

Vallance, (Capt.) Bill

## A soldier is given a new order

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**Hasty P captain** *Brook*  
**invested as member  
of Order of Canada**

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"It was an exciting experience," sums up Belleville's Capt. Bill Vallance after he was formally invested as a member of the Order of Canada at Rideau Hall by Gov. Gen. Jeanne Sauve.

The order, formed in 1972, is a recognition of meritorious service and devotion to duty by members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Vallance, 50, joined the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment as a drummer and infantryman in 1960, rising through the ranks to company sergeant-major and then regimental sergeant-major in 1974.

Along the way, he was co-founder of an army cadet corps associated with the regiment, of which Vallance has been commanding officer for some years and is still in that post.

Vallance was one of 54 to be invested Wednesday in the various grades of the order: commander, officer and member.

The investiture is traditionally carried out by the governor-general in the capacity of commander-in-chief of the armed forces.



Gov. Gen. Jeanne Sauve presents the insignia of membership in the Order of Military Merit to Capt. William Vallance of Belleville in Ottawa, Wednesday.

Vallance was one of 54 persons to be invested in the various three ranks of the order during the day's proceedings.

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