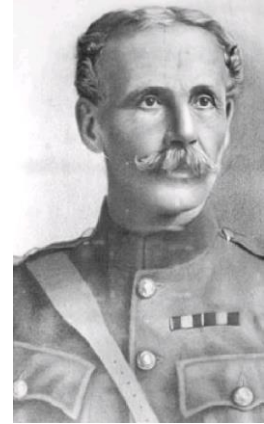


**General Sir William Dillon OTTER, KCB, CVO, VD**  
**Chief of the General Staff – Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry**  
**March 1908 to November 1910**

Born: 03 December 1843 The Corners, Canada West  
 Married: 20 August 1865 Marianne Porter  
 Grandson: Desmond Morton Military Author  
 Died: 06 May 1929 Toronto, Ontario



**Honours**

05/07/1913	KCB	Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath
19/04/1901+	CB	Companion of the Order of the Bath
23/07/1908	CVO	Commander of the Royal Victorian Order
	VD	Volunteer Decoration

**Military**

10/1861	Lieutenant	Victoria Rifles (2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto)
1864	Lieutenant	Non-Permanent Active Militia in Toronto
25/08/1865	Lieutenant	Adjutant of the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto
1866	Captain	Promoted Captain / Adjutant of the Queen's Own Rifles
02/06/1866	Captain	Battle of Ridgeway during the Fenian Raids with the QOR
1869	Major	Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto
1873	Major	Adjutant of the Canadian Rifle Team at Wimbledon (London)
1874	LCol	Promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel
1875	LCol	Commanding Officer OQRT
06/1883	LCol	Commander of the Canadian Rifle Team at Wimbledon (London)
07/1884	LCol	Joins Permanent Force
07/1884	LCol	Command of the Infantry School of Military Instruction, Toronto
27/03/1885	LCol	CPR to Qu'Appelle, Sask. And Swift Current
31/04/1885	LCol	To Cut Knife Creek – Defeated by Poundmaker on 02/05/1885
15/10/1885	LCol	Returns to Toronto
1885	LCol	Deputy Adjutant Military District No. 2 plus Command Infantry School
1890	LCol	Founded the Royal Canadian Military Institute in Toronto
1892	LCol	Infantry School renamed Canadian Regiment of Infantry – still in command
1893	LCol	Six Months in England to qualify as a British Battalion Commander
1894	LCol	51 Years old – a LCol for 21 years and the same salary for 11 years!
1896	LCol	Inspector of Infantry (another unpaid title)
13/10/1899	LCol	Commander 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Special Service Battalion) RCR for South Africa
30/10/1899	LCol	Sailed with the Royal Canadian Regiment to Cape town arriving on 29/11/1899
01/11/1899	LCol	With Lord Methuen's Force on Modder River – training
12/02/1900	LCol	RCR to Graspan to Paardeberg and finally Paardeberg Drift to join 19 <sup>th</sup> Brigade
27/03/1900	LCol	Canadians partially retreat but hold the line and the Boers started to surrender
21/04/1900	LCol	Wounded at Israel's Poort – rejoined his unit on 26/05/1900
05/06/1900	LCol	Battle of Doornkop and able to march in triumph through Pretoria
09/10/1900	Colonel	Confirmed as full Colonel
30/11/1900	Colonel	Royal Canadian Regiment inspected by Queen Victoria in London
1901	Colonel	Still Commander of Military District No. 2
1904	Colonel	Commander Western Ontario Military District
03/1908	Brigadier-General	<b>Chief of the General Staff</b>
24/07/1908	Brigadier-General	Quebec City's tercentenary – 12,422 men and 2,134 Horses on parade
10/1910	A/Major-General	Inspector General (Canada's Senior Military Advisor)
01/07/1912	Major-General	MGen Substantive
01/12/1912	Major-General	Retired

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**Civilian**

30/10/1914	Major-General	In Charge of Internment Operations
01/12/1919	Major-General	End work at Internment Camps
01/1920	Major-General	Heading the Reorganization Committee to combine old Militia Regiment
06/1920	Major-General	Retired fully
09/03/1922	Promoted to Substantive rank of General – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Canadian (Currie) made full General	



**Medals**

KCB	Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath
CB	Companion of the Order of the Bath
CVO	Commander of the Royal Victorian Order
Canada General Service Medal 1866 – 1870	Bars
	Fenian Raid 1870
	Fenian Raid 1866
Northwest Canada	Bar
	Saskatchewan
South Africa Medal	Bars
	Johannesburgh
	Drieponstein
	Paardeberg
	Cape Colony
King Edward the VII Coronation Medal	
VD (Queen Victoria Cypher)	Volunteer Officers' Decoration