



The 88th Victoria Fusiliers

"IN VIRTUTE VICTORIA."

The 88th Victoria Fusiliers have a unique record in the Canadian Military service, and probably in militia establishments, as they have been an active field force for thirteen out of the twenty-four months in which they have been in existence.

The regiment was gazetted on the 3rd September, 1912, and after preliminary organization a school of instruction for officers and N. C. O.'s was held during the months of February and March, 1913, when all officers qualified for the ranks to which they had been provisionally appointed. In June, 1913, the regiment took part in the manoeuvres at Sidney and did good work in checking the advance of the forces opposed to them. On the 13th August, 1913, serious coal strike disturbances arose at Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Wellington and Cumberland, and the regiment mobilized inside three hours and proceeded immediately on Civil Aid Duty, and from then till now they have been in the field.

Immediately on the outbreak of the present war, and before any Canadian troops were called for, every officer volunteered unconditionally, hoping that the regiment might be sent as a whole, and though this was not found possible a first contingent of 250 was sent to the front, under command of Major P. Byng-Hall, D.S.O., whose marked ability combined with his previous record will undoubtedly fulfil the charge with which he has been entrusted. Along with him went two Captains and ten subalterns, all of whom are qualified for a rank higher than that which they already hold. The Captains are both officers of considerable experience, Captain Cooper having been through two campaigns, and Captain Harvey having practically completed his staff course.

In respect to the Overseas Contingent officers may be mentioned Provisional Lieutenants Ford-Young and Hay, who—rather than be left at home—resigned their commissions and joined the ranks of privates, and advices have just been received that during a stop on the train journey to Valcartier the now "Private Ford-Young" saved a comrade from drowning at Sicamous.

The commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. Hall, has had long militia experience, having served with the 5th Regiment from 1899 to 1909, and it was largely due to his efforts that the 5th reached their present high grade of efficiency. The record established during the last year of his command being still unbeaten. Lieutenant-Colonel Hall's choice of officers was singularly fortunate as he was able to gather together a large number who had seen previous active service, and the 72nd Seaforth Regiment, in Vancouver, is the only infantry battalion in Canada whose officers have anything approaching a similar number of war decorations.

A record of previous service of some officers is as follows:

Lieut-Col. J. A. Hall was gazetted

to the regiment on formation, and has made a name for himself by his splendid handling of the late strike at Nanaimo, where he was in command of the Civil Aid force from start to finish.

Previous to joining the Fusiliers he served many years in the 5th Regiment C.G.A., being appointed to the command in February, 1903. Amongst those in a position to judge, he was considered one of the best

China, being mentioned in dispatches and receiving the China medal and the Distinguished Service Order. He was also offered decorations by four other countries. At present he is with the overseas contingent at Valcartier, so that he should soon add to his honours.

Captain H. J. Rous Cullin served as a Lieutenant in the London Rifle Brigade 1896-98, transferring to the 1st London Royal Engineers in the

last year did good work as adjutant of the Civil Aid Force.

Captain C. A. Moorhead served with the Natal Mounted Rifles in Zululand during the operations of 1906-07, receiving a medal and clasp, after which he was signalling officer in the Scottish Horse.

Captain W. G. Cunningham served as Lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment, and also the Cork Garrison Artillery. He has nine years service and accumulated the following certificates: Siege, artillery, gymnastics, maxim, heavy artillery, field artillery, garrison artillery, infantry and musketry.

Major W. E. Scott-Monerieff, the popular regimental medical officer, has twenty years previous service, retiring on the day he was due for promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel. He was Medical Officer of 90th Hodson's Horse. His war services include the famous relief of Chitral, 1895, Punjab Frontier, 1897, China Expeditionary Force, 1900 (Boxer Rebellion), Mahsud Waziri Blockade, 1902, for all of which he wears decorations. He has just been appointed a Lieutenant in the Canadian Medical Corps.

Hon-Lieutenant-Paymaster H. L. Roberts served in the 1st Lancashire Rifles from 1885 to 1888, and in the 5th Regiment here, 1893 to 1896.

Lieutenant A. J. Robertson served in the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles and wears the Queen's South African decoration with 5 clasps.

Lieutenants Macdonald and A. B. Nation are R.M.C. Kingston officers.

Lieutenant Boggs, son of the Vice-President of the British Campaigners Association, was formerly a High School Cadet.

These last three are now at Valcartier, en route to the front.

Lieutenant H. E. Bromley was at one time on the St. Kitts Defence Force, and Lieutenant H. E. Rowley is an ex-Royal Navy officer, who served on the China and Mediterranean stations.

Later joined officers include Captain J. Rothwell, who served with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in the South African war, for which he wears the Queen's medal; Lieutenant J. Lewin, late West Riding Regiment, Royal Niger Constabulary and Imperial Yeomanry, who wears the Niger medal, South Africa medal and three bars, King's South African and two bars.

Lieutenant John Hirsch, who commands the Maxim gun section, saw service in South Africa with Strathcona's Horse and the South African Constabulary. He wears the two South African medals with three and two bars respectively.

Lieutenant E. T. Martin was in the Bradfield College Cadet Corps and three years with the 1st V. B. Hauts Regiment. Lieutenant Hay also wears the South African medal, and has gone to Valcartier with the Overseas contingent.

With a backing of officers such as the above, it is small wonder that the 88th has soon made a name for itself. It is the opinion of such well known



Major C. F. de Salis
In Full Dress of 88th Fusiliers

artillery officers in the whole of Canada.

Major C. F. de Salis was a Lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion of the Essex Regiment from 1902 to 1912, and served in South Africa, receiving the Queen's South African medal and two clasps. He has ten years previous service, and holds a Hythe Musketry Instructors certificate, and also a certificate as Signalling Instructor, England. Previous to joining the Essex Regiment Major de Salis served seven years in the Coorz and Mysore Rifles, a volunteer corps in South India.

Major P. Byng Hall, D.S.O., was a Lieutenant in the Indian army, 34th Sikh Pioneers, and rendered splendid service in the Boxer Rebellion in

latter year, and from this corps was attached to the Royal Engineers, with whom he served in the late war in South Africa, in the 38th (Field) Company, receiving the Queen's South African medal and three clasps. He was promoted Captain in December, 1900, and retired from the service in February, 1905, having ten years service previous to joining the 88th.

Captain R. C. Cooper served in the B. S. A. police in Rhodesia from 1896 and in the South African war, and wears the Rhodesian medal and the King's and Queen's South African medals. He is at present in command of an Overseas company of the regiment at Valcartier, and during the

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officers as Colonel Hobday, Major Lipsett (Chief Staff Officer, Western Canada) and Captain Birchall (Royal Fusiliers) that the 88th is probably one of the most efficient regiments in Canada. The N. C. O.'s, where lies the real strength of a regimental organization, are in no way behind in previous service and war honours, and did space permit a lengthy list of service decorations and honours could be set down. No Canadian regiment can boast a finer body of men—few can equal it.

The headquarters of the 88th are at present at the Dry Dock, Esquimalt, where all ranks are in steady training and praying for orders to join the

present war this allowance will cease for possibly two or three years, the trustees would welcome further outside support which will be expended entirely on the men in the ranks.

During the past year a shooting team was sent to the B. C. Rifle Association meeting at Vancouver, where it was successful in winning twenty-seven prizes, including the

Tyro team and the best tyro shot, and there has been a keen rivalry between the companies in the shoots on the Clover Point range for regimental prizes.

The regimental colours were provided by the Daughters of the Empire, and were to have been presented by the Duke of Connaught last month, but owing to the outbreak of the war this had to be abandoned and the colours were received by the Regiment on the 4th of August, and sent under escort to Christ Church Cathedral for custody under the Right Rev. the Bishop of British Columbia, who is Chaplain and Honorary Captain of the regiment. Time alone will show what honours will be inscribed on these, and the Overseas contingent have vowed to bring back a German eagle to place along side them.

The popular regimental brass band is well known in Victoria and numbers forty instruments and includes a double bass string, and some of the musicians are considered amongst the best in the orchestral circles in Canada. The drum and fife band at present numbers twenty-five performers, and at the departure of troops last week their smartness evoked favourable comment from all quarters. The short staff, carried by the drum major, was presented to the



Major P. Byng Hall, D.S.O.
Commanding First Overseas Contingent

first contingent and make a complete unit. The town quarters of the regiment are situated at the corner of Fort and Langley Streets and comprise writing, reading, mess and billiard rooms for the Sergeants and men, as well as the regimental officers. These quarters are controlled by a board of trustees consisting of Messrs F. B. Pemberton, A. C. Burdick, W. E. Scott, H. B. Thompson, M.P.P., and Captain Moorhead (Secretary), and the premises have been equipped and maintained up to the present by donations from various Victoria people who are interested in the regiment.

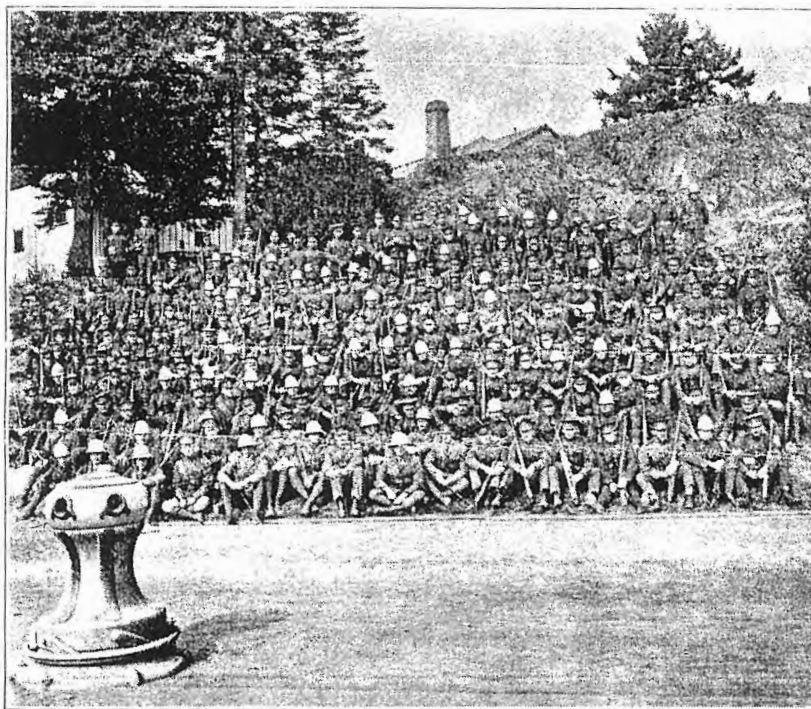
These quarters are a vital part of the organization and the future running expenses were provided for by the men assigning all their annual drill allowance, but as owing to the



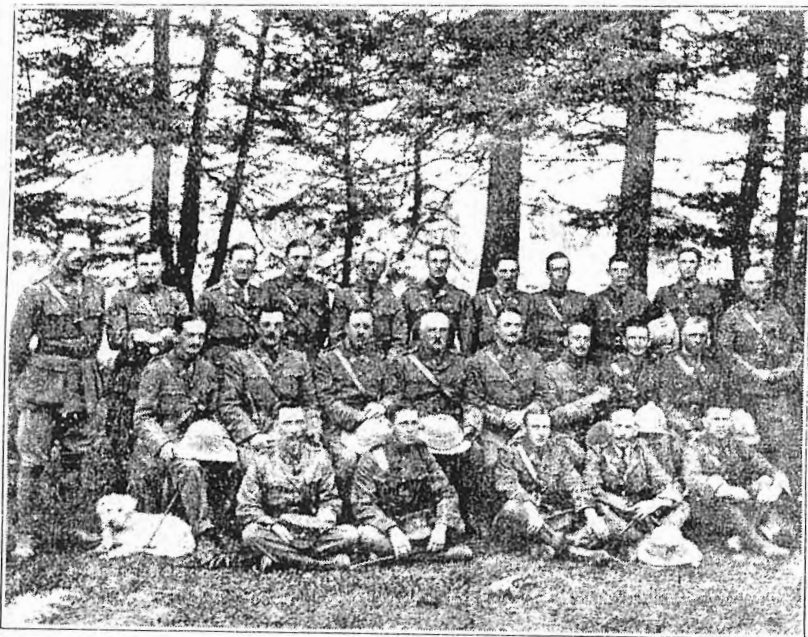
Regimental Institute



Regimental Colours
Going to Christ Church Cathedral



First Overseas Contingent
88th Fusiliers



Officers 88th Fusiliers



Lieut-Col. J. A. Hall
Commanding 88th Fusiliers

regiment by one of its officers, and was captured by him on the field of battle in Zululand.

The regiment is now recruiting for its second contingent, and as it is, the only local corps which carries our City's name, we cannot too strongly urge on all available men the necessity of joining its colours in this time of great national emergency.

The recruiting office is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Headquarters Institute, on Fort and Langley Streets.

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

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