

## **Herbert John Mogg**

John Mogg was born in February 1913. In the early 1902s, his father, who had served in the First World War, took his family to Canada, where John was first educated. After the family returned to home, John Mogg attended Malvern College and then in 1933 enlisted as a Private in the Coldstream Guards.

In 1935, John Mogg gained a place at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst and in 1937 Second Lieutenant Mogg joined the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Between 1939 and 1944, John Mogg served in England and Northern Ireland but in early 1944 Major Mogg was posted to the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion DLI, then training for D-Day and the invasion of France.

John Mogg landed with 9 DLI in Normandy on 6 June 1944 and, after the battalion's Commanding Officer was killed in action at Lingevres on 14 June 1944, he was given command. John Mogg then led 9 DLI through Normandy and France, into Belgium and Holland and on into Germany. During this time, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and Bar for his leadership.

After the end of Second World War, John Mogg's distinguished Army career continued and he finally retired as a General in 1976. John Mogg died in October 2001.

*John Mogg was interviewed for the Imperial War Museum in 1989.*