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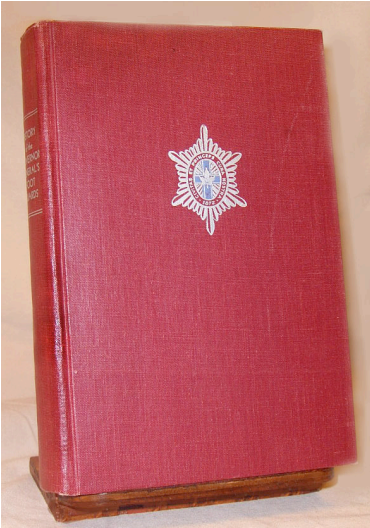
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## About this CD.

This regimental history was initiated by Major A. R. Jessup's account of the part played by the Governor General's Foot Guards personnel while actively serving in Europe during the Second World War. The regiment decided, however, that the subject matter should be expanded to recount its complete history, taking Major Jessup's fine start as the core of the work.

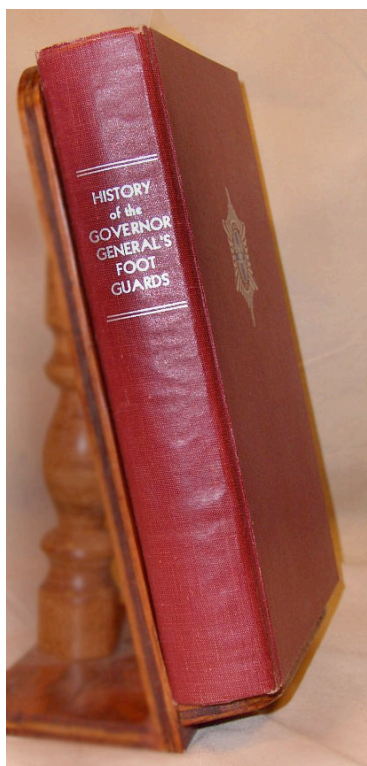
Major Jessup completed his first draft while awaiting the regiment's repatriation from Europe but despite a dramatic increase in the writing staff it took a further three years to bring the book to publication in 1948. This additional time did allow for minor alterations to be made in the light of information which was not available when the first draft was being written, as well as the addition of numerous wonderful situation / route maps and illustrating photographs. Several of the photographs come in the form of panoramic records of complete companies of the regiment's personnel.

The book conforms with the traditional, chronological format of history books. It starts with the regiment's origins as a part time militia made up of members of the Civil Service of Canada while the government was seated in Quebec in 1861. At that time its duties were mainly to form a military presence at formal ceremonies and to provide honour guards for visiting dignitaries. The account continues to follow the sometimes checkered fortunes of the unit including its contributions to such important episodes as The Nile Voyagers, the North West Rebellion, The Boer War and the Great (1914 - 1918) War in Europe. Starting at the mobilization of the GGFG as a component of the WWII Canadian Expeditionary Force the history becomes a lot more detailed and provides more "first hand" experiences of the consequence of the larger events.

The account concludes after the return to Canada and the regiment's demobilization.

Additional materials in the volume provide a History of the Regimental Rifle Association, while five appendices include a Roll of Honour, listings of Honours and Awards (including citation for valour) and a Nominal Roll for 1940 - 1946.

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#### Organization

THIS is the story of Canadian men who, from generation to generation, in peace and in war, in prosperity and in adversity, have moulded and maintained the traditions of their Regiment. From some of its members Fate has demanded only the exacting and monotonous routine of peacetime soldiering with its ceremonial parades, guard-mounting, camps of instruction and semi-weekly drills, whilst others have been required to serve on Egyptian sands, in the Canadian North-West, on the African veldt, in the trenches of France and Flanders, or in historic towns and villages of Belgium, in picturesque Holland, or devastated Germany. Many have been called upon to lay down their lives. Their roles have been diversified; they have served as Riflemen, Guardsmen, Voyageurs, Sharpshooters, Infantrymen and Armoured troops, but whatever the challenge has been the officers and men of the Governor General's Foot Guards have met it with quiet competence.

The Regiment was primarily organized to carry out services associated with the Vice-Regal Household, such as the provision of guards for the opening and closing of Parliament and other ceremonial duties when the Governor General was present. After Confederation the status of the Governor General had acquired a new constitutional significance and the need for a regiment with specific responsibilities for attendance upon Her Majesty's representative at Ottawa was soon apparent. Prior to Con-

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#### Across the Channel

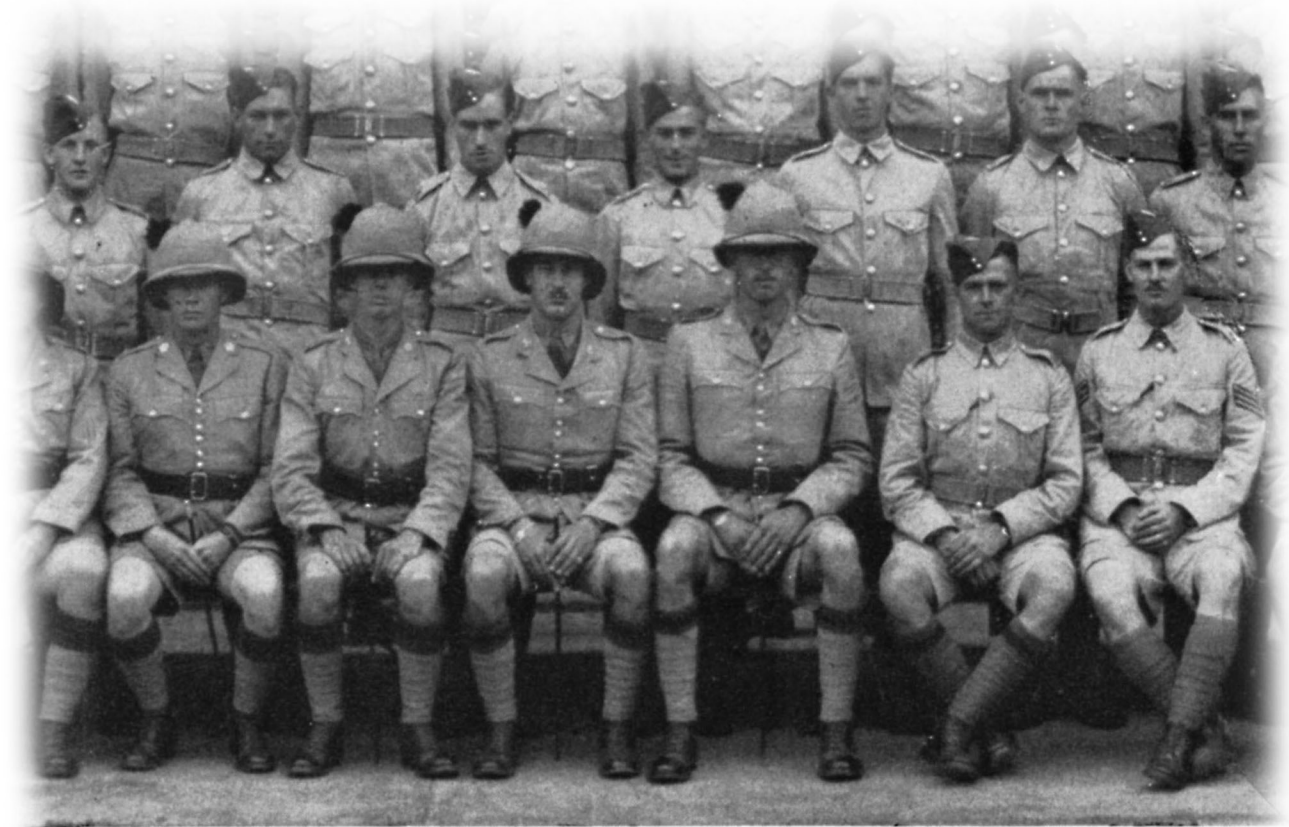
THIS is now the story of the Governor General's Foot Guards in action as an Armoured Regiment (21st C.A.R., G.G.F.G.). It was definitely an Ottawa Regiment for the majority came from Ottawa and the Ottawa Valley, although all other parts of Canada were represented, symbolic of its national character as typified by the provincial initials on its original badge and its national title. They were good soldiers and fought with valour. Inevitably many of their individual actions have been unrecognized in the confusion of battle and are not recorded. The few that are mentioned here typify the many. Together, they formed a Regiment having an unsurpassed tradition in action and an esprit that is the inexpressible experience of every member. If there be any dedication, it must be to each of those who fought, who were wounded and who died.

The following officers accompanied the Regiment to France:

Lieut.-Colonel Scott, M. J.	Lieut. Conlon, C. W.
Major Baker, H. F.	Lieut. Crocker, D. N.
Major Laidlaw, R. H.	Lieut. Devitt, J. W.
Capt. A/Major Morell, L. L.	Lieut. Eckel, J. B.
Major Smith, E. M.	Lieut. Evans, E. A.
Capt. A/Major Slack, C. E.	Lieut. Finn, E. P. J. O.
Captain Alexander, C. M.	Lieut. Healy, J. W.
Captain Baylay, G. T.	Lieut. Hyde, W. W.
Captain (P.M.) Calder, R. O.	Lieut. Jessup, A. R.
Lieut. A/Capt. Dolan, W. D'A.	Lieut. MacPhail, W. W. K.
Captain Duguid, G. H. T.	Lieut. Middleton-Hope, C. A.
Lieut. A/Capt. Eardley-Wilmot, J. V.	Lieut. Read, J. J. C.
Captain (Q.M.) French, A. B.	Lieut. Richardson, A. C.
Captain Froats, G. G.	Lieut. Smith, R. A.
Captain (M.O.) Fraser, J. H.	Lieut. Taylor, J. F.
Lieut. A/Capt. Mooers, E. F.	Lieut. Tompson, R.
Captain Smith, A. G. V.	Lieut. Westheuser, N.
Lieut. A/Capt. (T.O.) West, K. B.	Lieut. Otter, D. B.
Lieut. (I.O.) Boles, J. J.	Hon. Capt. (Chaplain) Latour, J. A.
Lieut. Checkland, S. G.	Captain Hodgson, R. (L.A.D.)



SAMPLER - Detail from one of several group panoramas.



No. 1 Coy., 1 Bn., C.A.S.F., — SEPTEMBER, 1940

Lt. J. P. Casault, C.Q.M.S. J. P. R. Boyer, Lieut. H. V. Pritchard, Lieut. A. C. Macphail, Maj.

Platoon Leader Lt. J. P. Casault, Gdsm. R. Spenard, Gdsm. A. Mayer, Gdsm. E. S. Nadeau, L/Cpl. G. Alarie, Gdsm. F. Clemens, Gdsm. F. Steele, Gdsm. K. McArthur, Gdsm. H. Pickering, Gdsm. J. G. Magee, Gdsm. Prudhomme, Gdsm. G. R. Baird, Gdsm. A. C. Washington, L/Cpl. T. Tremblay, Gdsm. J. Lajeune, Gdsm. W. J. Miller, Gdsm. A. J. Ruddy, Gdsm. L. E. McKinnon, Gdsm. J. Emery, Gdsm. F. Gimre, Gdsm. G. Chartrand, Gdsm. E. T. H. Ruthledge, Gdsm. A. E. Clarke, Gdsm. J. L. McIntyre, Gdsm.

arm and waved a farewell salute to the crews. His loss was deeply felt by all ranks, for the Regiment possessed no better soldier or braver officer.

Meanwhile No. 2 Squadron continued to shoot up the woods and here Sgt. Leatherbarrow's tank knocked out a Panther. Enemy anti-tank fire now ceased but heavy shell fire persisted while No. 2 Squadron regrouped under command of Capt. Hyde. No. 1 Squadron went into the lead and the Regiment pushed on to Point 164, led by Lieut. Taylor's troop.

Boos was by-passed to the east, but a troop of No. 2 Squadron under Lieut. Matheson, by mistake, entered the town. Lieut. Matheson had joined the Regiment immediately before the advance began and was provided with neither maps nor codes. He was eventually contacted on the air and the following radio conversation ensued:

*Capt. Hyde:* "Where are you?"

*Lieut. Matheson:* "I have no codes."

*Capt. Hyde:* "We must know where you are."

*Lieut. Matheson:* "A road sign here says 'Boos'."

*Capt. Hyde:* "Say again — you were jammed."

*Lieut. Matheson:* "I am in Boos—B—O—O—S."

*Capt. Hyde (in horrified tones):* "That place is held by the enemy."

*Lieut. Matheson:* "I know, a German ambulance just now ran into me."

At Point 164 the Regiment moved into open laager in a large field and the tanks were immediately camouflaged under wheat stooks. Enemy activity was soon observed on one flank, and a scout platoon of the Lake Superior Regiment, sent to investigate, returned with over 100 prisoners. Further enemy were reported in a wood on the right flank, which was thoroughly flushed by a troop under Lieut. Higginson. Meanwhile the Recce Troop, required to locate the other Brigade units, accomplished this task with its force of three tanks and three scout cars commanded by Sgts. Arnot, Dailey, Kimberley and Cpl. Blaydes. A high state of alert prevailed for the rest of the day but despite this a German despatch rider almost made a successful dash through the laager before being finally brought down by Browning fire.

## APPENDIX V

### NOMINAL ROLL OF THE 1ST BN (C.A.S.F.)

## GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S FOOT GUARDS

1940 — 1946

### OFFICERS

<p>*Lieutenant Adams, R. C.            Captain Akehurst, E. L.            Major Andre, F. P.            Lt.-Col. Anglin, E. A.            †Major Alexander, G. M.</p> <p>*Lt.-Col. Baker, H. F.            *Lt.-Col. Baylay, G. T.; D.S.O.  <span style="padding-left: 100px;">(m.i.d.)</span>            Major Belanger, R. E. (m.i.d.)            *Captain Birmingham, J. E.; M.C.            †Lieutenant Boles, J. J.            Major Boudreau, O. L.            Major Bowen, C. L. H.            Captain Bowie, T. G.            Captain Bowker, W. B.            Major Brown, F. H.; M.C.            Lieutenant Buckingham, N. A.            Captain Burke, A. O.; M.B.E.            Lieutenant Burton, R. E.</p> <p>Captain Calder, R. O.            Lieutenant Canavan, E. J.; M.C.            *Lieutenant Carey, F. L.            Lieutenant Casselman, G. A.            Lieutenant Chapman, H. V.            *Lieutenant Checkland, S. G.            Lieutenant Clark, R. J.            Lieutenant Collins, P. J.; M.C.            *Major Conlon, C. W.            Lieutenant Cook, W. B.            Lieutenant Corbiere, J. B.            Lieutenant Craig, L. A.            Lieutenant Crocker, D. N.</p> <p>Captain Devitt, J. W.            Lieutenant Dick, W.            Lieutenant Dillon, M. F.            Lieutenant Doig, D. N. W.            Captain Dolan, W. D. (m.i.d.)            Major Duguid, G. H. T. (m.i.d.)</p> <p>†Captain Eardley-Wilmot, J. V.            Captain East, N. H. S.</p>	<p>Mr. Eccles, J. F.            *Lieutenant Eckel, J. B.            Lieutenant Edwards, J. H.            Captain Egan, W. D.; M.C.  <span style="padding-left: 100px;">(m.i.d.) R.C.C.S.</span></p> <p>Captain Ellis, W. H.            *Captain Evans, E. A.</p> <p>Captain Fenton, G. B. C.            †Lieutenant Finlayson, R. A.            Major Finley, M. C.            †Lieutenant Finn, E. P. J. O.            Captain Forbes, R. S.  <span style="padding-left: 100px;">M.B.E. (m.i.d.)</span></p> <p>Lieutenant Foster, D. M.            Captain Fraser, J. H.  <span style="padding-left: 100px;">M.C. (m.i.d.)</span></p> <p>Captain French, A. B.            Lieutenant Fritz, R. L.            †Major Froats, G. G.</p> <p>Captain Gardiner, D. M.            Lieutenant Gauthier, N. G.            Captain George, K. J.            Lieutenant Gibson, A. M.            *Lieutenant Giffin, H. H. M.            Captain Gill, C. V.            Lieutenant Groleau, G.            Lieutenant Guilet, C. E.            Captain Guthrie, N. G.</p> <p>Captain Hall, F. A.            Major Hamilton, R. J. C.            Captain Hanway, L. M.  <span style="padding-left: 100px;">M.C.</span></p> <p>*Lieutenant Healy, J. W.            Lieutenant Hemming, F. H.            *Captain Henry, E. F.            Lieutenant Heywood, J. O.            *Captain Higginson, B. L.            Major Hjalmarson, J. K.  <span style="padding-left: 100px;">M.B.E.</span></p> <p>Captain Hodgson, R. H. C.  <span style="padding-left: 100px;">(m.i.d.) R.C.E.M.E.</span></p>
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\*Wounded †Killed