



7th Reconnaissance Regiment  
 (17th Duke of York's  
 Royal Canadian Hussars) Reconnaissance Regiment of 3rd Canadian  
 Infantry Division  
 Northwest Europe, 1944 – 1945



Unit Serial and Arm of  
 Service Flash 1942-1945

Battle Honours: Second World War

**Caen, Falaise, The Laison, The Scheldt, Breskens Pocket, The  
 Rhineland, The Rhine, Emmerich-Hoch Elten, Zutphen,  
 Deventer, North-West Europe 1944-1945.**



Formation Sign  
 3rd Canadian Infantry  
 Division

Historical Sketch

Elements of the Regiment were placed on Active Service on 01 September 1939 for local protective duties in Canada. On 24 May 1940, the Regiment mobilized the **3rd Canadian Motorcycle Regiment, C.A.S.F. (17 H.)**. It was converted to armour and redesignated as the **17th (Active) Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars** on 01 February 1941. Shortly thereafter, it was redesignated as **7th Reconnaissance Battalion (17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars)** on 11 February 1941. It embarked for the United Kingdom as a part of 3rd Canadian Infantry Division on 23 August 1941. On 08 June 1942, it was redesignated as **7th Reconnaissance Regiment (17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars)**. Detachments of the Regiment landed in Normandy on 06 June 1944 as part of 3rd Canadian Infantry Division. The remainder of the Regiment landed during the rest of June and July 1944. It fought as the reconnaissance regiment of 3rd Canadian Infantry Division throughout North-West Europe.

Second World War Gallantry Awards

Service #	Rank	Surname	Names	Decoration	I or P	Date
	Lieutenant Colonel	BAERMAN	Charles Alexander	DSO	P	Oct44-Apr45

	Lieutenant Colonel	LEWIS	Thomas Cripps	DSO	I	14Aug44
	Major	McLEAN	Charles Wesley	DSO	P	Jun44-Apr45
	Lieutenant	AYER	Donald Holman	MC	I	14Aug44
	Lieutenant	BRUNSTRON	Terrence Stewart	MC	I	16Aug44
	Lieutenant	CARDY	Andrew Gordon	MC	P	04-20Sep44
	Lieutenant	CRABTREE	Lorne Walter Kay	MC	I	27Oct44
	Major	HARROLD	Joseph James	MC	U/K	U/K
	Captain	PULLAM	John Thomas	MC	I	26Oct44
	Lieutenant	RILLIE	James Alexander	MC	I	02Sep44
D3397	Corporal	CHAPMAN	Kenneth Amos	MM	I	14Apr45
D3212	Sergeant	GILES	Frederick George	MM	I	13Oct44
A68187	Trooper	MORRIS	Robert Edgar	MM	I	01Sep44
D3336	Corporal	SANDS	Albert Richard	MM	I	01Sep44
D3252	Sergeant	SCOTT	Geoffrey Bernard	MM	I	13Oct44
D77029	Corporal	TETRAULT	Joseph Robert	MM	I	01Sep44
D82836	Lance Sergeant	WELLINGTON	Edwin John Drummond	MM	I	29Oct44
D3970	Sergeant	WHITTALL	Cedric Godfrey	MM	I	03Apr 45
D3353	Sergeant	YOUNG	Joseph	MM	I	28Oct44
L100789	Trooper	YOUNG	Thomas Paul	MM	I	31Aug44

"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.