



2nd Armoured Regiment
[Lord Strathcona's
Horse (Royal Canadians)] 5th Canadian Armoured Division
Italy 1943 – 1945, Northwest Europe 1945



Battle Honours: Second World War

Liri Valley, Melfa Crossing, Torrice Crossroads, Gothic Line,
Pozzo Alto Ridge, Coriano, Lamone Crossing, Misano Ridge,
Casale, Naviglio Canal, Fosso Munio, Italy, 1944-1945,
Ijsselmeer, North-West Europe, 1945.

Unit Serial and Arm of Service
Flash, 1942 – 1945



Formation Sign
5th Canadian Armoured Division

Historical Sketch The Regiment was placed on active service on 01 September 1939. In March 1940 a squadron was detached to help form a composite unit that was intended to be the divisional cavalry regiment for 1st Canadian Division. This unit, named The First Canadian Cavalry Regiment (Mechanized), was broken up into its constituent parts on 21 June 1941. During its short existence in London, Ontario, it was composed as follows: RHQ - 1st Hussars, A Squadron - Royal Canadian Dragoons, B Squadron - Lord Strathcona's Horse (RC), C Squadron - 1st Hussars, HQ Squadron - 1st Hussars. In July 1940 the 1st Canadian Motorcycle Regiment (RCD/LSH(RC)) was formed and it included one squadron of LSH(RC), CASF. That regiment was redesignated Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) on 21 September 1940. It was then allocated to the Canadian Armoured Corps upon conversion to an armoured regiment on 15 November 1940. On 11 February 1941, it was redesignated 2nd Armoured Regiment (Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)). It embarked for the United Kingdom in November 1941 as the senior armoured regiment of 1st Armoured Brigade, 5th Canadian Armoured Division. Following the re-organization of Canadian armoured formations in early 1943, the Regiment landed in Italy in November 1943 where it operated as an armoured regiment in 5th Armoured Brigade, 5th Canadian Armoured Division. In February 1945 the Regiment moved to the North-West European theatre of operations and fought there

until the end of the war.

Second World War Gallantry Awards

Service #	Rank	Surname	Names	Decoration	I or P	Date
	Major	GRAHAM	Robert James	DSO	P	16Apr45
	Lieutenant Colonel	GRIFFIN	Phillip George	DSO	I	24May44
	Lieutenant Colonel	McAVITY	James Malcolm	DSO	P	16Apr45
	Major	MILROY	William Alexander	DSO	P	14-17Apr45
	Acting Captain	PERKINS	Edward James	DSO	I	24May44
	Lieutenant	BLACK	James John	MC	I	24Sep44
	Captain	WHITTLE	John Curran	MC	I	24May44
	Captain	WILKIN	John Graham	MC	I	20Dec44
P3515	Sergeant	MACEY	Clifford Norman	DCM	I	24May44
H165	Corporal	MATHEWS	James Boyd	DCM	I	30May44
D129	Sergeant	ANFOSSI	Joseph Leopold	MM	P	17Apr45
M63881	Trooper	BOETTCHER	Harold	MM	I	31Aug-01Sep44
H63890	Trooper	FUNK	Jacob Klippenstain	MM	I	24May44
L41851	Trooper	HAYWARD	Cecil Charles	MM	P	44-45
B49450	Corporal	HUDSON	Russel Ray	MM	I	10Dec44
H400	Corporal	LODWICK	Delmage Edmund	MM	P	15Oct44
H238	Corporal	McLEAN	George	MM	I	03Sep44
C120835	Trooper	MELDRUM	Rodger Eldridge	MM	I	15Apr45
P3509	Sergeant	WILLIAMS	Arthur Hughes	MM	I	24May44

"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.