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SAINT JOHN, N. B.
DECEMBER 15
1923

Our First Annual Reunion



THE FIRST ANNUAL REUNION of the 2nd Canadian Divisional Ammunition Column was held at the Armouries, St. John, on Saturday, September 29th, 1923, when about seventy former members were present. The affair was a huge success and it was unanimously agreed to make it an annual event to take place on the last Saturday of each September.

For the year 1924 it is hoped to have as many ex-members as possible from outside points with us, and we trust the boys will bear this in mind when planning their 1924 vacations. We had a good time in 1923, and we plan for a whale of a time in 1924.

All former members outside St. John who will be able to attend are requested to notify Roy F. Logan, care Custom House, St. John, N. B., not later than the 15th of August next, so that the necessary rationing can be arranged for. Remember this re-union belongs to every member of the Unit, and we want everyone who can possibly do so to attend.

The originators of the first reunion, namely, Ralph M. Parker, Jake Marcus and Chauncey Berton, are on the 1924 Committee, with Roy F. Logan as an additional member, and the Committee feel that the best way to show appreciation of their efforts is to be present, and remember the date, *the last Saturday in September*.

Following is the menu and toast list of the 1923 Banquet:

SECRET

OPERATION ORDER NO. 1

ST. JOHN, N. B., September 29th, 1923.

1. All Ex-Mule Skinners of the 2nd C. D. A. C. will assemble at 20.00 hours on the 29th September, at the Armouries, where rations will be provided.

2. **DRESS:** Full working clothes and an empty stomach.
3. Rations will be as follows:

Consomme de Berthen, avec Alice and Evelyn	
Godswaersdvelde Leg of Lamb with Boeschepe	
Pomme de Terre	
Ouderdom Peas and Vlamertinghe Beans	
Celery d'Barlin	Mont St. Eloi Cukes
La Targette Radishes	
Pie d'Gouy Servins	Bouvigny Ice Cream
Cafe Noir	Fromage a la Dreimann
Avec Crackers	
4. Any person found guilty of desiring to leave before the cessation of hostilities will be tried by F. G. C. M. and sentenced to wash the dishes.
5. Medical arrangements have been completed with the A. D. M. S.
6. The A. P. M. will detail a strong police patrol who will see that no silence is allowed.

TOASTS

THE KING

Proposed by Lt. Col. W. H. Harrison, D.S.O.

THE FALLEN

Proposed by Lt. Col. N. P. MacLeod, M.C.

OUR GUESTS

Proposed by Major Wm. Vassie, M.C.
Responded, G. O. C. Col. J. Houlitson, D.S.O.

Lt. Col. B. R. Armstrong
S. C. Tippitts, President of G. W. V. A.

THE OFFICERS

Proposed by Sgt. Wm. Ryan
Responded, Lt. Col. W. H. Harrison, D.S.O.

THE OTHER RANKS

Proposed by Major G. A. Camblin, M.C.
Responded, R. S. M. G. A. Biddiscombe

THE CANADIAN CORPS

Proposed by B. S. M. I. O. Mundee, M.M.
Responded, Major W. A. Harrison, M.C.

Notes from the Wagon Lines

June 24, 1915. At 10.25 p.m. the Column for the first time was assembled as a Unit at Otterpool Camp, England.

July 17, 1915. Inspection of 2nd Canadian Division at Beachborough by H.M. King George V, Sir Robert Borden and Sir Sam Hughes.

September 15, 1915. Left for Southampton by way of Shorncliffe.

September 17, 1915. Arrived at Le Havre, France.

September 21, 1915. Relieved 28th D.A.C., R.F.A. at Berthen.

October 27, 1915. His Majesty the King reviewed detachments from Canadian Corps in field N.E. of Locre Church. Captain E. J. Lovelace and nine men representing the D. A. C.

March 23, 1915. Mont Noir road completed.

May 15, 1916. D. A. C. reorganized and work of B. A. C.'s taken over.

September 11, 1916. Arrived in the Somme area near Albert with 27 officers, 787 gentlemen, 997 horses and mules, 154 ammunition, L.G.S. and G.S. wagons, 8 two-wheeled vehicles and 10 bicycles.

October 21, 1916. Forwarding ammunition by tramway commenced. Fritzie got wise, so this method was abandoned.

October 26, 1916. Packing to Battery positions by horse and mule used for the first time.

November 28, 1916. Au Revoir to the Somme.

December 1, 1916. Arrival at Bruay. *Note*—Estaminets placed "Out of Bounds."

December 6, 1916. We de louse at Fosse 7 Barlin. Cost 8 centimes per man.

January 24, 1917. Arrive at Calonne Ricouart for a rest, and average about four inspections per diem.

May 26, 1917. First leave to Gay Paree, Mont St. Eloy area.

June 1, 1917. Les Tilleuls dump blown up and all personnel either killed or wounded.

June 25, 1917. Capt. E. J. Lovelace and No. 2 Section leave 2nd Canadian Division and join 4th Canadian Divisional Artillery.

July 1, 1917. Fifty years of Confederation celebrated at Mont St. Eloy. Sermon by Capt. Rev. H. M. Shore. Music by band of 5th Battalion.

September 25, 1917. Cash advances increased, Warrant Officers being allowed 100 francs per month, Sergeants 75 francs, Corporals 60 francs, and gunners 45 francs. The extreme liberality of the Government being once more demonstrated.

October 28, 1917. Arrived at H.7.C. Central Ref. Sheet 28, in other words, Vlamertinghe. First Passchendaele packing detail, producing 10 casualties.

November 24, 1917. Left Ypres area for Oultersteen, after suffering 123 casualties to personnel and losing 96 horses and mokes.

August 8, 1918. South again and the beginning of the end.

November 11, 1918. Armistice.

December 13, 1918. March across the Rhine at Bonn.

April 11, 1918. 2nd C. D. A. C. ceased to exist as a Unit.

September 29, 1923. Reunion at Armouries, St. John, of a 2nd C. D. A. C., revived for the first time since 1919.

September 27, 1924. Second Annual Reunion, which promises to be bigger, brighter and better than the first.



¶ A few copies of the War Diary are still available for any members who have not yet received a copy.

