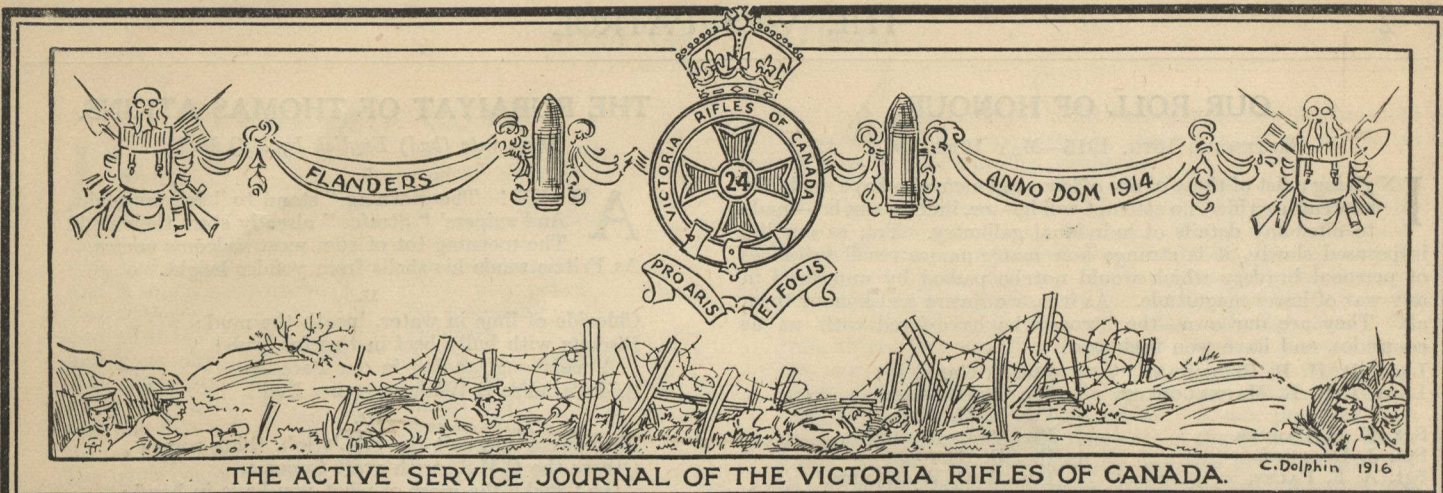


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OUR BIRTHDAY.

THE VICS PATROL feels that it could not have chosen a more auspicious day on which to make its premier appearance than this, the anniversary of the birth of His Majesty the King. In expressing, along with the more sedate journals of the Empire, our wishes that His Majesty may live to see many more birthdays, THE PATROL is

God Save the King.
God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

not wishing for anniversaries for itself. The prospect of another twelvemonth on this "comfortable and well-padded Western Front" does not appeal. As the Treaty of Peace will be the death-warrant of trench journalism, our most whole-hearted wishes of to-day may be expressed in one sentence: Long life to the King, and quick and sudden death to THE PATROL!

H.R.H. THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

THE First of May was the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and as the Governor-General is Honorary Colonel of the Victoria Rifles, Colonel Gunn dispatched the following cable on that date:—

FLANDERS,
May 1, 1916.

MILITARY SECRETARY,
OTTAWA.

Please convey to His Royal Highness hearty congratulations of all ranks 24th Battalion Victoria Rifles of Canada, and assurance of their loyalty and devotion.

(Signed) COLONEL GUNN.

On the 5th of May the following reply was received:—

OTTAWA,
May 3, 1916.

COLONEL GUNN,
Commanding 24th Battalion Victoria Rifles,
C.E.F., France.

Many thanks for congratulations and wishes.
ARTHUR.

THE VICTORIA RIFLES OF CANADA.

"PRO ARIS ET FOCIS."

ON April 20th, 1916, permission was formally granted by the War Office that the Battalion should be known henceforth as the "24th Canadian Battalion, Victoria Rifles of Canada." This had been arranged, as a matter of fact, before the Battalion left Canada; but it was only on the above date that we became authoritatively entitled to the designation. Naturally we feel proud of the honour and distinction. On the other hand, it arouses in our hearts a sense of responsibility. For the Victoria Rifles of Canada have been in existence for over half a century, and we feel the need of a certain humility and earnest endeavour to live worthily of the Regiment's high reputation and good name.

That our Battalion in the Expeditionary Force should be chosen to carry on the old name seems particularly fitting as one studies the original personnel of the 24th. The Colonel, the Adjutant, and the Battalion Sergeant-Major were all members of the mother Regiment, besides many others, both officers and men. On them, as upon us all, is laid the burden of making the child worthy of its parent.

Yet Montreal can rest assured. We are not forgetful of the place we hold in her history, and our dearest wish is to uphold the name of Victoria Rifles of Canada as being synonymous with all that is honourable, all that is noble, all that is worthy in the history of Canada.