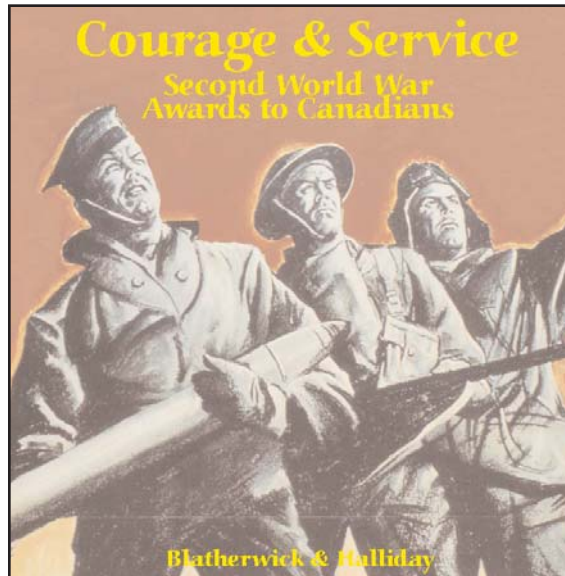


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**RACE, Alban Thomas, Trooper** (M.63803) - Mention in Despatches - Armour (1 Canadian Armoured Car Regiment [Royal Canadian Dragoons]) - awarded as per Canada Gazette and CARO/6074, both dated 22 September 1945.

**RACETTE, Edward Joseph, Signalman** (D.24078) - Mention in Despatches - Signals - awarded as per Canada Gazette and CARO/5801, both dated 23 June 1945.

**RACEY, Thomas St. George Wise, Sergeant** (K.25806) - Mention in Despatches - RCME - awarded as per Canada Gazette and CARO/5512, both dated 31 March 1945.

**RACINE, Arthur, Private** (E.11170) - Bronze Lion (Holland) - Infantry - awarded as per Canada Gazette dated 22 December 1945 and CARO/6291 dated 24 December 1945. Recommended by Lieutenant-Colonel J.F. L'Esperance, Commanding 1st Battalion, la Regiment de la Chaudiere; approved by Lieutenant-Colonel S.M. Lett, Temporary Officer Commanding Brigade on 28 August 1945 and passed forward on 30 August 1945; approved by Major-General R.H. Keebler, General Officer Commanding 3 Canadian Infantry Division on 30 August 1945 and passed forward on 4 September 1945. Final approval by Lieutenant-General G.G. Simonds, General Officer Commanding Canadian Forces in the Netherlands on 5 September 1945 and passed on for action on 26 September 1945.

*On 21 October 1944, Le Regiment de la Chaudiere was engaged in bitter fighting near Oostburg, in the Scheldt Estuary. During this vital operation against a stubborn enemy, Private Racine displayed a high standard of leadership and utmost gallantry.*

*The objective was a dyke defended by a series of machine gun posts. The Section Commander was killed, upon which without waiting for orders, Private Racine took command and led the Section to the attack. Many casualties were incurred by this Section, this gallant soldier ordered the rest of his men to take cover and alone charged the enemy post, wiping it out with grenades killing two enemies and wounding two more. By this gallant action, he allowed other troops to get through, along the narrow dyke, to capture other enemy positions.*

*The high standard of leadership, personal bravery and utmost gal-*

*lantry, displayed by this brave soldier, were an inspiration to all and materially contributed to the eventual liberation of a part of the Netherlands.*

**RACINE, Arthur, Private** (E.11170) - Mention in Despatches - Infantry, Regiment de la Chaudiere - awarded as per Canada Gazette dated 9 March 1946 and CARO/6431 dated 8 March 1946.

**RADCLIFF, Charles Campbell, Captain** (Acting Major) - Member, Order of the British Empire - Armour - awarded as per Canada Gazette dated 5 January 1946 and CARO/6309 dated 7 January 1946.

*This officer joined the Canadian Army in 1940 and was appointed to the Governor-General's Horse Guards. In September 1941, he proceeded overseas with his regiment, returning to Canada in 1942 as an instructor in the Canadian Armoured Corps. In 1943 he attended a staff course at Kingston and subsequently was appointed to the staff of the Adjutant-General at National Defence Headquarters. During this period of his service Major Radcliff gained a wide and varied military experience of which he, at all times, made full use and on many occasions demonstrated his ability as an excellent organizer. In December 1944, Major Radcliff was transferred to the branch of the Quartermaster-General where his outstanding qualities were immediately recognized. In April 1945, he was appointed Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General on the staff of the Quartermaster-General and in this position has been largely responsible for the close coordination of all work within the branch. This officer has a great capacity for hard work, which he carries out with trustworthiness, reliability and cheerfulness at all times, and has displayed willingness to undertake extra duties in addition to his normal work. His quick grasp of the essential requirements of each problem confronting him, his unflinching energy and the high degree of initiative which he possesses, has gained him the respect of all the officers and men with whom he has come in contact. During his period in the army this officer has rendered outstanding service which is deserving of the highest honours.*