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The Niagara Military Museum in 2023 was given a large assortment of official military photos of the 54th Battalion, CEF (Kootenay) which were taken while they were in Europe in World War I. The original source of these photos is not known, but they were given to the Niagara Military Museum by the Royal Canadian Legion, Niagara-on-the Lake Chapter in Ontario.

Due to the importance of these photos it was deemed that they should be published as an historical keepsake and for all those that wish to see them.

Please note that some of these photos show military cemeteries with the grave markers of members of the 54th Battalion and may be unsettling.

The History

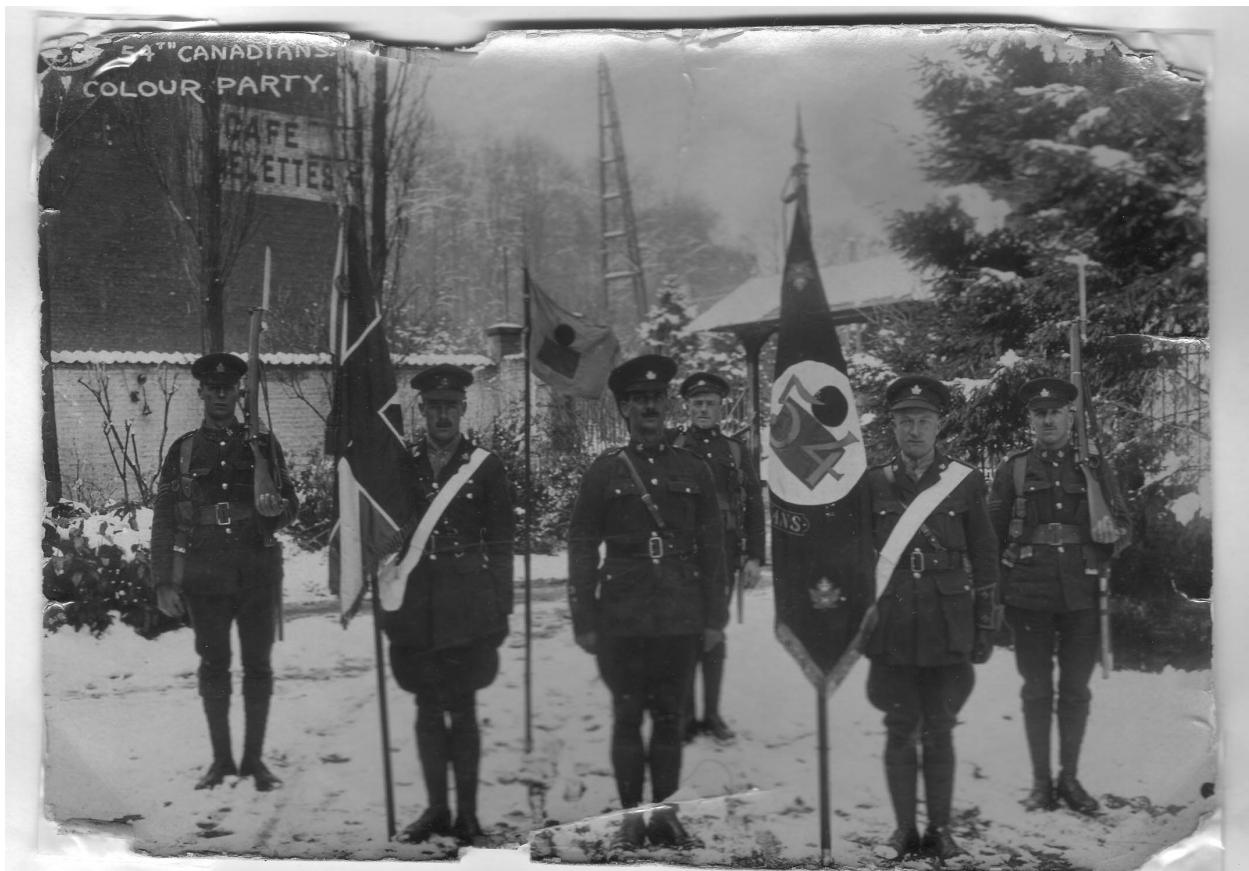
The 54th Battalion was authorized by the Militia Department of Ottawa on May 1st, 1915 with recruitment being performed in the Southern British Columbia interior. Recruitment came rather quick and the battalion assembled at the camp in Vernon, B.C. for the first time on June 15, 1915. At Vernon a brigade was formed with the 47th Battalion, the 54th Battalion, the 11th C.M.R. and, later the Bond Battalion, all under Col. Duff Stuart.

The 54th left Halifax on the evening of November 21, 1915 aboard the HMTS Saxon and arrived at Plymouth, England eight days later. From Plymouth they proceeded to Bramshott Camp.

In England they formed part of the 11th Brigade of the 4th Canadian Division. On August 13, 1916 they left for Southampton and from there they arrived at Harve in France the next day. The 54th took part in most of the large battles during the war and the battle honours are displayed on its banner.

With the war over they left England on June 1, 1919 on HMTS Mauretania to Halifax, where they boarded a train for Hamilton arriving on June 8 and then trained to Revelstoke, B.C. on June 9 arriving there three days later. The 54th was home to a warm and great welcome by the citizens of southern B.C.





54th Canadians Colour Party



54th Canadians Band

19. 54 CANADIANS



Headquarters
GUNPITS RIAUMONT

Headquarters, Gunpits Riaumont

59. 54TH CANADIANS



Headquarters
BOURLON WOOD.

Headquarters Bourlon Wood



4th Division Champion Boxers, 1919



4th Division Football Champions, 1919



Albert From West



Albert Church

48. 54th CANADIANS



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Albert Cemetery

37-54th CANADIANS



Beaucourt

54th CANADIANS



Beaucourt Wood

58. 54TH CANADIANS



Bourlon Wood, Eastside

50. 54TH CANADIANS



Contal Maison, Chalkpits

62. 54th CANADIANS



Cambrai, Douai Road

CAMBRAI - DOUAI ROAD

17. 54th CANADIANS



GENDARMERIE
LIEVIN.

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29. 54th CANADIANS.



Cross Roads South of Dury

Cross Roads
South of Dury

29. 54th CANADIANS



Sunken Road Dury

Sunken Road
DURY.

30. 54th CANADIANS



Windmill Dury

Windmill
DURY

31. 54th CANADIANS



Cemetery DURY
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Dury Cemetery



Marcoing Line Cemetery



Marcoing Line Cemetery

43. 54th CANADA



MEHARICOURT.

Meharicourt

42. 54th CANADA



HEADQUARTERS
MEHARICOURT

Meharicourt Headquarters

16. 54th CANADIANS



Napoo Corner
LIEVIN.

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54th CANADIANS



Cemetery.
QUARRY WOOD.
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Quarry Wood Cemetery



Railway Cutng, Lens

13. 54th CANADIANS.



Villers-Au-Bois Cemetery

12. 54th CANADIANS.



Villers-Au-Bois Cemetery



Villers-Au-Bois Cemetery



Villers-Au-Bois Cemetery



Lt. Col. A.H.C. Kemball Grave

col. Kemball's Grave