



Robert Burns Cameron DSO was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia (NS) and after High School in New Glasgow attended Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario (ON), graduating just as WW2 began. He went overseas and by the end of the Allied Forces campaign in Italy was a major with the Royal Canadian Engineers.

On August 29, 1944, Canadian Forces were ordered to assault the fiercely defended German Gothic line. Major Cameron led his troops from the front, crossing the Foglia River "under heavy fire of all types", according to the official account. He discovered a safe route across a minefield and found a path along a riverbed for troops to follow. He was awarded the **Distinguished Service Order (DSO)** for his outstanding bravery and leadership under enemy fire.

After WW2 ended, Cameron started several businesses, including Maritime Steel And Foundries, a string of small town newspapers and his main business, heavy construction. He served as a director with the Royal Bank of Canada and on the board of other Canadian companies. He was the first President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Sydney Nova Scotia Steel Corporation and was President and CEO of Deuterium of Canada at Glace Bay NS.

In 1943, he married Florence Campbell R.N. daughter of Donald D. Campbell and Margaret (MacLeod) Campbell of Dunvegan ON in the eastern Ontario county of Glengarry. Robert and Florence had eight children; Margaret, Christine, Hugh, Robert, Beth, Jamie, Donald and Harry.

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