



**PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD AND SOUVENIR OF THE 87TH O/S BATTION (CANADIAN GRENADIER GUARDS)
110TH ANNIVERSARY**

**LIEUTENANT-COLONEL COMMANDING 2ND BATTALION CGG (1940-45)
ORIGINAL MEMBER OF 245TH BATTALION (CGG) and SERVED IN 87TH BN CGG
ONE OF THREE CGG OFFICERS ATTACHED TO RAF – ITALY FRONT DURING WW1**



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Lieutenant-Colonel Henry D'Estimauville “Dusty” Rolland had a multifaceted career as a military officer. Born in Montreal in 1893, Rolland was a descendent of distinguished families of the French nobility (D'Estimauville and D'Ailleboust), who played important roles in the military and public life of early New France. His great-grandfather, lawyer Jean-Roch Rolland, was heralded as Judge of the Court of King's Bench (of Quebec) in the early 19th Century. His military career began in 1912 with the 13th Scottish Light Dragoons. Following a period of training with the McGill ROTC he joined the Canadian Grenadier Guards, shipped overseas in May of 1917, and after a period at the Officer Training Course at Bexhill in England, was posted to active service in France and Belgium with the 87th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. In 1918 he was seconded to the Royal Air Force and qualified as an Observation Officer. He was transferred to the Italian Front and flew in open-cockpit Bristol F.2 Aircraft. It was during one of these dangerous missions that an engine failure over mountainous terrain came close to disaster. Catastrophe was evaded at the last moment but left him with a severely injured shoulder. After returning safely to base he was invalided to France, and later to England for recovery. On his return to Canada in 1919, he served in the Active Militia (CGG), which would continue for the next 26 years. One of the highlights of this period of service occurred in August 1928. Major H. D Rolland, by then 2-IC of the Regiment, performed the duty of Guard of Honour to HRH Edward, Prince of Wales, along with his brother Prince George, (later to be George VI) during their Royal visit to Canada. In the many photos of the time we see Major Rolland as an imposing figure in full dress regalia with sword and towering bearskin, well representing the pride and tradition of the Canadian Grenadier Guards.

His service with The Guards culminated in his appointment as Lieutenant Colonel Commanding of the 2nd Battalion CGG throughout WW2, during which his leadership was much respected and appreciated, as was the social enthusiasm contributed by his wife, Minnie (known as “The Colonel's Lady”), who led the Women's Auxiliary. In his parallel civilian life, his sense of discipline and respectful leadership saw him rise through the ranks of The Bell Telephone Company, from “office boy” to a senior executive. Most of his 53-year career was spent in Montreal working in the “Skyscraper” Beaver Hall Building. He had 2 daughters, one of whom served as a Red Cross nurse in England in WW2, and four grandchildren, all boys. LCol Rolland died in Ottawa, 26 December 1978 at age 85, and was buried beside his beloved Minnie (predeceased) in Toronto.

**ROLLAND, HENRY (DUSTY) D'ESTIMAUVILLE, ED – Lieutenant (1893-1978) Lt. 245th Bn CGG / Lt. 87th Bn / RAF
Observer Officer**

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

b. 14 Apr. 1893 Montreal, PQ, CA d. 26 Dec., 1978 Toronto, ON, CA – Bell Telephone Co. Sr. Executive - Protestant – 5ft 11in

1912-1914 – Served with 13th Scottish Light Dragoons as Lieutenant
 1915 – Served with McGill University Contingent of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps (C.O.T.C.) 8 Months
 1916 – Served one year with 1st Regiment, Grenadier Guards of Canada Composite Battalion as Temporary Lieutenant
 1916–11 July – Attested with 245th Battalion (Canadian Grenadier Guards) as Lieutenant
 1917 – 3 May – Proceeded overseas aboard SS Justicia
 1917 – 8 September – Qualified “Distinguished” on 3rd Officer Training Course (UK Bexhill)
1917 – 19 November – Posted to 87th Bn (Canadian Grenadier Guards) CEF as Lieutenant (1 year 6 Months 11 days)
 1918 – 24 July – Detached from 87th Bn (CGG) for duty with 139th Squadron Royal Air Force (RAF)
 1918 – 12 November – Posted to 14 Wing as an Observation Officer on the Italian Front flying in Bristol F.2 Aircraft
 1918 – 13 December – Wounded in Action – hospitalized with dislocated shoulder and invalided to Marseilles France
 1919 – 26 January – Ceases to be attached to the Royal Air Force (RAF) as Honorary Lieutenant
 1919 – 14 May – Struck off strength of OMFC and discharged from CEF and returns to Canada – Active Militia with CGG
 1920 – 15 September – Promoted to Captain with CGG
 1923 – 8 May – Promoted to Major with CGG
 1927 – 1 August - Guard of Honour to HRH Edward, Prince of Wales, Montreal
 1928 – 2 April – Appointed Regimental 2IC of CGG until 8 October 1929
 1940 – 26 June – Appointed Lieutenant Colonel Commanding of 2nd Battalion Canadian Grenadier Guards during WW2
 1943 – Awarded the Canadian KGVI Efficiency Decoration (ED) while serving with CGG
 1945 – 30 September – Demobilization of 2nd Battalion and struck off strength from CASF