

**Officers Holding Principal Appointments in the Canadian Army
in North-West Europe*
(6 June 1944-8 May 1945)
FIRST CANADIAN ARMY**

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief General H.D.G. Crerar, CH, CB, DSO	20 March	1944	30 July	1945
Chief of Staff Brigadier C.C. Mann, CBE, DSO	28 January	1944	30 July	1945
Brigadier, General Staff Brigadier G.E. Beament, OBE, ED	14 November	1943	30 July	1945
Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General Brigadier A.E. Walford, CBE, MM, ED Brigadier J.F.A. Lister, OBE	08 April 19 September	1943 1944	10 September 16 July	1944 1945
Brigadier – Royal Armoured Corps Brigadier J.F. Bingham	09 December	1944	30 July	1945
Brigadier – Royal Artillery Brigadier H.O.N. Brownfield, CBE MC Brigadier E.C. Plow, CBE, DSO	27 December 19 December	1943 1944	18 December 11 June	1944 1945
Chief Engineers Brigadier A.T. MacLean, CBE, MC, VD Brigadier Geoffrey Walsh, CBE, DSO	20 October 02 September	1943 1944	01 September 20 July	1944 1945
Chief Signal Officer Brigadier J.E. Genet, CBE, MC	06 April	1942	30 July	1945
Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport Brigadier G.E.R. Smith, CBE	15 December	1942	31 July	1945
Deputy Director of Medical Services Brigadier C.P. Fenwick, CBE, MC, ED Brigadier H.M. Elder, DSO, ED	26 May 18 December	1943 1944	17 December 14 July	1944 1945
Deputy Director of Ordnance Services Brigadier J.A.W. Bennett, CBE Brigadier D.J.G. Farquharson, CBE	20 February 07 May	1944 1945	06 May 14 December	1945 1945
Deputy Director of Mechanical Engineering Brigadier G.M. Grant, CBE	23 March	1944	10 August	1945
Deputy Director of Civil Affairs Military Government Brigadier W.B. Wedd, CBE, DSO, MC, ED	31 January	1944	30 July	1945

* Officers are shown with ranks and decorations as of the day on which they relinquished the appointments concerned. Names of officers who held acting appointments or were detailed temporarily to command are not shown unless they were subsequently confirmed in these appointments. No distinction is made between acting and confirmed ranks. Appointments in the formations of the 1st Canadian Corps previous to their arrival in North-West Europe are not shown; for these, see *The Canadians in Italy, 1943-1945*, † "Colonel General Staff" until 1 May 1945.

1ST CANADIAN CORPS

General Officer Commanding			
Lt. Gen. Charles Foulkes, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.	10 Nov. 44	--	17 Jul. 45
Chief of Staff			
Brig. G. Kitching, C.B.E., D.S.O.	12 Nov. 44	--	1 Jul. 45
Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General			
Brig. W. P. Gilbride, C.B.E., D.S.O.	19 Sep. 44	--	8 Jul. 45
Commander, Corps Royal Artillery			
Brig. H. A. Sparling, D.S.O.	19 Dec. 44	--	10 Jun. 45
Chief Engineer			
Brig. C. A. Campbell, O.B.E.	27 Jul. 44	--	23 Apr. 45
Brig. J. D. Christian, O.B.E.	24 Apr. 45	--	17 Jul. 45
Chief Signal Officer			
Brig. Arthur Egbert Wrinch, CBE.	12 Jan. 45	--	10 Jun. 45

2ND CANADIAN CORPS

General Officer Commanding			
Lt.-Gen. G. G. Simonds, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.	30 Jan. 44	--	25 Jun. 45
Chief of Staff			
Brig. N. E. Rodger, C.B.E.	27 Feb. 44	--	25 Jun. 45
Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General			
Brig. H. V. D. Laing, C.B.E., E.D.	15 Jan. 43	--	16 Jun. 45
Commander, Corps Royal Artillery			
Brig. A. B. Matthews, D.S.O., E.D.	14 Mar. 44	--	10 Nov. 44
Brig. P. A. S. Todd, D.S.O., O.B.E., E.D.	10 Nov. 44	--	3 Jun. 45
Chief Engineer			
Brig. G. Walsh, D.S.O.	13 Feb. 44	--	1 Sep. 44
Brig. D. K. Black, D.S.O.	2 Sep. 44	--	16 Jun. 45
Chief Signal Officer			
Brig. S. F. Clark, C.B.E.	8 May 43	--	25 Jun. 45

1ST CANADIAN INFANTRY DIVISION

General Officer Commanding Maj.-Gen. H. W. Foster, C.B.E., D.S.O.	1 Dec. 44 -- 15 Sep. 45
General Staff Officer, Grade 1 Lt.-Col. W. S. Murdoch, M.B.E.	9 Dec. 44 -- 6 Jul. 45
Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General Lt.-Col. H. Williamson, O.B.E.	23 Dec. 44 -- 15 Sep. 45
Commander, Royal Artillery Brig. W. S. Ziegler, D.S.O., E.D.	4 Mar. 44 -- 23 Aug. 45
Commander, Royal Engineers Lt.-Col. E. H. Webb, D.S.O.	28 May 44 -- 9 Sep. 45
Commander, Royal Signals Lt.-Col. B. W. G. Grover, O.B.E., E.D.	23 Dec. 43 -- 12 Sep. 45
Commander, 1st Infantry Brigade Brig. J. D. B. Smith, C.B.E., D.S.O.	9 Dec. 44 -- 2 Jun. 45
Commander, 2nd Infantry Brigade Brig. M. P. Bogert, D.S.O., O.B.E.	7 Oct. 44 -- 4 Jun. 45
Commander, 3rd Infantry Brigade Brig. J. P. E. Bernatchez, D.S.O., O.B.E.	13 Apr. 44 -- 2 Jun. 45

2ND CANADIAN INFANTRY DIVISION

General Officer Commanding		
Maj.-Gen. C. Foulkes, C.B.E	11 Jan. 44	-- 9 Nov. 44
Maj.-Gen. A. B. Matthews, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D	10 Nov. 44	-- 6 Oct. 45
General Staff Officer, Grade 1		
Lt.-Col. C. R. Archibald	22 Feb. 44	-- 27 Jul. 44
Lt.-Col. C. M. Drury, D.S.O., M.B.E.	28 Jul. 44	-- 9 Nov. 44
Lt.-Col. P. W. Bennett	22 Nov. 44	-- 8 Jul. 45
Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General		
Lt.-Col. L. A. Deziel, O.B.E	17 Jan. 44	-- 16 Mar. 45
Lt. -Col. J. M. Pocock, E.D	16 Mar. 45	-- 16 Jul. 45
Commander, Royal Artillery		
Brig. R. H. Keebler, E.D.	8 Nov. 43	-- 9 Nov. 44
Brig. F. D. Lace, O.B.E.	10 Nov. 44	-- 4 Oct. 45
Commander, Royal Engineers		
Lt. -Col. N. J. W. Smith.	3 Aug. 43	-- 1 Sep. 44
Lt. -Col. L. G. C. Lilley	2 Sep. 44	-- 18 Apr. 45
Commander, Royal Signals		
Lt. -Col. J. W. Johanson, E.D.	22 Feb. 43	-- 12 Feb. 45
Lt.-Col. C. A. Peck, M.B.E.	14 Feb. 45	-- 17 Jul. 45
Commander, 4th Infantry Brigade		
Brig. S. Lett, D.S.O., M.C., E.D.	27 Feb. 44	-- 18 Jul. 44
Brig. J. E. Ganong, E.D.	3 Aug. 44	-- 30 Aug. 44
Brig. F. N. Cabeldu, D.S.O., E.D.	31 Aug. 44	-- 22 Sep. 45
Commander, 5th Infantry Brigade		
Brig. W. J. Megill, D.S.O.	27 Feb. 44	-- 4 Jun. 45
Commander, 6th Infantry Brigade		
Brig. H. A. Young	27 Feb. 44	-- 25 Aug. 44
Brig. F. A. Clift, E.D.	26 Aug. 44	-- 29 Aug. 44
Brig. J. G. Gauvreau, D.S.O	30 Aug. 44	-- 26 Oct. 44
Brig. R. H. Keebler, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.	10 Nov. 44	-- 22 Mar. 45
Brig. J. V. Allard, D.S.O.	24 Mar. 45	-- 27 Sep. 45

3RD CANADIAN INFANTRY DIVISION

General Officer Commanding	
Maj.-Gen. R. F. L. Keller, C.B.E.	8 Sep. 42 -- 8 Aug. 44
Maj.-Gen. D. C. Spry, D.S.O.	18 Aug. 44 -- 22 Mar. 45
Maj.-Gen. R. H. Keefer, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.	23 Mar. 45 -- 19 Nov. 45
General Staff Officer, Grade 1	
Lt. -Col. J. D. Mingay, M.B.E	7 Dec. 43 -- 3 Nov. 44
Lt. -Col. N. L. C. Mather	4 Nov. 44 -- 7 Apr. 45
Lt.-Col. P. W. Strickland, D.S.O.	8 Apr. 45 -- 9 Jun. 45
Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General	
Lt. -Col. E. A. Cote, M.B.E	6 Aug. 43 -- 24 Nov. 44
Lt. -Col. F. E. D. Wallace, O.B.E., E.D.	19 Jan. 45 -- 17 Nov. 45
Commander, Royal Artillery	
Brig. P. A. S. Todd, O.B.E., E.D	27 Dec. 43 -- 9 Nov. 44
Brig. E. R. Suttie, D.S.O	10 Nov. 44 -- 25 Feb. 45
Brig. L. G. Clarke, O.B.E.	1 Mar. 45 -- 3 Apr. 45
Brig. L. G. Clarke, O.B.E.	4 Apr. 45 -- 20 Nov. 45
Commander, Royal Engineers	
Lt.-Col. R. J. Cassidy, O.B.E	18 Jan. 44 -- 27 Sep. 44
Lt. -Col. F. A. McTavish, D.S.O.	28 Sep. 44 -- 16 Nov. 45
Commander, Royal Signals	
Lt. -Col. G. O. Gamble, E.D	26 Nov. 43 -- 14 Jan. 45
Lt.-Col. G. C. Leech	16 Jan. 45 -- 23 Nov. 45
Commander, 7th Infantry Brigade	
Brig. H. W. Foster	28 Jan. 44 -- 21 Aug. 44
Brig. J. G. Spragge, D.S.O., O.B.E., E.D	26 Aug. 44 -- 20 Feb. 45
Brig. T. G. Gibson, D.S.O.	24 Feb. 45 -- 3 Jun. 45
Commander, 8th Infantry Brigade	
Brig. K. G. Blackader, D.S.O., M.C., E.D.	20 Jan. 42 -- 28 Sep. 44
Brig. J. A. Roberts, D.S.O.	30 Oct. 44 -- 14 Aug. 45
Commander, 9th Infantry Brigade	
Brig. D. G. Cunningham, D.S.O	25 Nov. 43 -- 4 Aug. 44
Brig. J. M. Rockingham, D.S.O.	8 Aug. 44 -- 4 Jun. 45

4TH CANADIAN ARMoured DIVISION

General Officer Commanding

Maj.-Gen. G. Kitching, D.S.O 1 Mar. 44 -- 21 Aug. 44

Maj.-Gen. H. W. Foster 22 Aug. 44 -- 30 Nov. 44

Maj.-Gen. C. Vokes, C.B.E., D.S.O 1 Dec. 44 -- 5 Jun. 45

General Staff Officer, Grade 1

Lt. -Col. J. E. Ganong, E.D. 7 May 43 -- 2 Aug. 44

Lt. -Col. F. E. Wigle, D.S.O., O.B.E., E.D. 3 Aug. 44 -- 29 Jan. 45

Lt. -Col. W. G. M. Robinson, O.B.E. 1 Feb. 45 -- 27 Dec. 45

Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General

Lt. -Col. J. W. Proctor, O.B.E. 27 Aug. 43 -- 12 Mar. 45

Lt.-Col. M. R. Dare, D.S.O 14 Mar. 45 -- 27 Dec. 45

Commander, Royal Artillery

Brig. J. N. Lane, D.S.O. 1 Mar. 44 -- 9 Nov. 44

Brig. C. M. Drury, D.S.O., M.B.E. 10 Nov. 44 -- 26 Jun. 45

Commander, Royal Engineers

Lt. -Col. J. R. B. Jones, D.S.O., O.B.E 22 Feb. 44 -- 5 Nov. 45

Lt. -Col. W. W. K. McConnell 6 Nov. 45 -- 14 Dec. 45

Commander, Royal Signals

Lt. -Col. W. P. Shirreff. 12 Nov. 42 -- 20 Jan. 45

Lt. -Col. R. L. Houston. 21 Jan. 45 -- 4 Jun. 45

Commander, 10th Infantry Brigade

Brig. J. C. Jefferson, D.S.O., E.D 27 Feb. 44 -- 5 May 45

Commander, 4th Armoured Brigade

Brig. E. L. Booth, D.S.O. 23 Feb. 44 -- 14 Aug. 44

Brig. R. W. Moncel, D.S.O., O.B.E. 19 Aug. 44 -- 9 Jul. 45

5TH CANADIAN ARMoured DIVISION

General Officer Commanding Maj.-Gen. B. M. Hoffmeister, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D	20 Mar. 44	--	6 Jun. 45
General Staff Officer, Grade 1 Lt.-Col. W. C. Dick, O.B.E.	14 Sep. 44	--	6 Jun. 45
Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General Lt.-Col. C. H. Drury, O.B.E.	23 Mar. 44	--	19 Jun. 45
Commander, Royal Artillery Brig. J. S. Ross, D.S.O.	19 Dec. 44	--	19 Nov. 45
Commander, Royal Engineers Lt. -Col. J. D. Christian, O.B.E. Lt. -Col. M. C. S. Brown, D.S.O.	21 Jul. 43 24 Apr. 45	--	23 Apr. 45 11 Jun. 45
Commander, Royal Signals Lt.-Col. R. H. Widdifield, E.D	12 Jan. 45	--	29 Oct. 45
Commander, 5th Armoured Brigade Brig. I. H. Cumberland, D.S.O., O.B.E., E.D.	7 Jun. 44	--	11 Nov. 45
Commander, 11th Infantry Brigade Brig. I. S. Johnston, D.S.O., E.D	24 Jun. 44	--	6 Jun. 45
Commander, 12th Infantry Brigade Brig. J. S. H. Lind, D.S.O	13 Aug. 44	--	12 Mar. 45

OTHER FORMATIONS

Commander, 1st Armoured Brigade			
Brig. W. C. Murphy, D.S.O., E.D.	27 Feb. 44	--	25 Jun. 45
Commander, 2nd Armoured Brigade			
Brig. R. A. Wyman, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.	15 Apr. 44	--	8 Aug. 44
Brig. J. F. Bingham.	9 Aug. 44	--	8 Dec. 44
Brig. G. W. Robinson.	9 Dec. 44	--	25 Jun. 45
Commander, No. 1 Army Group, Royal Canadian Artillery			
Brig. L. G. Clarke, O.B.E.	26 Dec. 44	--	3 Apr. 45
Brig. E. R. Suttie, D.S.O., E.D.	4 Apr. 45	--	3 Jul. 45
Commander, No. 2 Army Group, Royal Canadian Artillery			
Brig. E. R. Suttie.		15 Feb. 44	-- 9 Nov. 44
Brig. W. C. Leggat.		10 Nov. 44	-- 11 Jul. 45
Commander, No. 1 Army Group, Royal Canadian Engineers			
Col. C. J. Bermingham.		22 May 44	-- 6 Jul. 45
Commander, Army Troops Area			
Brig. W. G. H. Roaf, O.B.E., E.D.		23 Mar. 44	-- 30 Aug. 44
Brig. R. O. G. Morton.		31 Aug. 44	-- 18 Sep. 44
Brig. J. R. R. Gough, C.B.E.		19 Sep. 44	-- 17 Jun. 45
Commander, First Canadian Army Terminals			
Brig. W. P. Gilbride, D.S.O., O.B.E.		2 Jun. 44	-- 30 Aug. 44
Brig. W. G. H. Roaf, O.B.E., E.D.		31 Aug. 44	-- 13 Dec. 44
Col. A. F. B. Knight, O.B.E.		14 Dec. 44	-- 10 Mar. 45
Col. J. W. Proctor, O.B.E.		13 Mar. 45	-- 13 Jul. 45
Canadian Section, General Headquarters, 1st Echelon (21 Army Group)			
General-Officer-in-Charge*			
Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.		27 Feb. 45	-- 5 Sep. 45
Officer-in-Charge			
Brig. A. W. Beament, C.B.E., V.D.		13 Feb. 44	-- 4 Dec. 44
Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.		5 Dec. 44	-- 26 Feb. 45
Canadian Section, General Headquarters, 2nd Echelon (21 Army Group)			
Officer-in-Charge			
Col. V. S. C. McClenaghan, O.B.E., M.C., E.D.		15 Apr. 44	-- 21 Nov. 45
Commander, No. 2 Base Reinforcement Group			
Brig. G. Francoeur, O.B.E., V.D.		27 Mar. 44	-- 1 Jan. 45
Brig. G. S. N. Gostling, E.D.		2 Jan. 45	-- 30 Apr. 45
Brig. J. G. Spragge, D.S.O., O.B.E., E.D.		1 May 45	-- 10 Oct. 45
Commander, No. 3 Base Reinforcement Group†			
Brig. J. S. H. Lind, D.S.O., E.D.		13 Mar. 45	-- 20 Jul. 45

* Appointment created 27 February, 1945.

† Formed 13 March, 1945.