

NEW CANADIAN BRIGADIER

Promotion of Lt.-Col. D.G. Cunningham, D.S.O., Cameron Highlanders of Canada, to the rank of A/Brigadier, with command of a Canadian Infantry Brigade, effective Nov. 25, 1943, has been announced by the Canadian Minister of National Defence.

The new brigadier, one of the heroes of the famous raid on Dieppe, is an officer of the Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada, who has had both command and staff experience.

Born at Kingston, Ontario, on March 22, 1908, he was educated in that city and attended the Royal Military College of Canada. He is a graduate of the Osgoode Hall Law School of Toronto and in civil life was a prominent barrister and alderman of his native city. His first connection with the Army was in 1929 when he joined the Princess of Wales Own Regiment (M.G.) (Non-Permanent). He was appointed adjutant of this regiment in 1936 and promoted to the rank of Captain in November, 1938.

Appointed liaison officer at Headquarters of a Canadian Division on July 6, 1940, he arrived overseas with this formation later that month and subsequently attended the First Canadian Junior War Staff course held in England. On graduation he was appointed staff captain at Headquarters of a Canadian Infantry Brigade and in July 1941 was promoted to the rank of Major. It was as a Brigade Major that he took part in the raid on Dieppe when he was awarded the D.S.O. for his outstanding example of devotion to duty and coolness under fire. On his return from this operation he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and given command of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada.

On January 18, 1943 Brigadier Cunningham was appointed General Staff Officer, First Grade, at Corps Headquarters, continuing to serve in this appointment until his present promotion.

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