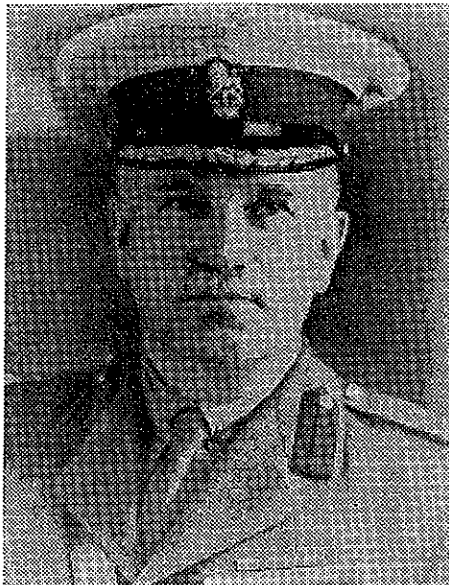


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*(by Brigadier W. A. Anderson)*

"Grog" Anderson, as he was known from his RMC days, was born in Ottawa on September 9th, 1877, the son of Colonel William Patrick and Dorothea Anderson. After attending the Model School and Ottawa Collegiate he entered the Royal Military College, graduating in 1897. From there he went to McGill where in the following year he obtained his degree in applied science. He had a pronounced flair for mathematics, standing first in the subject in each of his four years at the RMC, where he won the Governor-General's bronze medal.



After leaving McGill he worked for a short period under the City Engineer of Ottawa and then moved on to various surveying and civil engineering jobs at Sault Ste. Marie and elsewhere in Northern Ontario. In 1900 he was apprenticed to John A. Wilde, O.L.S., at the Sault, and was himself commissioned O.L.S. in 1903, to be followed by his D.L.S. in 1904.

In 1903 the Department of Militia and Defence organized an Intelligence Branch to develop the military survey of Canada, and Captain W. B. Anderson entered the public service as one of the four original officers of this Branch. Steady progress in military mapping was

made, but the Branch soon became acutely aware of the lack of a geodetic survey. It was largely due to the work of these original officers that the Geodetic Survey of Canada was later to be organized. He remained at Militia Headquarters until 1908, becoming Assistant Director of Surveys in 1906.

In 1905 those who working in the Intelligence Branch were offered commissions as regular officers in the Royal Canadian Engineers and Anderson accepted. He was one of the first Canadian officers to be selected for the Staff College in England where he went in 1908, thus putting an end to his survey work and launching him on a military career which was to last for thirty-five years. He served in Montreal, Halifax, Saint John and Kingston, and retired in 1938. In the Great War he served in France from 1915 onwards, receiving the Distinguished Service Order and being created a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

In the latter years of his service and in retirement he was very active in the Anglican Church, being a delegate to General Synod for many years, and in the St. John Ambulance for which he was created an Officer of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem. He was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge. He followed in his father's footsteps to become Commandant of the Canadian Bisley Team in 1935. In recent years he was Commandant for New Brunswick of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires.