

LCol Harry Hugh Minshall (1902 -1984)



Harry Minshall joined 6th Field Company RCE in Mar 37 as a Section Commander (Lt) **and rose** to Second-in-Command (Capt) in 1940, when Major T Jermyn commanded the Unit. Harry went overseas with 6th Field in 1941 and in 1942 he returned to Canada to take his own Unit, 9th Field Squadron RCE overseas as a Major. He was responsible as Director of Works for establishing the Heavy Improvised Bridging School in Scotland for 21 Army Gp.

In 1944 he returned to Camp Chilliwack as Chief Instructor and Second-in-Command under LCol CN Mitchell, VC. He took his release in 1945 and formed and commanded 7th Field Regiment RCE (Militia) in B.C. from 1945 to 1950. After leaving the militia he became the 6th's Honourary Lieutenant Colonel

LCol Minshall spent over twenty-one years in bridge building in British Columbia, a particularly challenging area for bridge construction. The best part of his working life was spent in the heavy construction industry.

He was connected, in various engineering and management capacities, in the erecting of just about every major bridge in British Columbia from 1928 to 1963, when he came to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company as Engineer of Construction. These bridges include the Patullo, Lions' Gate, Granville and the rebuilt Peace River Bridges. He also played an important role in the erection of the Empress Hotel in Victoria, the Hotel Vancouver and the Marine Building in Vancouver.

He worked for Northern Construction Company, J. W. Stewart Ltd., Sydney E. Junkins Co., Dominion Bridge Company Ltd. (25 year Club member), and he founded two of his own companies - H. H. Anshan & Associates, Ltd., and Consolidated Bridge Company, Ltd.

He passed away on August 14th, 1984. He was predeceased by his wife Mary Evelyn in 1963.