

Canadian Army Service Corps

HISTORY OF THE WORK PERFORMED BY NO. 2 AND NO. 12 COMPANIES,

FORMING THE 2ND DIVISIONAL TRAIN, C.A.S.C., DURING THE
GREAT WAR

At the outbreak of the War, the Second Divisional Train was commanded by Lt.-Col. W. Cowan, No. 2 Company was commanded by Major J. C. Allan (with Capt. F. G. Hearne and Lieuts. A. C. Larter, K. H. Webb and F. S. J. Hollister), and No. 12 Company, by Major John A. Shaw (with Capt. W. D. Greer and Lieuts. C. A. Corrigan, J. D. Warren, A. D. A. Mason and C. R. Nash).

On 20th August, 1914, Capt. Greer and Lieut. Corrigan (followed in a few days by Lieuts. Webb and Hollister), went to Valcartier Camp with 147 men, where Lieut.-Col. Cowan was already on duty. Lieut. Warren was detailed to Stanley Barracks to assist in organizing M.T., with which he afterwards went to Valcartier, and subsequently proceeded to Europe with 1st Contingent.

The work carried on by the companies was principally recruiting and training officers, non-coms. and men for overseas, but in addition, the companies "carried on" as militia units—many men trained in the Militia Companies afterwards went overseas, and their places were taken by other home-service men.

In addition to drills, lectures were given to the men on the care of the Horse, Motor Transport and on the Rifle, and instruction was also given in Range Firing.