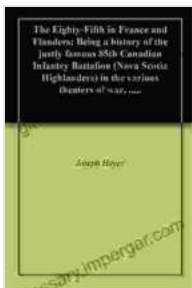


# **Being History of the Justly Famous 85th Canadian Infantry Battalion Nova Scotia: A Captivating Chronicle of Courage, Sacrifice, and Legacy**

## **: The Glory and Legacy of the 85th Battalion**

In the annals of Canadian military history, the 85th Canadian Infantry Battalion Nova Scotia stands as a shining beacon of courage, sacrifice, and unwavering determination. This remarkable unit, composed primarily of young men from Nova Scotia, played a pivotal role in the First World War, leaving an enduring mark on the nation's collective memory.



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## **Origins and Formation: A Call to Arms**

The 85th Battalion was formed in the fall of 1915, amidst the escalating tensions of the First World War. As the war spread across Europe, Canada answered the call to arms, sending thousands of volunteers overseas to fight alongside the Allied forces. Nova Scotia, renowned for its maritime and military heritage, played a significant role in this mobilization effort.

The 85th Battalion was officially organized on October 15, 1915, at Halifax, Nova Scotia. Its members came from all walks of life, representing the diversity and spirit of the province. There were farmers, fishermen, lumberjacks, miners, and young men from bustling cities and remote rural communities.

## **Arrival in France: Facing the Horrors of War**

In May 1916, the 85th Battalion arrived in France, eager to serve their country. They were soon thrust into the bloody and unforgiving trenches of the Western Front. The realities of war were far removed from the patriotic fervor and idealism that had propelled many of them to enlist.

The battalion faced fierce fighting in some of the most challenging sectors of the front, including Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, and the Somme. They endured relentless shelling, mustard gas attacks, and the constant threat of death or injury.

Despite the hardships, the 85th Battalion remained steadfast in their mission. They fought with bravery and determination, earning the respect of

their allies and the admiration of their enemies.

## **A Legacy of Sacrifice and Valor**

The 85th Canadian Infantry Battalion Nova Scotia paid a heavy price for their service. Over 1,400 of its members were killed or wounded during the war. Their sacrifice is forever etched in the annals of history, a testament to their unwavering courage and the enduring bonds of comradeship forged on the battlefields of Europe.

The battalion's legacy extends far beyond its time in France. It became a symbol of Nova Scotia's contributions to the war effort and a source of pride for the province. The 85th Battalion also left a lasting impact on the Canadian military, inspiring future generations of soldiers with its unwavering determination and spirit.

## **Remembering the 85th Battalion: Honoring the Fallen**

Today, the memory of the 85th Canadian Infantry Battalion Nova Scotia is kept alive through various memorials and commemorative events. The battalion's war diary, meticulously kept throughout the conflict, provides a firsthand account of their experiences and sacrifices.

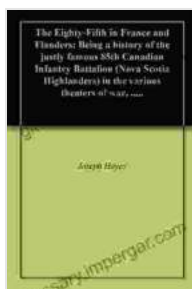
In Halifax, the Nova Scotia Museum of Military History houses a permanent exhibit dedicated to the 85th Battalion. The exhibit showcases artifacts, uniforms, and personal stories that capture the spirit and legacy of these brave soldiers.

## **: A Timeless Tale of Courage and Remembrance**

"Being History of the Justly Famous 85th Canadian Infantry Battalion Nova Scotia" is a captivating and comprehensive chronicle of one of Canada's

most renowned military units. It is a timeless tale of courage, sacrifice, and the enduring bonds that unite soldiers in the face of adversity.

By reading this book, you will gain a profound appreciation for the sacrifices made by the men of the 85th Battalion and the lasting legacy they left behind. Their story is a reminder of the indomitable human spirit and the importance of remembering those who have fought for our freedom.



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