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## 6th Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles

This regiment was organized in July, 1899, but actually dates back much further, since it can in reality claim direct descent from the first local militia corps established in British Columbia in Crown Colony days.

The first corps of militia raised on the Mainland of B. C. was the Seymour Artillery, about the year 1859. In 1878 the Seymour Artillery became No. 1 Battery of the B. C. Brigade of Garrison Artillery, No. 2 Battery being in Victoria. In July, 1899, the change occurred from artillery to infantry, and the 2nd Battalion of the Artillery changed their uniforms and training and became the 6th Battalion Rifles. In May, 1900, **H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught** accepted the Hon. Colonelcy of the regiment, which accordingly became the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles.

The regiment contributed a considerable number of men when the call came, in 1899, for volunteers for service in South Africa, several of whom were killed and wounded in the action at Paardeburg. To the memory of those who fell in the South African field, a brass memorial tablet was placed on the wall of the drill hall on Cambie Street.

The Overseas Contingent which the D. C. O. R. has contributed to the Empire, in answer to call to arms in 1914, will maintain the record of the regiment and live up to the motto on its coat-of-arms, "Celer et Fortis."

The following officers and men formed the Overseas Contingent which left Vancouver on Wednesday, August 25th:

**Major W. Hart McHarg**, who saw much active service in South Africa, and holds the Queen's medal with four clasps. He was present at the famous actions at Paardeburg, Hout's Nek and Dreifontein.

**Captain and Adjutant** S. D. Gardner.

**Captains** T. V. Scudamore, J. W. Warden, C. B. Worsnop, B. N. Humble.

**Lieutenants** O. F. Brothers, F. E. Buscombe, C. H. C. Gibson, M. O. Captain, R. F. Latta, R. A. Kendal, P. J. Bevan, G. H. Leslie, R. D. Hodgson, C. Parker, H. G. Anderson, H. H. Owen.

**Quartermaster**—Captain McMillan.

**Chaplain**—C. C. Owens, Hon. Major.

(Captain Warden was on active service in South Africa, and holds the Queen's medal with five clasps. Lieut. Brothers also saw considerable service in S. A.)

### Pay Sergeant

Welford, H.

### Gun Sergt.

Clark, H. S.

### O. R. Sergt.

Hunt, W. L.

### S. Sergt. (Cook)

Youhill, W. H.

### Col.-Sergt.

Underhill, R.

Macgregor, —

Ward, B. M.

### Sergeants

Macfie, J. A.

Kemp, H. G. D.

Goodridge, J. C.

Beckerson, —

Reed, W. F.

Cooper, J. E.

Exton, E. W.

Sparrow, A.

Forrester, H. G.

Kennedy, A.

Lamond, J. M.

Moore, H. E.

Mahood, D.

Moodie, Love C.