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About this CD.

Compiled and published well after the end of the Great War, in 1932, for the 2nd C.H.B. Old Boys Association by James A. Argo, this tiny book is a very concise account of the activities of the the Battery in the 1914 - 1919 period.

It is divided into four sections as follows:

- "Record of the Battery from mobilization in 1914 to demobilization in 1919 including battle engagements and Battery positions."
- "Chronology of the World War 1914 to 1919 and Miscellaneous Information."
- "2nd. C.H.B. Old Boys' Association Constitution and Nominal Roll"
- "Maps of Western Front and Peace Proclamation dated Mons, Nov. 11, 1918,"

Within these sections will also be found "Honor Rolls", Battle Listings, Statistics and the home addresses of the "old boys" current at the time of publication.

The Record of the Battery is in the form of a daily diary and appears to have been drawn up using excerpts from the unit's "War Diary" so that there are records of personnel events as well as movements of the unit as a whole.

The two fold-out maps measured approximately 27 in. by 18 in. and contained significant detail. Our reproduction of these maps can be expanded to examine the finest detail although some defocusing in the original of the second of the maps in the book does limit reading some of the smallest location names.

The Chronology of the World War is very complete and identifies events taking place within the whole Global theater of the conflict.

The Nominal Roll claims to be an inclusive list of ALL individuals who saw overseas service with the 2nd Canadian Heavy Battery during its existence even if they were only on attachment from other units or services.

Presumably intended as a "pocket book" it measures only 4 in. by 6 1/2 in. in height and has been made using a very small print. This has limited the detailed legibility of the pages somewhat although there is no difficulty in normal reading. We have consequently fully hand edited the computer read index of the book so that computer search accuracy is up to our normal standards, close to 100%.

This great book has been loaned to us by Marc Leroux. Marc has joined Chris Wight to undertake the mammoth task of making a biographical database of all the Canadians who took part in The Great War. This work will be underway for a long time, but the current data base contents have been made available and can be found at: <http://www.canadianGreatWarProject.com/> Please visit their site so they know their work is being appreciated.

**THE 2ND CAN. HEAVY BATTERY
IN THE WORLD WAR, 1914 TO 1919**

**RECORD OF THE BATTERY FROM MOBILIZATION
IN 1914 TO DEMOBILIZATION IN 1919 INCLUDING
BATTLE ENGAGEMENTS AND BATTERY POSITIONS**

**CHRONOLOGY OF WORLD WAR
1914 TO 1919
AND MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

**2ND C.H.B. OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION
AND
NOMINAL ROLL**

ALSO

**MAPS OF WESTERN FRONT
AND
PEACE PROCLATION DATED MONS. NOV. 11. 1918**

FOREWORD

The data embodied in this Booklet has been compiled with a view to giving to all former members of the Battery, in concise form, the Active Service Record and Nominal Roll (with current addresses available) of the 2nd Canadian Heavy Battery, C.G.A., C.E.F.; the Constitution of the Old Boys' Association, and certain other general information including Chronological Record of Principal Events in the Great War, 1914 to 1919.

It is my sincere hope that this information will prove to be not only interesting, but a valuable record, and that it will assist in perpetuating the friendships formed when striving towards a common end, under conditions which we hope will never be repeated. During this period we were bound together by ties which can but should not be broken, and which should be kept alive through the medium of the Old Boys' Association.

To secure the greatest value from the Booklet, it is suggested that each individual make notes on the blank side of pages covering "Brief Record of the Battery" and "Names and Addresses." Write down your personal recollections of incidents at different points and regarding different men. At a later date you may be requested to send a copy of such notes to the General Secretary, for use in compiling a more detailed History of the Battery.

Revised Pages. The Booklet has been printed in loose leaf form so that revised pages may be issued from time to time, bringing the list of names and addresses up to date. Notice of changes in addresses will also be given to the members in regular issues of the Aiming Post, and such changes should be noted in the Booklet.

Important Request. Please forward to the General Secretary promptly, notification of changes in your own address, also any addresses you may know of former members of the Battery where such are not shown in the Booklet, in order that corrections may be made from time to time.

Your co-operation in the above respects will help to achieve the results so earnestly desired by your Executive.

Montreal, Que.
September 1, 1932.

J. A. Argo,
General Secretary.

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RECORD OF 2nd C.H.B. (Cont.)

1915.

ENGLAND
TO FRANCE.

- Sept. 13. Major W. G. Scully took over command of Battery from Lt. Col. J. W. Odell and received marching orders.
- Sept. 14. Moved off from Otterpool 4 P.M. (205 officers and men). Entrained at Shorncliffe and pulled out by 7.30 P.M.
- Sept. 15. Disentrained at Southampton 1.15 A.M. Embarked on S.S. California 7.30 P.M. Advance Section on T.B.D. Viper.

FRANCE.
LE HAVRE.

- Sept. 16. Arrived Le Havre 6 A.M. Disembarked 5.30 P.M. Moved off to rest camp 6.15 P.M.
- Sept. 17. Completed equipment insofar as time permitted. Moved off from rest camp 1.30 P.M. Entrained 4 P.M. Pulled out 5.35 P.M.

LONGEAU.

- Sept. 18. Arrived Longeau 3.30 A.M. Disentrained by 5.30 A.M. Moved off 6 A.M. Arrived Seux 1 P.M.

SEUX.

- Sept. 19. Ordered to complete establishment of ammunition to 160 rounds per gun. Officially attached to 27th Division, 12th Corps, Imperial Artillery.
- Sept. 20. Temporarily attached to 26th Imperial Division for rations and discipline.
- Sept. 22. Left Seux for Hamelet 6 P.M. Bivouacked at SALOUEL. Salouel 9.30 P.M.
- Sept. 23. Moved off 7.30 A.M. Halted at Bois L'Abbe 12.30 P.M. Arrived Hamelet 4.30 P.M. O.C. reported at Mericourt and ordered move next day to Proyart and to make and occupy position in Bois Olympe, south of Cappy, on 25th Inst.
- Sept. 24. Left Hamelet 8 A.M. Halted at Moricourt 1 P.M. PRO-YART. Arrived Proyart 4 P.M. Bivouacked for night. Rained.
- Sept. 25. Started work positions eastern front Bois Olympe, BOIS OLYMPE. Two guns moved into position during night. Other two guns ordered overhauled by I.O.M. Wagon lines left in Proyart. Rain all day.

CHRONOLOGY OF WORLD WAR

1914 to 1919

1914.

- June 28. Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife, the Duchess of Hohenburg, assassinated at Sarajevo, Bosnia.
- July 23. Austro-Hungarian Government sent ultimatum to Serbia.
- July 24. Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Minister, proposed conference to avert war.
- July 28. Austria declared war on Serbia.
Germany rejected British proposal for International Conference, although French and Italians accepted on 27th.
- July 29. British Admiralty sent "Warning Telegram" to fleet.
Austrians bombarded Belgrade and Russia began mobilization.
- July 30. British Gov't. rejected German proposal for British Neutrality.
- July 31. Germany demanded cessation of Russian mobilization.
Belgium, Austria and Russia mobilized.
- Aug. 1. Germany declared war on Russia, and ordered mobilization.
Great Britain ordered mobilization of fleet.
Canada offered one Division in event War.
Britain accepted.
France ordered mobilization.
Hostilities commenced on Polish Frontier.
- Aug. 2. Germans entered Duchy of Luxemburg and troops also appeared before Liege, Belgium.
Germany presented ultimatum to Belgium.
Hostilities commenced on French Frontier.
- Aug. 3. Belgium refused the passage of German troops through its territory.
British Gov't. guaranteed armed support to Belgium should Germany violate Belgian neutrality.
Italy notified Germany that she would remain neutral.
Germany declared war on France.
British Government ordered mobilization.
- Aug. 4. German troops invaded Belgium and attacked Liege.
Great Britain sent ultimatum to and at 11 P.M. declared war on Germany.

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General, His Excellency

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The Honorable, The Minister of Militia.

The Honorable, The Minister of the Dept. of S.C.R.

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