

## HOMELAND MINUTES



*Veterans Guard Canada  
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Veterans Guard of  
Canada (from Canadian  
Military History Gateway)

Corps of First World War vet-  
erans between the ages of  
40 and 65, formed in May  
1940, for full-time and

reserve service during the  
Second World War. It grew

to 10,000 men in 1944 with another 8,000 on part-time service. The great majority served in Canada with a few companies in Newfoundland, London (England), Nassau (Bahamas) and Georgetown (Guyana). Some veterans stood guard at power plants, factories and other installations deemed essential to the war effort but most served as guards at the PoW and enemy alien internment camps in Canada. In 1944–1945, some went to India and Burma as “mule skimmers”. The Veterans Guard continued to serve after the war until March 1947, when the last veterans were disbanded.

*“Mule skimmers”, escorted shiploads of mules from the United States to India and eventually the jungles of Assam and the Arakan where they were much needed for transportation.*