

Major (ret'd) Colin Brown CD, LoHC, UE

Regiment: Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders (British)



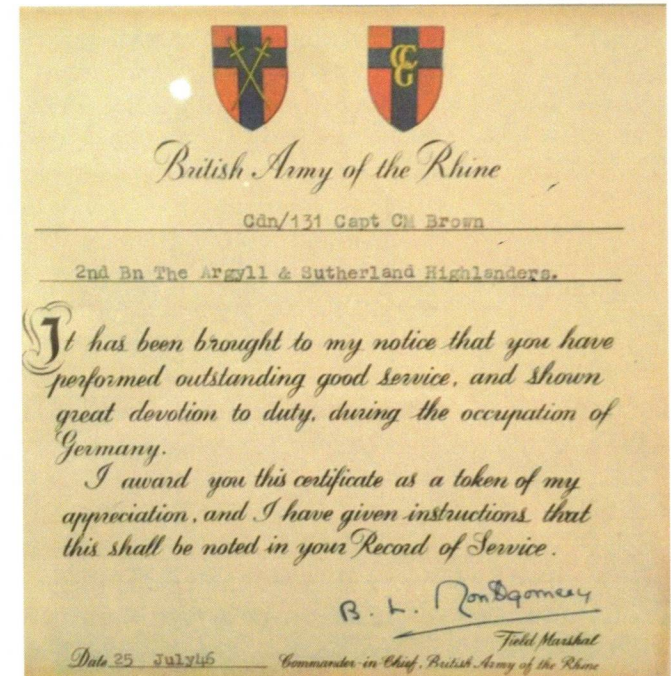
Synopsis of Military Service

- Argyll & Sutherland highlanders (CANLOAN) 1940 – 1974
- Arrived in England, April 1944 as a CANLOAN officer
- Landed at Gold Beach in France (breakout Scottish division); served in France, Belgium, Netherlands and Germany
- Brown returned to Canada in 1946 and one year later rejoined the military stationed in numerous locations: Fort Churchill, Manitoba; the Yukon; Netherlands; Egypt and Salisbury, England; returned to Ottawa.
- After retirement in March of 1974 as Major Brown, Colin entered the Department of Environment returning to Ancaster.
- Fully retired from civil service in 1989.
- Remains in the reserve to date.

List of Medals Received for Service in World War II

- 1939-45 Star
- France and Germany Star
- Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp
- War Medal 1939-45
- Canadian Special Services Medal NATO-OTAN and Clasp
- Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal
- United Nations Emergency Force Medal
- The Canadian Forces' Decoration and Clasp
- National Order of the Legion of Honour France

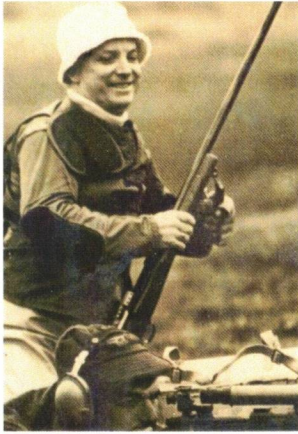
Colin also has a certificate from the British Army of the Rhine, for good service, great devotion while in duty during occupation of Germany.
Dated: 25 July 1946



In 2015 Colin was awarded the rank of Chevalier (Knight) of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour. The distinction is the highest national order of France and illustrates the government's gratitude for Brown's involvement in the liberation of their country.

Dominion of Canada Rifle Association

“Major Colin Brown is one of our longest serving members, having joined the DCRA in 1947. Moreover, he shot at Connaught as a Cadet in 1939- an incredible record of service to the DCRA and the shooting world. He shot his way onto the 1962 and 1965 Bisley Teams; was Adjutant to Lt. Col. Bill Strachan’s 1966 Bisley team and was Commandant of the 1973 Team, one of the few to win the coveted Kolopore Cups. He was elected as Executive Vice President and served from 1973 to 1974. He was elected for a second term in 1981 and served until 1984. He is the most senior Life Governor and has actively participated in the work of the Executive Committee before and after his terms as Executive Vice President. He was selected by the membership to be Deputy Chairman of Council in 1985 and has continued in this position until 2005.



Throughout his many years with the Association he has been a staunch supporter of Cadet Shooting Programmes. As a result the DCRA was at the forefront of the Cadet Shooting world until the late 1990’s. He has served on many committees during these many years and perhaps one of the most visible contributions has been his chairmanship of the Honours and Awards Committee. This small group has been responsible for providing recognition to the many deserving members of the DCRA.

Major Colin Brown has given much of his time and effort to the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association over the past fifty-eight years.”

Personal

Colin Brown was born in Ancaster in 1924. As a United Empire Loyalist descendant of Samuel Aikens, Colin received his certificate of loyalist lineage in 1998. He and his late wife Shirley had three children: Charles, Susan and Becky.



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