

The Story of the 13th Battalion.

BATTALION COMMANDERS.

Brig.-Gen. F. O. W. LOOMIS, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,

Commanded till 31st December, 1915.

Lieut.-Col. V. C. BUCHANAN,

Commanded till 25th September, 1916.

Lieut.-Col. G. E. McCUAIG, D.S.O.,

Commanded till 5th December, 1917.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Ypres, April, 1915; Festubert, May, 1915; Sanctuary Wood, June, 1916;

Somme, September and October, 1916; Vimy Ridge, April, 1917;

Lens, August, 1917.

BEFORE the war the Fifth Royal Highlanders of Canada were affiliated with the Black Watch. On the outbreak of hostilities a battalion of the Fifth was mobilised at Montreal in August, 1914. By the 25th of the month 1,004 recruits had been accepted, and on that day the battalion entrained for Valcartier. Here, when a division for overseas was being organised, the battalion became the 13th Canadian Battalion, Royal Highlanders of Canada.

On the 25th of September the battalion moved to Quebec and sailed for England on the troopship *Alaunia*, arriving there on October 16th. The winter months were spent in more training, and on the 10th of February, 1915, baggage was packed once more and the journey to France resumed. St. Nazaire was reached on the 16th. Four days later the battalion was inspected by Field-Marshal Lord French, after which a march was made to Armentieres. On the 24th the battalion companies went into the trenches for the first time, relieving the Buffs.