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Lieut.-Colonel D. C. Draper.

Denis Colburn Draper, a native of Sutton, Que., was an officer of the Montreal customs house and a captain in the 13th Scottish Light Dragoons when the war broke out. When Lieut.-Col. Harry Baker, M.P., commanding that unit of the militia, raised the 5th Mounted Rifles for overseas service, Captain Draper was one of his officers who answered the first call.



LIEUT.-COL. D. C. DRAPER, D.S.O. and BAR.

The story of how the Fifth, with other dismounted and mounted rifle regiments, stemmed the German onslaught at Sanctuary Wood in the early days of June, 1916, and how most of them died in their trenches rather than give ground, thrilled Canada from coast to coast.

Draper, then a Major, won his D.S.O. that day by (to quote the Order) "*conspicuous gallantry in the face of the enemy. He led reinforcements to*