

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Brandon College Platoon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14257>

Part Of: Joseph H. Hughes collection  
Creator: Photographer: Davidson Studio  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 3-1997.1  
Item Number: 3-1997.1.66  
Accession Number: 3-1997  
Other Numbers: Hughes #81  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1916  
Physical Description: 13.5" x 10.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Photograph beginning to separate from matting

### History /

#### Biographical:

Brandon College established a Canadian Officer Training Corps (COTC) program in 1916 and had enough students for a platoon that would join the 196th Western Universities Battalion's B Company. COTC logs for in the SJ McKee Archives show that at least 40 men regularly attended classes on campus during the 1916 winter term.

The Brandon Daily Sun published the names of 60 potential platoon recruits before they headed to Camp Hughes to train in the summer of 1916. Although Lt. J.R.C. Evans spearheaded the training of the COTC enlistees at Brandon College, he was found medically unfit for overseas service. In his stead, the son of the college's founder, Lt. William Carey McKee, lead the platoon to Camp Hughes where they joined the 196th Battalion. Of the 60 recruits identified in the local paper, 20 would not survive the war, including Lt. McKee.

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#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a group of 40 men wearing WWI uniforms. The men have the Canada general service cap badge on their headdress. The officer in the centre of the group (i.e., the man with the cane) is J.R.C. Evans. The group of men are likely members of the first Brandon College Platoon, which joined the 196th Western Universities Battalion.

Name Access: J.R.C. Evans  
Subject Access: portraits  
First World War  
Great War  
Storage Location: Hughes oversize drawer  
Related Material: Daly House Museum  
The Clark Hall Scrapbook

### Images

