

# 77th Overseas Battalion

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**W**HEN the Dominion Government in July 1915, decided to organize the 77th Battalion for Overseas Service the choice for commander of the new unit fell upon Lt.-Col. D. R. Street whose military capabilities had been long demonstrated in his command of the G.G.F.G. and in his untiring devotion to the many duties devolving on him in various capacities in the militia of Canada.

With characteristic energy Col. Street began his recruiting campaign and on Aug. 4th, 1915, his officers reported for duty at the Rockcliffe Camp. The complement of men required was secured in record time and the whole battalion was shortly being instructed and drilled under a staff of competent officers. By special permission the battalion was allowed to identify itself with the Capital, the name "Ottawa" being included in the battalion crest.

The organization of the 77th Battalion has been a labor of love for Lt.-Col. Street and his officers. The corps is one of which they are justly proud, and the individual members of the battalion have learned to respect and appreciate their officers—the whole success of the battalion being attributed to this splendid esprit de corps. And wherever duty calls, wherever the lot of the members of the 77th Batt. be cast, there also will go memories of the organization days on the banks of the majestic Ottawa and of the kindness and co-operation of the whole-hearted citizens of Ottawa and the Ottawa district.



Lt.-Col. D. R. Street