



3rd Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment
(The Governor General's
Horse Guards)

5th Canadian Armoured Division
Italy 1943 – 1945, Northwest Europe 1945



Unit Serial and Arm of Service
Flash, 1942



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Formation Sign
5th Canadian Armoured
Division

Battle Honours: Second World War

Liri Valley, Melfa Crossing, Gothic Line, Lamone Crossing, Misano Ridge, Fosso Munio, Italy 1944-1945, Ijsselmeer, North-West Europe, 1945.

Historical Sketch

Details of the Regiment were placed on active service on 01 September 1939 for local protective duty. The Regiment mobilized the **2nd Canadian Motorcycle Regiment, C.A.S.F. (G.G.H.G.)** on 24 May 1940. On 09 February 1941 the Regiment was redesignated **The Governor General's Horse Guards** and on 11 February 1941 it was converted to armour and redesignated the **3rd Armoured Regiment (The Governor General's Horse Guards)**. It formed a part of 2nd Armoured Brigade of 5th Canadian Armoured Division. It embarked for the United Kingdom on 09 October 1941. As a result of the reorganization of Canadian armoured formations in early 1943, the Regiment was converted to an armoured reconnaissance regiment and redesignated the **3rd Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment (The Governor General's Horse Guards)** and remained with 5th Canadian Armoured Division. It landed in Italy on 19 December 1943 and moved to North-West Europe on 16 February 1945. The active unit was disbanded on 31 January 1946. A 3rd (Reserve) Armoured Regiment (The Governor General's Horse Guards) served in the Reserve Army.

Second World War Gallantry Awards

Service	Rank	Surname	Names	Decoration	I or	Date
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	Major	BURTON	George Allan	DSO	I	24May44
	Major	CROSBIE	Alexander Harris	DSO	P	Dec44- Apr45
	Lieutenant Colonel	JORDON	Allen Kitchener	DSO	P	Jun-Oct44
	Lieutenant	CHANT	Douglas Joseph	MC	I	24May44
	Lieutenant	WASS	Charles Sandford	MC	I	28May44
B70118	Corporal	STITT	Herbert Dixon	DCM	I	16-17Apr45
B69834	Squadron Sergeant Major	CLARKSON	William Cyril	MM	P	16-17Apr45
B69721	Trooper	DICKENSON	Thomas Edwin	MM	I	24May44
L22231	Sergeant	JOHNS	Idris Raymond	MM	P	Oct44
B69668	Sergeant	JOHNSTON	Wallace Alexander	MM	P	Dec44
H9027	Corporal	LEADBETTER	Thomas Alan Melhuish	MM	P	Dec44
B69509	Corporal	RUFF	Thomas William	MM	I	03Sep44
B69819	Squadron Sergeant Major	RUSSELL	Alexander Harry	MM	P	28Oct44
L103928	Lance Corporal	SPENCE	Donald Archibald	MM	I	16-17Apr 45

"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.