



D COMPANY 196TH OVERSEAS BATTALION CEF "WESTERN UNIVERSITIES"
CAMP HUGHES, 1916

D Company

Because "D" company comes from west of the Rockies, where the climate is at least different from that of the prairies, it was something of a shock to be greeted by a thunderstorm, followed in rapid succession by sand, hail, hot weather and more sand. All these things we sampled during the first week at Camp Hughes. The succeeding weeks were very much like the sample, but it did not take long for the British Columbia men to become acclimated. The summer slipped rapidly away, broken as it was by harvest leave, and "D" company leaves Camp Hughes with the memory of a busy and useful season.

For the benefit of those unfortunates who did not get their preliminary training in British Columbia, we don't mind gloating over the climatic loveliness of the coast province, where "D" company had its tri-weekly swimming parades in the Pacific Ocean. From the time of organization of the company, in March, 1916, the weather was ideal. Out-door training was never interrupted, and the company was able to make football, baseball and sea-bathing a regular part of the training schedule. The building-up effect of this novel system was noticeable immediately, and the company had an excellent basis of health on its arrival in camp.

To Col. Duff-Stuart, D.O.C., M.D. 11, Major Tite, of the Twenty-third Infantry Brigade staff, Major Bray, S.O.O., M.D., 11, Major Seely-Smith, the general staff officer of the district, and many other officers of the coast military district, the company owes a sincere debt for the many courtesies shown the company during its stay in Vancouver. The process of organization was expedited in every way by the brigade and district staff.

Capt. Elliott, adjutant of the C.O.T.C., as well as of the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, was another contributor to the success of "D" company, to whom we are all indebted. He gave freely of his time to help not only the company as a whole, but the many members of the company who took the

"D" COMPANY (BRITISH COLUMBIA)

Captains Osmond Edgar LeRoy; Edmund Culver Sheppard; Lieutenants Leslie Hay Kennedy; John Harold Kerr; Harry Farnham Germaine Letson; Stuart James Schofield.

Privates Abbott, J. D.; Acteson, E.; Lance-Corporal Affleck, B. C.; Privates Alexander, D. B.; Alexander, W. U.; Lance-Sergeant Anderson, A. J.; Privates Ashley, J. W. W.; Atkins, R. R.; Atkinson, J. H. R.; Barker, E. E.; Barles, H. D.; Bawtree, E. L.; Best, E. L.; Bickford, W. StG.; Biernacki, R.; Bigelow, E. W.; Birbeck, A. F.; Lance-Corporal Black, J. B.; Privates Blackburn, I.; Bloomer, P. T.; Borland, D. C. G.; Borthwick, H. H.; Brewer, W. L.; Buckfield, T. H.; Calder, C. H.; Cameron, J. S.; Campbell, F. E.; Caple, H. H.; Carrie, W. G.; Carter, S. B.; Cave-Browne-Cave, C. C.; Chisholm, C.; Clandinin, T.; Clarkson, F.; Coates, W. D.; Cochran, W. M.; Cocking, C. R.; Colpitts, L. M.; Cook, W. R.; Corporal Coope, T. S.; Privates Corey, C. W.; Corey, R. L.; Corsan, S. G.; Couling, S. N.; Crawford, J.; Crebbin, W. C.; Creighton, A. R.; Crowe, E. R.; Crowe, H. A.; Davenport, H.; Lance-Corporal Davis, G. M. W.; Corporal Davidson, E. S.; Privates Davidson, G. C.; Day, F. J.; Deene, W.; Dick, R. M.; Dirom, A. M.; Dixon, H. A.; Dixon, W. H. S.; Donnan, W.; Dorrell, E. P.; Downes, G.; Lance-Corporal Duncan, C. A.; Privates Dunlop, S. F.; Edwards, F. J.; Ellissen, F. K.; Elliott, G. A.; Emery, A. C.; Empey, R. L.; Sergeant Evans, C. S.; Privates Evans, G. A.; Ewen, H.; Farmer, D. E.; Fletcher, B.; Fletcher, E. G.; Forbes, C.; Fountain, G. F.; Freeman, H. L.; Frisbie, C. G.; Galt, A. S.; Gant, H. R. P.; Gardner, J. F.; Gibbs, J. H.; Gibson, J. G. W.; Goodman, A. C.; Grant, H. C. M.; Gray, A.; Gray, H.; Greaves, V. T.; Guernsey, T. D.; Haggart, H. G.; Hall, W. H.; Handy, L.; Harris, G. H.; Harrison, G. H.; Hawes, E. J.; Hector, H. A.; Act'g Sergeant (Tailor) Hewitt, G.; Private Hobbs, F. S.; Sergeant Holmes, A. T. F.; Privates Hudson, H. L.; Hudson, R. S.; Hughes, N. V.; Sergeant Hunter, D. A.; C.S.M. Hurst, A. McL.; Privates Jackson, H. A. B.; James, P. F.; Jeffree, T. R.; Jensen, E. A.; Johnson, J. H.; Lance-Corporal Johnston, A. H.; Privates Jones-R. H. B.; Keatley, W. M.; Kershaw, T.; Kettle, well, W. C.; Corporal Kirby, J. J.; Privates Kirkup,

G. W.; Knight, A. L.; Knowling, G. H.; Lalonde, M. C.; Lance-Corporal Lambert, W. E.; Privates Lauder, D. G.; Laughlin, H. A.; Lance-Corporal Lawson, D. McD.; Privates Lee, A. C.; Lord, A. E.; Loutit, J. S.; Love, A. J. D.; Lundie, J. A.; Lunn, G. C.; Lyche, N. E.; MacBeth, D.; MacKay, H. G.; MacKenzie, W. D.; Mackie, J.; MacLeod, E. B.; MacLeod, J. P. G.; MacLeod, R. L.; MacLeod, W. R.; MacPhail, J. N.; Sergeant Manuel, A. L.; Privates Manzer, R. H.; Marshall, G. F.; Martin, E. S.; Mawhinney, W. R.; Mayers, J. C. F.; McAllister, T. H.; McDonald, D. S.; McFarlane, D. J.; McIlwaine, J.; McInnes, H. C.; McKay, J. W.; McKenzie, G.; McNulty, A. C.; McVicar, W. J.; Meadows, G. D.; Sergeant Meekison, D. M.; Privates Meredith, F. R.; Middleton, C. F.; Milledge, A. A.; Sergeant Miller, A. H.; Corporal Miller, C.; Privates Moore, A. B.; Morris, J. L.; Morrow, C. W.; Munro, A.; Munro, C. McA.; Murray, K. W.; Nagle, D. G.; Nagle, H. A.; Nelson, G. R.; Newbauer, R. G.; Nicholson, W. E.; North, J. W.; Osterhout, A. B.; Pake, W. T.; Palmer, R. C.; Parke, W. I.; Parker, R. G.; Peter, G. D.; Phillips, E. S.; Phillips, R. L.; Phipps, J. R.; Pollard, W. H.; Poole, H. A.; Corporal Pratt, F. D.; Privates Preston, F. Price, E. A.; Coy. Q.M.S. Pyke, G. F.; Privates Ramsey, A. E.; Rankine, T.; Reid, J. S.; Reid, R. M.; Rive, A.; Roberts, G. A. C.; Roberts, W. T.; Robson, W. D.; Ross, D.; Ross, J. H.; Ross, W. P.; Ross, W. W.; Rowles, W. J. R.; Sayer, R. L.; Sergeant Scott, S. M.; Privates Schofield, J. P.; Seidelman, E. J.; Seymour, C. E.; Shaw, H. M.; Shaw, N. A.; Shearman, T. S. aB.; Skillicorn, R. L.; Lance-Corporal Skinner, A. G.; Lance-Spear, R. G.; Private Sprinkling, R. G.; Lance-Corporal Stalker, G. F.; Privates Stephen, N. G.; Stephens, E. T.; Stewart, C. C.; Stewart, E. B.; Stewart, J. L.; Strickland, F. H.; Lance-Corporal Thompson, D. L.; Privates Thomson, E. G.; Tighe, W.; Timberlake, M.; Timms, G. E.; Tingley, B. A.; Sergeant Traves, C. W.; Privates Traves, E. C.; Tucker, S. E.; Turnbull, R. G.; Tysoe, C. W.; Corporal Walker, J. F.; Privates Walker, W.; Wall, C. W.; Walley, G. A. C.; Webber, L.; Corporal Whitley, P. N.; Privates Whitworth, J. G.; Wilkinson, E. C.; Wilkinson, L. C.; Willey, F. G.; Williams, R. T.; Wilson, F. R.; Wilson, J. A.

C.O.T.C. lieutenants' examinations. It was undoubtedly due to his efforts that so many of the men of the company were able to leave Vancouver with their certificates.

While two of the company officers were appointed from the 72nd O.S. Battalion for the purpose of organization, the subalterns have all risen from the ranks. Lieut. H. F. G. Letson was the first of the company to enlist, on March 16th. Three months from that date the company was over-strength, and at present has provided about 300 men to the Western Universities' Battalion.

D Company Notes

They say that "D" Company gets everything. Oh well—(Business of snapping the fingers.)

We thank you, Q. M. S. Pyke, for everything you gave us. Have you got any "Tanks" in stock?

If you want to know how not to approach the captain about your pass just ask Pte. Meredith.

Did you see our C. S. M. in kilts the other night? Well, 'nuff sed.

Cleanliness is next to godliness. The shower baths are still on the bill.

Have you ever seen Sergt. Scott without his cane? If you have, let him know.

"D" Company is liable to lose one of its good-looking sergeants, that is if those pretty maidens from Brandon will hang around.

There are several crack swimmers in "D" Company, most of whom hail from Vancouver, and they have achieved records in long-distance events and sprints. But the record for an exceptional swim is perhaps held by one of "D" Company's men, a survivor of the Empress of Ireland disaster. He is the man reported in the press, at the time, to have swam to the farthest shore after the big ship took her final plunge below.



MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN HUGHES
Camp Commandant, Camp Hughes, 1916