

## UNVEILING AND DEDICATION OF THE MEMORIAL AT RMC SANDHURST

The War Memorial presented by the Royal Military College of Canada to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst was unveiled and dedicated on Sunday, 15th March, 1931. A number of Ex-Cadets attended the Service, though unfortunately some others received no notification.

On the Church Parade preceding the Service, the Salute of the Gentlemen Cadets was taken by No. 123, Maj-General Sir Dudley Ridout, KBE CB CMG JP. With him on the saluting base were the Commandant, Maj-General E. S. Girdwood, CB CMG and the Chaplain General to the Forces, the Rev. A. C. E. Jarvis CB CMG MC DD.

The Chapel, in Renaissance style, is truly a fitting memorial to the traditions and achievements of the Royal Military College, and of hundreds upon hundreds of her sons. Every lamp, every pillar, every Window, every stall, bear Regimental Honour Rolls, and record countless names of individuals and campaigns. The furnishing is not yet complete, but is greatly advanced by this latest edition, which takes the form of oak panelling around one of the large Southern chancel Windows. The beautiful design is similar to others already completed, and the Workmanship appears to have been the very best.

During the Service, the unveiling was performed by General Ridout. The Commandant accepted the Memorial on behalf of the College, and it was dedicated by the Chaplain-General. The Kingston Ex-Cadets who attended were seated immediately under the Memorial. The senior representative of these, No. 6, Brig.-General S. J. A. Denison CMG, occupied a seat of honour near the Commandant. The sermon was preached by the Chaplain General, who gave as his message, "Remember, resolve."

After the service the Commandant very kindly entertained the Ex-Cadets at lunch in the old Library.

Rising to propose the toast of the Royal Military College of Canada, General Girdwood stated that there were to be no speeches. In reply, General Denison remarked that he understood orders were laid down for the ruling of the weak and for the guidance of the strong. Accordingly he proceeded to deliver a brief and exceedingly witty speech, and gave the toast of Sandhurst.

No. 6 Brig.-Gen S. J. A. Denison C.M.G.  
123 Maj.-Gen Sir Dudley Ridout KBE CB  
CMG  
323 Lt.-Gen Sir George Cory KBE  
164 Maj.-Gen C. C. Luard.  
206 Lt.-Col. H. S. Rogers, CMG DSO  
350 Colonel C. M. Stephen, CMG  
278 Lt.-Colonel F. F. Duffus.

632 Major E. F. Bucklen. RHA  
9418 Major J. F. Preston, RCH-X  
1187 Capt. J. E. Lyon. RCE  
1220 Capt. G. S. Hatton. RE  
1714 Lieut. B. M. Archibald, RE  
1736 Lieut. J. C. Hodson, RCASC  
1740 Lieut. A. J. Kerry. RCE  
1759 Lieut. H. Carington Smith, RE

The following comments are taken from a letter to the Commandant from Sir Dudley Ridout, KBE CB CMG, who performed the Unveiling Ceremony:-

"I should like to write .... and bring to your notice the very great honour which the RMC Sandhurst did the RMC of Canada in inviting me to take the salute at the March Past, prior to the Parade Service. The day was delightful, which enhanced the beauty and serenity of the ceremony.

"I was placed in the King's box in the Chapel and at the appointed time was conducted by the Commandant to the window round which the panelling was placed.

"After the Ceremony, which formed part of a very beautiful service, when one heard the truly splendid congregational singing of the Cadets, I had the honour to be asked to accompany the Commandant during his inspection of horses, and afterwards lunch was offered to the Ex-Cadets present.

"We had a very excellent lunch. There were no speeches, just the healths of the two Colleges honoured. However by special dispensation KNO. 63 Brig. General S. J. A. Denison, C.M.G. was allowed to make a few remarks which were very much appreciated, and, as usual full of humour. Altogether it was a very memorable day.

"It is a unique honour that in the RMC Chapel the Ex-Cadets of RMC Canada are commemorated, and I know that it will be much appreciated. General Cory, Colonel H. S. Rogers and I concur in the suggested place of the Coats of Arms of the two Colleges. The RMC of Canada, on the left, facing the window. It will then be just above the lettering mentioning the College.

"Again many thanks for the great honour you have done me. It is a milestone in my life and is an honour which was outside my wildest dreams. General Denison referred to the day, in his remarks, as a milestone. It truly was."

At the base of the panelling on either side of the Window are being placed the crests of the two Colleges, and the following inscription:-

*Left Side*

The Oak Panelling of This Window Was Presented to The Royal Military College  
by The Royal Military College of Canada

*Right side*

To the Glory of God and In Memory of The Former Cadets of These Two Colleges  
Who Gave Their Lives of for Canada King and Empire”