 February 1941. It embarked for the United Kingdom as the second senior tank battalion of 1st Army Tank Brigade on 19 June 1941. It was redesignated the 12th Army Tank Regiment (The Three Rivers Regiment (Tank)), and landed in Sicily as a part of the 1st Canadian Armoured Brigade on 10 July 1943. The Regiment was redesignated the 12th Armoured Regiment (The Three Rivers Regiment) on 26 August 1943. It landed in Italy on 24 September 1943 and moved to North-West Europe in March 1945.

Second World War Gallantry Awards

Service #	Rank	Surname	Names	Decoration	I or P	Date
	Lieutenant Colonel	CARON	Fernand Ludger	DSO	I	15Apr45
	Captain	GRANT	Ian MacDonald	DSO	I	28Jun44
	Major	JOHNSON	Frank William	DSO	I	21Apr45
	Major	MILLS	John Charles Patrick	DSO	I	23Dec43
	Brigadier	BOOTH	Eric Leslie	DSO + Bar	I & I	05Aug43/24Dec43

	Captain	ARMSTRONG	John Campbell	MC	I	23Dec43
	Lieutenant	FARROW	Francis Alfred	MC	I	28Jun44
	Lieutenant	MARASKAS	L.	MC	U/K	U/K
	Lieutenant	ROBERTS	Orval Lealand	MC	I	24Jul43
	Lieutenant	RYCKMAN	Robert Willis	MC	I	15Jul43
	Acting Major	SMITH	Edward William	MC	I	18Dec43
	Acting Major	WALKER	James Rankin	MC	I	06Oct43
	Lieutenant	WALLACE	John Francis	MC	I	06Oct43
	Honorary Captain	WILHELM	Joseph Lawrence	MC	I	29Jul43
D71213	Sergeant	ALLEN	John Augustine	MM	I	24Jul43
C41332	Corporal	CAMPBELL	Robert Calvin	MM	I	06Oct43
H77966	Trooper	COLLINS	Joseph Wild	MM	I	06Oct43
B73456	Sergeant	FONTAINE	Frank James	MM	I	23Dec43
K53772	Sergeant	GALE	Cecil Vincent	MM	I	31Jan44
B79538	Sergeant	JACK	Roderick	MM	I	15Oct44
D27039	Sergeant	JONES	Gwilym Thomas	MM	I	17Oct44
D36484	Acting Corporal	KAY	Walter John	MM	I	29Oct44
B48857	Trooper	MEADS	William Robert	MM	I	25May44
D36087	Trooper	ST. LOUIS	Raoul	MM	I	25May44

"I" – Immediate award for a specific act of gallantry.

"P" – Periodic Award. Not for a specific act, but can encompass gallant behavior over a period of time or noteworthy service.