



BGen Thompson's long and distinguished military career commenced in 1943. During World War II he served with the Canadian Army as a dental assistant and subsequently qualified as a Navigator in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Following World War II he entered the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto, obtaining his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1949. He re-entered the Canadian Forces during his final year of studies at the University of Toronto and upon graduation came to duty as a Captain in the Royal Canadian Dental Corps.

BGen Thompson is a certified specialist in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, having received his training at Walter Reed Army Medical Centre in Washington, the University of Toronto, and the Toronto General Hospital.

He has served as base dental officer at Petawawa, St. Hubert, and Gagetown; as senior dental officer with 1 Fighter Wing in Marville, France, in Korea, and as an instructor at the Canadian Forces Dental Service School at CFB Borden. He also served with 25 Canadian Field Dental Unit.

From 1970-74 he was Commanding Officer of 13 Dental Unit at CFB Trenton. During this period he also served as oral surgeon for Kingston Military Hospital.

General Thompson served on two occasions as a staff officer in the Division of Dental Services at National Defence Headquarters. He was Director of Dental Treatment Services at NDHQ until he became Director General of Dental Services in 1976.

In 1973, General Thompson was appointed an Honorary Dental Surgeon to the Queen and also was inducted as a fellow of the International College of Dentists. In 1979 he was inducted as an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada and also was presented with the Pierre Fouchard Medal by the National Order of Dental Surgeons of France for his contributions to international dentistry.

In June 1981, he was appointed to the Order of Military Merit at the level of Commander. In the same year he was honoured in Rio de Janeiro when he was presented with the Merit Award by the Fédération Dentaire Internationale (FDI) in recognition of his contributions as Chairman of the Commission of Defence Forces Dental Services of the FDI.

After release from the Canadian Forces in 1982, General Thompson served as President of the Canadian Dental Association.