

4th Reconnaissance Regiment
(4th Princess Louise
Dragoon Guards)

Reconnaissance Regiment of 1st Canadian Infantry Division and Infantry Regiment of 12th Infantry Brigade, 5th Canadian Armoured Division. Sicily, Italy and Northwest Europe, 1943 – 1945



Unit Serial and Arm of
Service Sign 1942-1944



Battle Honours: Second World War



Formation Sign, 1st
Canadian Infantry
Division

Adrano, Troina Valley, **Sicily, 1943**, Landing at Reggio, **Motta Montecorvino, Liri Valley, Hitler Line**, Melfa Crossing, **Gothic Line, Tomba di Pesaro**, Casale, Sant' Angelo in Salute, **Capture of Ravenna, Naviglio Canal, Italy, 1943-1945, North-West Europe, 1945.**

Historical Sketch



Unit Serial And Arm Of
Service Flash As
Infantry
In 12th Infantry Brigade,
5th Canadian
Armoured Division,
1944-1945

On 26 January 1941, the Regiment mobilized the **4th (Active) Princess Louise Dragoon Guards**. This unit was converted to armour and redesignated **4th Reconnaissance Battalion (4th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards)** on 11 February 1941. The battalion was formed from personnel from 1st Canadian Infantry Division in the United Kingdom together with reinforcements from Canada in July 1941. On 08 June 1942, it was redesignated as **4th Reconnaissance Regiment (4th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards)**. "A" Squadron landed in Sicily on 13 July 1943 as a part of 1st Canadian Infantry Division and it was joined by the rest of the Regiment on 27 August 1943. On 04 September 1943, "A" Squadron landed in Italy and was joined by the remainder of the Regiment on 30 September 1943. On 13 July 1944 the Regiment was converted to infantry and redesignated **4th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards**. It was transferred to 12th Infantry Brigade, 5th Canadian Armoured Division, and served in an infantry role.* It moved to North-West Europe on 26 February 1945, as part of 5th Canadian Armoured Division. The Regiment was again converted to armour on 15 March 1945 and was redesignated as



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* 12th Infantry Brigade was in existence in 5th Canadian Armoured Division from July 1944 to March 1945.

Formation Sign 5th
Canadian Armoured
Division

Second World War Gallantry Awards

Service #	Rank	Surname	Names	Decoration	I or P	Date
	Lieutenant Colonel	ADAMS	Fred Dean	DSO	I	21-23May44
	Lieutenant Colonel	DARLING	Warren William Gibson	DSO	I	01Sep44
	Acting Major	BURKE	Douglas John	MC	P	Sep-Oct44
	Captain	CALVERT	Leslie John	MC	I	20-24May44
	Lieutenant	CARSON	Hugh Thomas	MC	I	21-22Jul43
	Lieutenant	CHAMBERLAIN	William Ross	MC	I	21May44
	Captain	EAGAN	Kenneth William	MC	I	23Sep44
	Captain	O'TOOLE	Edward William Scully	MC	I	28Jul43
	Acting Captain	PORTEOUS	Conrad de Lotbeniere	MC	I	11Apr45
	Acting Major	SALTER	William John	MC	I	01Sep44
	Lieutenant	SMITH	Lloyd Russell	MC	I	23May44
M7015	Lance Sergeant	ANTONIUK	George	MM	I	23May44
B32004	Sergeant	BLACK	Harold Delamere	MM	P	23Sep44
K52664	Sqn Sgt.-Maj.	CRAIG	William George Bennie	MM	P	Dec44-Jan45
K37015	Acting Sergeant	DAVIE	Douglas Gordon	MM	I	23May44
C70639	Corporal	LEPPARD	Harold Bradley	MM	I	18-19Jan45
K85398	Trooper	PASFIELD	William	MM	I	23May44
B63259	Lance Sergeant	TAYLOR	Vivian Penrose Jessop	MM	I	23Sep44
M104009	Trooper	WILLIAMS	Dwight Harold	MM	I	27-31Dec44

"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.