

Battalion Officers

The following is a list of the battalion officers, showing the civil occupations of each, as well as place of birth and university where educated:

Lt.-Col. D. S. Mackay (officer commanding) born Reserve Mines, N.S., McGill and Edinburgh Universities. Surgeon, senior major of the 27th O.S. Battalion, with whom he went to the front in 1915; Major R. W. Brock (second in command) born Perth, Ont., Toronto, Queen's and Heidelberg Universities. Dean of faculty of science, U.B.C. and formerly deputy minister of mines for Canada; Major M. C. Rousseau (adjutant) born St. Heliers, Jersey C.I., Victoria College, Jersey and Lycee de Rennes, France, constructional engineer. Went to England with the R.C.R.; Capt. T. W. Walker (M.O.) born Bethany, Ont., Toronto University; Capt. J. M. MacEachran (paymaster) born Glencoe, Ont., Queen's, Berlin, Leipzig and Paris Universities, Professor of Philosophy and provost, University of Alberta; Capt. E. H. Oliver (chaplain) born Eberts, Ont., Toronto, Knox, Columbia, Berlin and Halle (Germany) Universities. Principal Presbyterian Theological College, Saskatoon; Capt. C. S. Burgess (quartermaster) born Bombay, India, University of Edinburgh. Architect; Lieutenant C. R. Hopper (M.G.O.), born in Strathclair, Man., Manitoba University. Lecturer.

(A) COMPANY

Capt. N. R. Wilson, born March 23, 1879, at Cobourg, Ont., educated Universities of Toronto and Chicago. Professor of mathematics, University of Manitoba; Capt. H. G. Armes, born September 27, 1884, at Nottingham, England, educated University of Leeds, England and Strassburg, Germany. Professor of chemistry, University of Manitoba; Lieut. R. A. Cunningham, born July 22, 1888, at Edinburgh, Scotland, educated University of Edinburgh. Lecturer in chemistry, Manitoba Agricultural College; Lieut. C. G. Lee, born February 16, 1892, at Winnipeg, Man., educated University of Manitoba. Student, instructor in chemistry, University of Manitoba; Lieut. G. H. Dyson, born May 20, 1883, at Auckland, N.Z., educated Wesley College, Winnipeg. Student Wesley College; Lieut. W. V. Tobias, born March 10, 1892, at Morden, Man., educated at University of Manitoba.

(B) COMPANY

Major R. J. G. Bateman, born in Ireland, educated Trinity College, Dublin. Professor of English literature, University of Saskatchewan. Joined 28th Battalion, C.E.F., October, 1914, England, May, 1915, France, September, 1915. Returned to Canada April, 1916, to take command of (B) Company, 196th Battalion; Capt. J. P. Oliver, born Eberts, Ont., 1880, S.P.S., Toronto. Lecturer civil engineering, University of Saskatchewan; Lieut. C. J. Mackenzie, born St. Stephen, N.B., 1888, Dalhousie and Harvard Universities. Professor of civil engineering, University of Saskatchewan; Lieut. W. C. McKee, born Brandon, Man., 1892,

A Canadian Volunteer's Last Prayer

I.

PROVIDENCE

O Thou, Ruler of Universe, Whose Might
Is unconquerable, Whose Wisdom soars
Beyond the highest heights of Human Right
And Wrong, Whose limitless Power ever roars
Through Light and Darkness, and on cots' ruins stores
Temples grand,—Thou, Will, All-embracing Love,
List to the prayer that my soul outpours,
And in the Radiance of Thy Throne above
Hear my humble words, and crown them with Thy Love.

II.

GOD AND MAN

Like in a dream with painful visions full
Thou hurldst dense darkness into blazing light,
Twistedst Love and Pain, and the sacred rule
Of human Life to Horror gavest. Night
Embraced Earth—only immense hatred burned bright—
Was it to mould with force a nobler Man?
To create a Mind of nobler, deeper Might?
And, in its own course and blood, tribe and clan
To swamp?

A new world-hour began.

III.

CANADA

And from a Land beyond wide, mighty seas,
Where the wild stormy river rushes free,
Where prayers offer to Thee, stately trees
And waters in the sunny quiet lea
Draw images of skies clear, where the bee
In the corn plentiful chants low his song,
Where grave dark cliffs and mounts at each sea
Stand on guard—Thou leadest me in the long
Noble way—to crush a Tyrant's gloomy Wrong.

IV.

HOME

Still I left my home, where each face, each heart,
Each sound was dear, where childish lips, pure, sweet
Soft lisped and called by name; where the gentle heart
That now in sacred hope lives once to meet
Again in peace and love—will slowly beat,
Cold, low, through long, lone days and nights. Only sighs
Will answer to the flower's smile, and the Street
Full of joy, the clowns' grave-yard in her eyes
Will be, and dark will look the clearest skies.

V.

THE REWARD

O Thou, Ruler of Universe, whose wisdom
Knows no end to its radiant abyss,
List to me in the whirl of cries, in gloom
Of silently bleeding flesh, and Thy bliss
Let rest in my dying sacred breast—When solemn peace
On earth soaked with sacred blood and tears will shine.
Bright, everlasting, out of Despair's abyss,
Crowning with happiness the world of Thine—
Let this then be the reward of mine.
May my crushed frame, lulled by eternal sleep
Breathlessly lie in strange wide field; my blood
May sleep and dream of Love, peaceful home, deep
In some flower garden strange—but not a flood
Of words shall ever my soul console—Grief
Is never paid by words—let sacred blood
And brains of Mankind new in great belief
Behold the sacrifice of my dear Maple Leaf.

—SIMON JAUVOISH.

196th Western Universities O. B., Manitoba Company,
Camp Hughes.

Manitoba and McMaster Universities, Law student; Lieut. W. Martin, born in Kent, England, 1880. Technical school teacher, Technical High School, Winnipeg; Lieut. F. J. Freer, born Brandon, Man., University of Saskatchewan. Teacher.

(C) COMPANY

Capt. Hector John MacLeod, born Prince Edward Island, McGill University. Electrical engineer and lecturer in electrical engineering in University of Alberta. Appointed O.C. "C" Co., 196th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F., 1st April, 1916; Lieut. W. M. Fif, born Peterboro, Ont., 1890, University of Alberta. Civil engineer and lecturer in civil engineering, University of Alberta; Lieut. L. V. Miller, born Toronto, Ont., April 9, 1891, University of Alberta; Lieut. S. Wood, born Stanley County, Durham, England. Student University of Alberta in arts and law; Lieut. Wesley MacKenzie, born Mitchell's Bay, Ont., 1887, graduated University of Alberta, 1916. Farmer.

(D) COMPANY

Capt. O. E. LeRoy, born in Quebec, 1873, McGill University. Geologist, geological survey, Canada; Capt. E. C. Sheppard, born Toronto, 1890, Toronto University. Editor; Lieut. L. H. Kennedy, born Owen Sound, Ont., 1895, McGill University. Law student; Lieut. S. J. Schofield, born 1883, Queen's University, Boston, "Tech." and Harvard. Geologist, geological survey, Canada. Professor of geology, University of British Columbia; Lieut. H. F. G. Letson, born 1896, Vancouver, B.C. Student University of British Columbia.

Ten Army Precepts

Thou shalt wear no other trousers than the "grey devils."

Thou shalt not wear any brazen numerals, or any brazen letters which thou mayest purchase, upon thy uniform.

Thou shalt not heedlessly mistake the fine uniform of the sergeant-major for that of an officer.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou drill and perform all manner of fatigues. But the seventh day is a holiday. On it thou shalt perform no drill beyond the church parade, unless perchance a kit inspection shall destroy thy holiday.

Honor thy orderly sergeant and thy orderly corporal, that thy fatigues may be few in the kitchen and about the canteen.

Thou shalt have no Klim.

Thou shalt not lace thy boots criss-cross.

Thou shalt not have too much jam.

Thou shalt not object when the cook doth put his fingers in the meat.

Thou shalt not covet the neighboring battalion's sentry-box, nor its mess hall, nor its electric light, nor its many water taps, nor anything comfortable that appertaineth to the neighboring battalion.