



11th Armoured Regiment  
(The Ontario Regiment)

1st Canadian Armoured Brigade,  
Sicily and Italy, 1943 – 1945, Northwest Europe, 1945

Battle Honours: Second World War



Pursuit to Messina, Sicily, 1943, Colle d'Anchise, The Gully, Casa Berardi, Ortona, Point 59, Cassino II, Gustav Line, Sant' Angelo in Teodice, Liri Valley, Aquino, Trasimene Line, Sanfatucchio, Arezzo, Advance to Florence, Italy, 1943-1945, Arnhem, 1945, North-West Europe, 1945

Unit Serial and Arm of Service  
Flash, 1942 – 1945

Historical Sketch



Formation Sign  
1st Army Tank Brigade and later,  
1st Canadian Armoured Brigade

The Regiment mobilized The Ontario Regiment (Tank), CASF on 01 September 1939. It was redesignated the 11th Army Tank Battalion (The Ontario Regiment (Tank)) on 11 February 1941. It embarked for the United Kingdom on 21 June 1941 as the senior tank battalion of 1st Army Tank Brigade. The Regiment was redesignated the 11th Army Tank Regiment (The Ontario Regiment (Tank)), and landed in Sicily as a part of the 1st Canadian Armoured Brigade on 13 July 1943. It was redesignated the 11th Armoured Regiment (The Ontario Regiment) on 26 August 1943. It landed in Italy on 03 September 1943 and moved to North-West Europe in March 1945.

Second World War Gallantry Awards

Service #	Rank	Surname	Names	Decoration	I or P	Date
	Lieutenant Colonel	SMITH*	Hershell Allister	MC	UK	15Dec43
	Major	AMY**	Edward Alfred Charles	MC	I	09Dec43
	Major	McINDOE	Douglas Haig	DSO	P	Nov43-May44

	Lieutenant Colonel	McLEAN	Charles Milton	DSO	P	Jun44-Apr45
	Lieutenant Colonel	PURVES	Robert Lloyd	DSO	I	12May44
	Major	SIMMONS	William John Eric	DSO	P	Jun44-May45
	Acting Major	HARROD	William George	MC	I	24Jun44
	Lieutenant	HILL	William Valentine	MC	I	11May44
	Captain	KNOWLES	Leonard Ivison	MC	I	16Dec43
	Lieutenant	MacDONALD	Harry Ward	MC	I	13Apr45
	Captain	MELLOW	Ross Carmichael	MC	I	21Jun44
	Captain	PATTON	Goerge Lloyd	MC	I	12May44
	Lieutenant	SHERIFF	John Alexander	MC	I	22Jun44
	Honorary Captain	SMITH	Waldo Edward Lovel	MC	I	23Oct43
K52889	Sergeant	CARSON	Frederick Lyall	MM	I	12May44
A55041	Sergeant	CASSELMAN	Francis William	MM	P	14Apr45
B60737	Sergeant	CLARKE	Ross Graham	MM	I	15Dec43
B19108	Acting Corporal	HARRIS	John Leslie	MM	I	24Jun44
B74702	Trooper	HARRISON	Frederick Henry	MM	I	13May44
B60979	Acting Corporal	HAYNES	Rodman Delmar	MM	I	22Jun44
B31467	Corporal	JONES	Cecil Lloyd	MM	I	24Jun44
B60584	Corporal	LOWRY	John Aaron	MM	P	28Apr45
B61006	Sergeant	MUNRO	James Hay	MM	P	14Apr45
A3812	Corporal	MURDOCK	Robert	MM	I	02Apr45
B68000	Sergeant	STAFFORD	Ronald Alfred Thomas	MM	I	13Apr45
B61203	Trooper	THORNHILL	Phillip George	MM	I	23Oct43
B60506	Sergeant	WOOD	Bert	MM	I	13May44

\* See The Canadian Grenadier Guards: Gallantry Awards for additional award.

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"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.