

S. J. McKee Archives



Suffield explosion - waiting

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14154>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.223

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1961-1964]

Physical Description: 10" x 8" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows observers waiting for a detonation at the Suffield Experimental Station. Camera operators can be seen on the right waiting to film the blast.

Name Access: Suffield Experimental Station

Suffield Explosion

Subject Access: military training

military

explosions

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Arrangement:

BR #3 30-personal

Images



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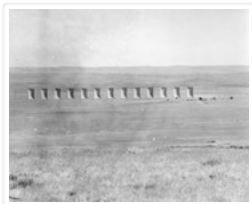
explosions

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Arrangement:

BR #3 30-personal

Images



Suffield explosion - pre-detonation

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Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.225

Accession Number: 1-2015

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1961-1964]

Physical Description: 10" x 8" (b/w)

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Scope and Content:

Photograph shows blast targets/dummies pre-detonation at the Suffield Experimental Station.

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Suffield Explosion

Subject Access: military training

military

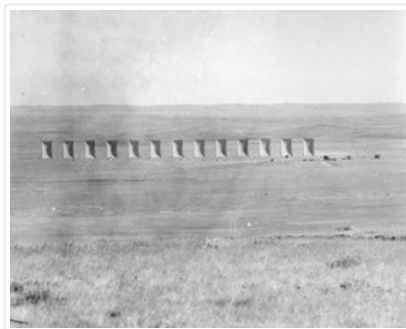
explosions

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Arrangement:

BR #3 30-personal

Images



Suffield explosion - pre-detonation

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Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 1-2015.226
Accession Number: 1-2015
GMD: graphic
Date Range: [1961-1964]
Physical Description: 10" x 8" (b/w)

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Scope and Content:

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Suffield Explosion

Subject Access: military training

military

explosions

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Arrangement:

BR #3 30-personal

Images



Suffield explosion - detonation



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14207>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Creator: Photographer: S.E.S. Color Photo
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 1-2015.276
Accession Number: 1-2015
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1964
Physical Description: 14" x 11" (colour)
Physical Condition: Emulsion is cracking and photograph is starting to warp

History /

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Repro Restriction: Photograph may be subject to Canadian Copyright Laws
Conservation: To be processed in humidification chamber (ST 2016-02-03)
Storage Location: McGuinness oversize storage drawer (1-2015)
Arrangement:
Funny trunk

Images



Camp Hughes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10112>

Part Of:	RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	1
Item Number:	BAPC 1.6
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1916
Publication:	Published by Western News Agency Ltd., Winnipeg, (46 pp.)
Physical Description:	9.25" x 6.75" (b/w)
Material Details:	Small pamphlet containing photo essay

History /

Biographical:

Established as Sewell Camp in 1909, it was renamed after Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, Canada's Minister of Militia and Defence, in 1915. During World War I (1914–1918), more than 38,000 troops of the Canadian Expeditionary Force trained there. Many of the soldiers later distinguished themselves at the battle of Vimy Ridge, in April 1917.

Extensive trench systems, grenade and rifle ranges, and military structures were built in 1915 and 1916. A variety of retail stores on a double-avenued area close to the main camp formed a lively commercial midway. Camp Hughes was dismantled in the 1930s as part of an unemployment relief project.

The Camp Hughes Military Training Site, located at NE 34-10-16 W, 10 kms west of Carberry, R.M. of North Cypress, was designated Manitoba Provincial Heritage Site No. 82 on April 18, 1994.

Custodial History:

Donated by Earl Johnson, publisher of the Baldur Gazette, through the "good offices" of Fred McGuinness.

Scope and Content:

Item is a small pamphlet containing 50 black & white photographs in a photo essay entitled: Ready for Active Service, Camp Hughes Manitoba.

Notes: McGuinness wrote about Camp Hughes and how he acquired the pamphlet in a Viewpoint column in the November 1, 2001 edition of the Brandon Sun. A copy of the article is with the pamphlet. History/Bio information taken from the Manitoba Government Explore Our Heritage Website at: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/hrb/prov/p082.html> (December 14, 2009).

Name Access: World War I
First World War
Great War
Canadian Expeditionary Force
Major D.A. Ross
Major-General John Hughes
Major J.W. Sifton

Subject Access: military personnel
armed forces
military training
trench warfare

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

Images

