Maj Marcel J Henri Marchessault

Birth: 1916
Montreal
Quebec, Canada
Death: Mar. 12, 1997

WWII & Korean War Veteran
First Special Service Force
PPCLI - Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry

Son of Arsene and Euginie Marchessault, born in Montreal, Quebec, raised and educated in in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan.

Marchessault enlisted in the Canadian Army in March 1942 and served with the Saskatchewan Light Infantry. He then joined the First Special Service Force and served as Lieutenant with 3rd Company - 3rd Regiment until the FSSF was disbanded in France in December 1944, then transferring to the West Nova Scotia Regiment.
Following the war Marchessault served as a para-training officer at Camp Shilo and Rivers. He later joined the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry and served in Korea until 1954.
Marchessault later served in several foreign postings including West Germany, and represented the Canadian UN contingent in the Congo, Cyprus and Lebanon.
In Canada, Marchessault spent several years representing the military in Manitoba; he was the Manitoba Instructional Staff Coordinator from 1960-1962, advisor to Manitoba Militia Group from 1963-1964, and Staff Officer administration and training for Canadian Army for the Manitoba area.

Major Marchessault retired from military duty in Winnipeg, Manitoba after serving his country for 25 years earning numerous decorations, citations and awards including Belgium's Officer de L'Ordre de Leopold II, avec Palme, and La Croix de Guerre 1940, avec Palme.

In civilian life Marchessault was employed in the life insurance business and also with Charleswood Building Supplies.

Survived by his wife, Marie Ange (Lord) Marchessault; son, Henri; daughter, Rita; four grandchildren, four great grandchildren and four sisters.

In July 2013, the Congressional Gold Medal was awarded, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

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