

LT. COL. ROSS ELLIS, DSO, CD



NAME: Ross Ellis

BORN: 15 June 1915

DECEASED: 10 March 1983

EPIC BATTLE: Battle of Walcheren Causeway

RANK: Lieutenant Colonel

HONOURS: Distinguished Service Order (DSO),
Canadian Forces' Decoration (CD)

LESSON OUTCOMES:

- Learn about Lt. Col. Ross Ellis and the Calgary Highlanders
- Practice skills of comprehension, research, and expression

ACTIVITY:

Use Valour Canada's Lt. Col. Ross Ellis Monumental Canadians video as a jumping off point to explore one or more of the following questions verbally or in writing. Further research will be required.

1. What role did the Calgary Highlanders play in the Second World War? What sources could be used to construct a historical account of their exploits?
2. How does a leader earn the trust and respect of those that follow? How did Ross Ellis earn the trust and respect of those in his regiment?
3. Why was it important for the Calgary Highlanders to capture Walcheren Island? Why were the Highlanders ordered back during the battle of Walcheren Island? Why was the attack significant despite being ordered back?
4. What was the experience of civilians in the Netherlands during the Second World War? Why is there a special relationship between Canada and the Netherlands as a result of this period in history?

Intended Student Body:
Intermediate & Advanced
Grades

"Veterans of both the First and Second World Wars...were determined when they came back to do a better job, be more civic minded, to take more care of what was going on in society around them, and to be more involved. [They] had paid a high price for the continuation of that society."

*-Dr. David Bercuson OC, FRSC
Calgary Highlanders Regimental Historian*

