

R. S Hicks Collection, World War I Trench Diaries and Equipment

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- File 1- Two Maps, Neuville-St. Vaast, undated, ( scale 1-5000 ) and La Folie Farm, first field survey, 1903, CORE, Canadian Corps Topographical section. ( scale 1-5000 ) - Maps show trenches, German machine gun nests and lines of communication.
- File 2- One platoon roll-book, unused and undated, published by Gale and Polden Ltd., London, England and One booklet of the Standing Orders of the 13th Canadian Mounted Rifles, Military District, No. 13, Canada, published by McAra Press, Calgary, Alberta, 1915.
- File 3- Two notebooks of Lt. R.S. Hicks, 15th Platoon, " D " Company, 13th Canadian Mounted Rifles, Military District No. 13, transport-book with list of platoon names and notebook with field of fire calculations, undated.
- File 4- Two Trench diaries of Lt. R.S. Hicks, October 26 to December, 1916 and December 23, 1916 to March 30, 1917.
- File 5- Looseleaf papers, Operations Order No2A, Jan. 14, 1917, 8th Canadian Machine Gun Co., with code names ( very delicate condition ) and Statement on Regimental Units Account Audit, Lt. R.S. Hicks accounts officer, March 10, 1919 and miscellaneous looseleaf papers, undated.
- File 6- Report of the Attack and Capture of Vimy Ridge, April 9 to 10, 1917, 8th Canadian Machine Gun Corps.
- File 7- Battleplans for Practice, Mock battle south of London, Ontario, dated March 21, 194?, with topographical map of St. Thomas, Ontario, Sheet 40 1/4, Dept. of National Defence, 1941, ( scale 1-63,360 ) - papers in very delicate condition.

Miscellaneous objects:

- Small box of buttons and pins  
Large box of whistles, pins, ribbons and buttons  
Trajectory chart for Vickers Gun 303" mk VII, Canadian Machine Gun Corps, 23-5-18.  
Five miscell. cartographic instruments, plastic ( one is broken )  
One wooden ruler, slightly chipped  
Two khaki supply pouches  
Two leather ammunition pouches, one with bullets in it.  
Miscellaneous leather straps and belts