

ORMOND WILSON DIER

Mr. Dier was born in Vancouver, B.C. on March 21, 1919. He studied at the University of British Columbia where he obtained his B.A. and his B.Ed. In 1942, he joined the Canadian Army and was discharged in 1945 with the rank of Captain.

Mr. Dier taught high school in Duncan, B.C. from 1945 to 1947 before joining the Department of External Affairs in 1947. He served in Canadian diplomatic missions in Chicago from 1947 to 1949, in Mexico City from 1949 to 1950 and Caracas from 1950 to 1952. In 1955, Mr. Dier was posted to Copenhagen and was subsequently sent to Helsinki in 1957 where he was Chargé d'Affaires. In 1964, he was appointed Ambassador to Colombia with a concurrent (non-resident) accreditation to Ecuador. In 1967, he became Canadian Commissioner to the I.C.S.C. in Saigon. Mr. Dier is currently Director of the Caribbean Division.

Mr. Dier has also, on three occasions, been the special representative of Canada for a presidential inauguration. In October 1967, he was Special Envoy to the inauguration of Nguyen Van Thieu as President of the Republic of South Vietnam. In August 1970, he was appointed Special Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia for the occasion of the inauguration of President Misael Pastrana Borrero. Also in August 1970 he was appointed Special Ambassador to the Dominican Republic for the occasion of the inauguration of President Joaquin Balaguer.

Mr. Dier is a widower and has three children.