



21st Armoured Regiment
(The Governor General's
Foot Guards)

4th Canadian Armoured Division
Northwest Europe, 1945



Unit Serial and Arm of Service
Flash,
1942



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Flash,
1943 – 1945



Formation Sign
4th Canadian Armoured
Division

Battle Honours: Second World War

Falaise, Falaise Road, The Laison, Chambois, The Scheldt, The Lower Maas, The Rhineland, The Hochwald, Veen, Bad Zwischenahn, North-West Europe, 1944-1945.

Historical Sketch

Details of the Regiment were placed on active service on 01 September 1939 for local protective duties. The Regiment mobilized **The Governor General's Foot Guards, C.A.S.F.** on 24 May 1940. The Regiment was converted to armour and redesignated the **21st Armoured Regiment (The Governor General's Foot Guards)** on 26 January 1942. It formed a part of 4th Armoured Brigade of 4th Canadian Armoured Division. It embarked for the United Kingdom on 23 September 1942. As a result of the reorganization of the Canadian armoured divisions in early 1943, the Regiment formed a part of 4th Armoured Brigade in 4th Canadian Armoured Division. It landed in Normandy on 25 July 1944 and fought throughout North-West Europe as part of 4th Canadian Armoured Division. It was disbanded on 31 January 1946. A 2nd Battalion served in the Reserve Army.

Second World War Gallantry Awards

Service #	Rank	Surname	Names	Decoration	I or P	Date
	Major	BAYLAY	George Taylor	DSO	P	Jul44-

						Sep44
	Lieutenant Colonel	SMITH	Edward Marshall	DSO	I	28Oct44
	Captain	BIRMINGHAM	John Edward	MC	I	26Feb45
	Lieutenant	CANAVAN	Edmond Judson	MC	I	23Oct44
	Lieutenant	COLLINS	Peter John	MC	I	25Apr45
	Captain	EGAN	Wilfrid Desmond	MC	I	18Apr45
	Captain	FRASER	John Humphries	MC	P	Sep44
	Lieutenant	HANWAY	Lawrence Martin	MC	I	17Sep44
	Acting Major	LEWIS	GeoffreyClark	MC	I	26Feb45
	Acting Major	SMITH	Allen Gilbert Vernon	MC	I	23Oct44
C58593	Corporal	BINGHAM	Joseph	DCM	I	16Feb45
C58039	Lance Corporal	MacKAY	Robert Weir	DCM	I	10Apr45
C58384	Sergeant	CAVAN	Norman Lambert	MM	I	14Aug44
C58014	Sergeant	DAILEY	Russell Ernest	MM	P	44-45
M62367	Sergeant	FIELDING	Charles	MM	P	09Aug44
C58766	Corporal	FUMERTON	John Robert Howard	MM	P	25Oct44
D76511	Sergeant	LEATHERBORROW	Robert Wilson	MM	I	28Apr45
B77393	Guardsmen	LEVITT	Joseph	MM	P	09Aug44
C58035	Sergeant	PROPHET	George Thomas	MM	P	Aug44

"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.