

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Camp Hughes

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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

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