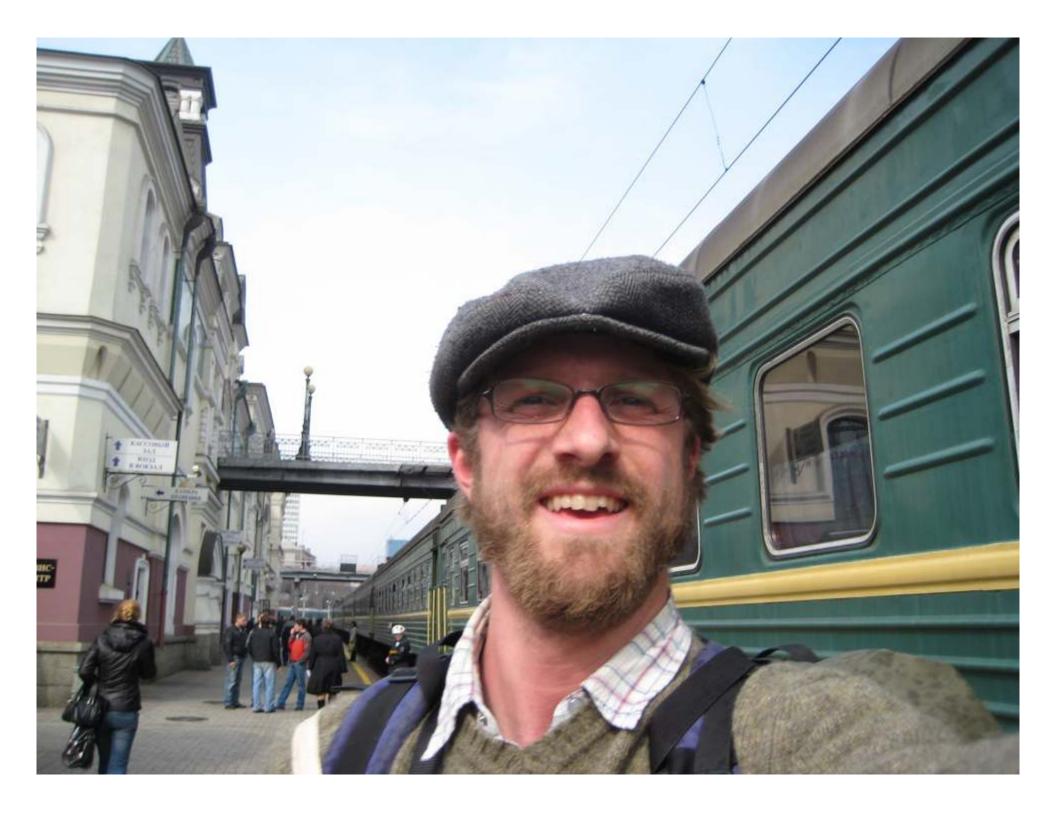
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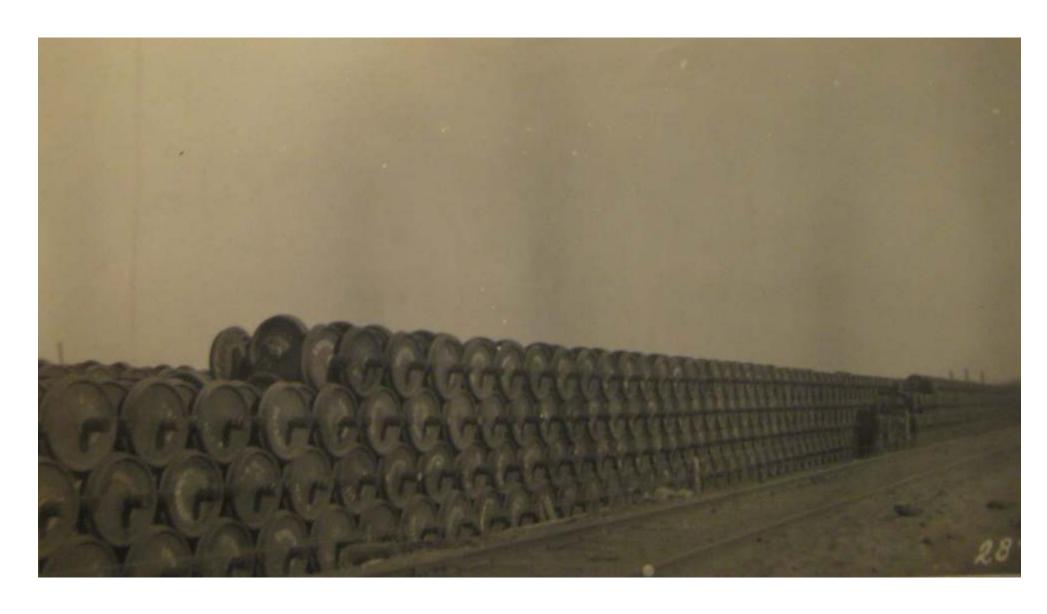
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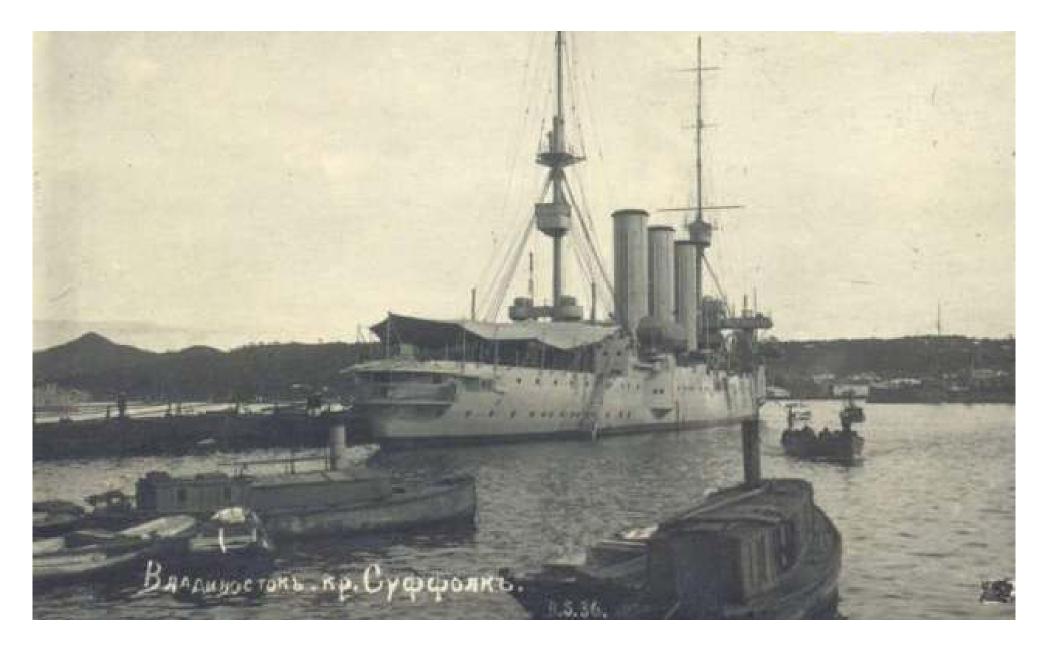


Railway rolling stock, Vladivostok ~ 1918

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British cruiser *HMS Suffolk* in Vladivostok's *Zolotoy Rog* ~ March 1918







Red Funeral of Vladivostok, 4 July 1918



General Dmitri Horvath

White Russian governor of Eastern Siberia, July 1918-January 1920



American soldiers march into Vladivostok, August 1918



Canada's intervention in the Russian Civil War





20th Machine Company (CSEF)

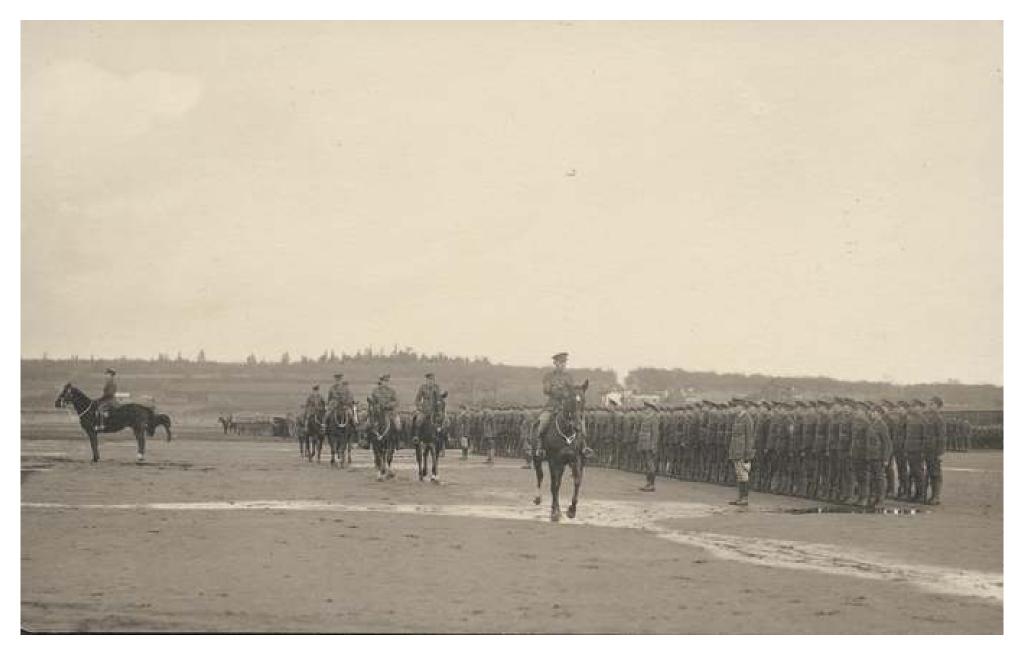
"Marching out of Petawawa," by C.W. Jeffreys (1918)



Canadian soldiers travelling west through the Rocky Mountains, October 1918



Soldiers in barracks, New Westminster November 1918



Inspection of the troops, 259th Battalion, Willows Camp, Victoria November 1918



Armistice 11 November 1918



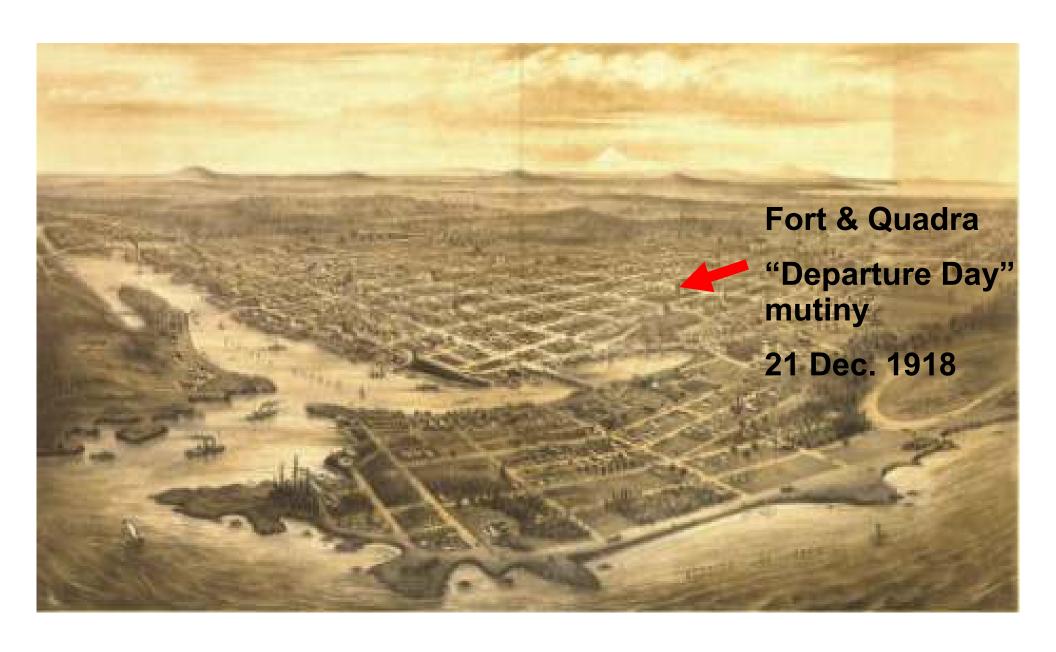
Soldiers on day leave from the Willows Camp, Victoria December 1918

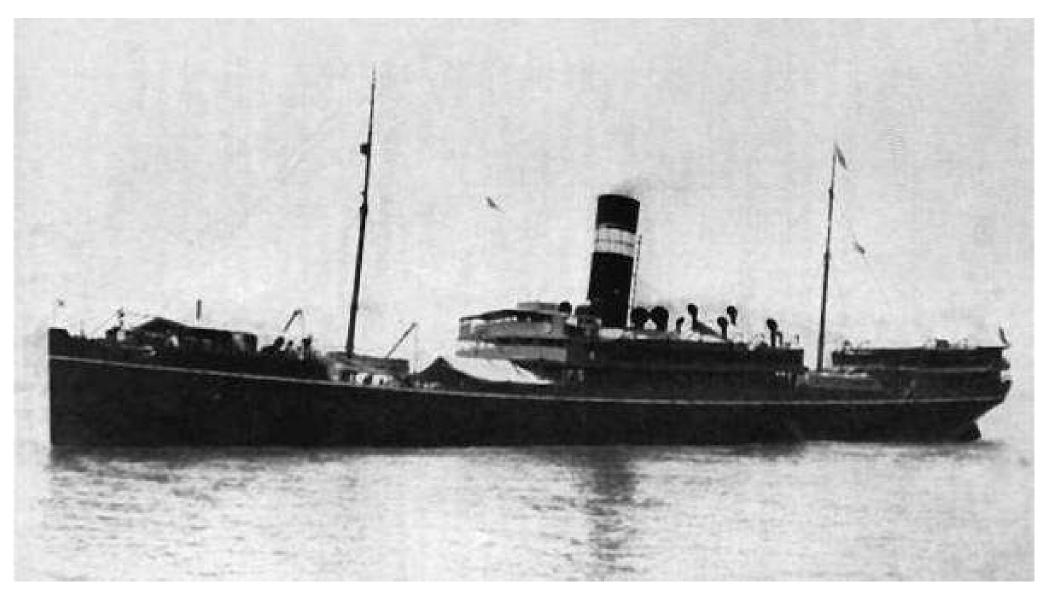


Canadian soldiers at "Hands Off Russia" meeting Victoria, December 1918



Soldiers marching to ship, Victoria, December 1918





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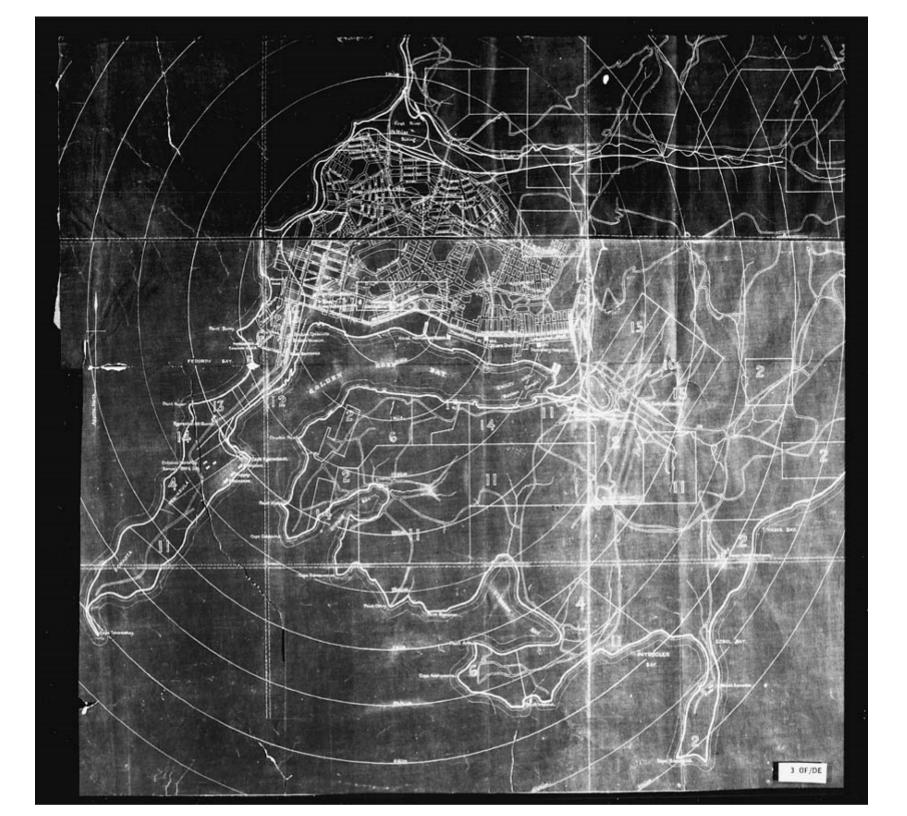




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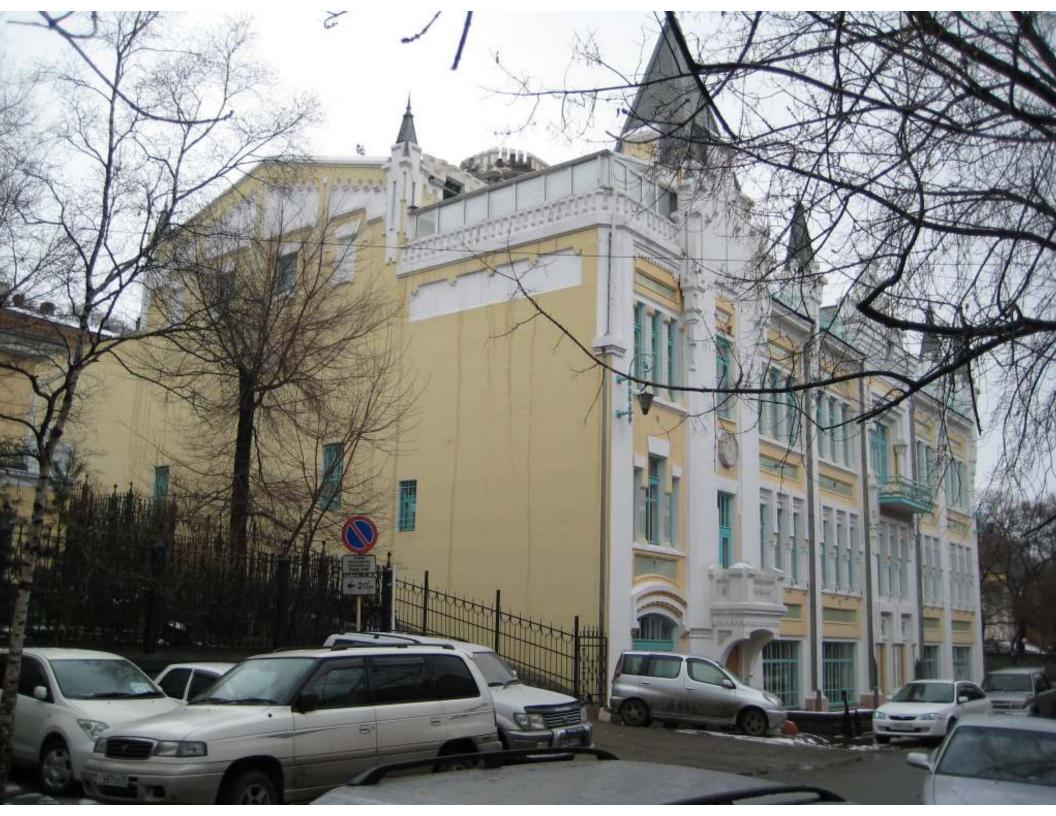






Pushkinsky Theatre, Canadian force headquarters, 27 October 1918-5 June 1919



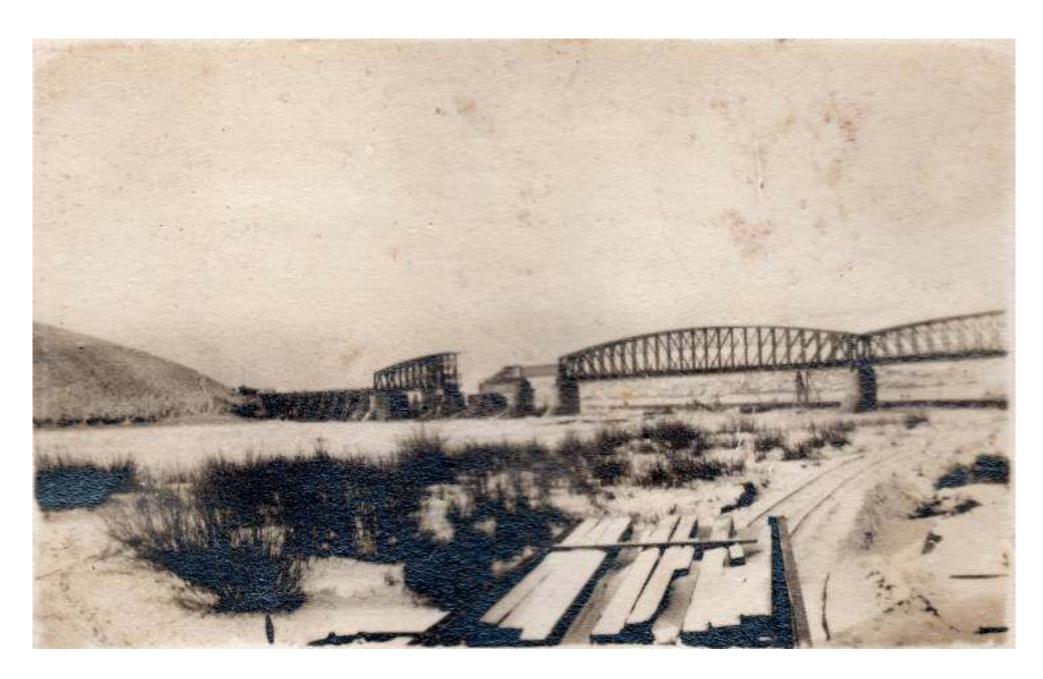


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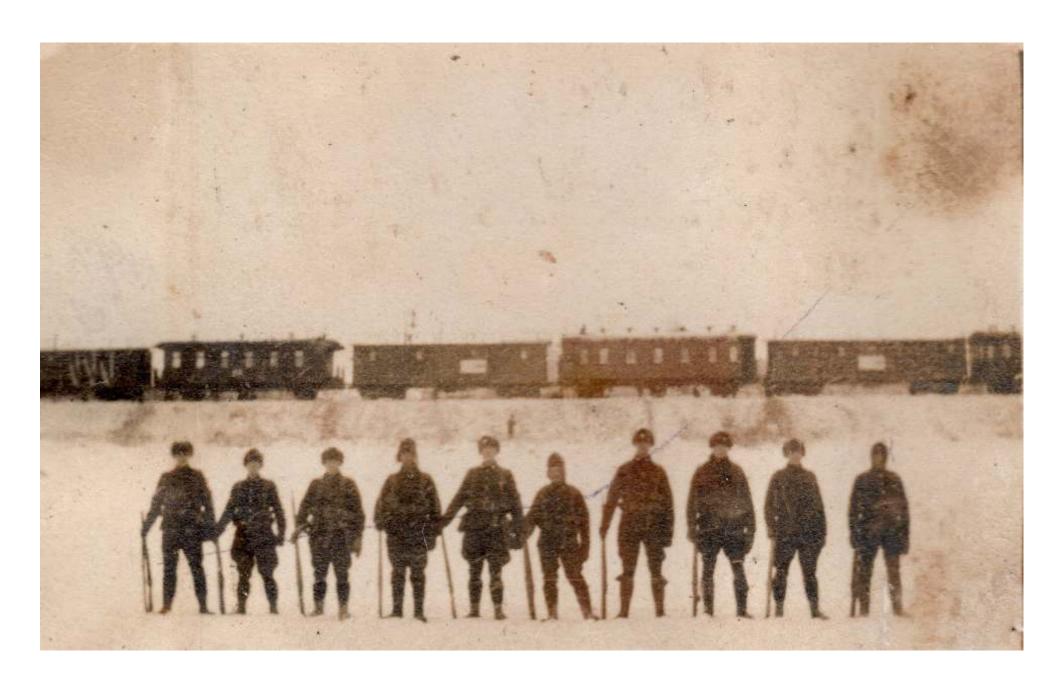


Railway bridge destroyed by Partizans Siberia, 1919





Мост через р. Иртыш, взорванный колчаковцами (1919)



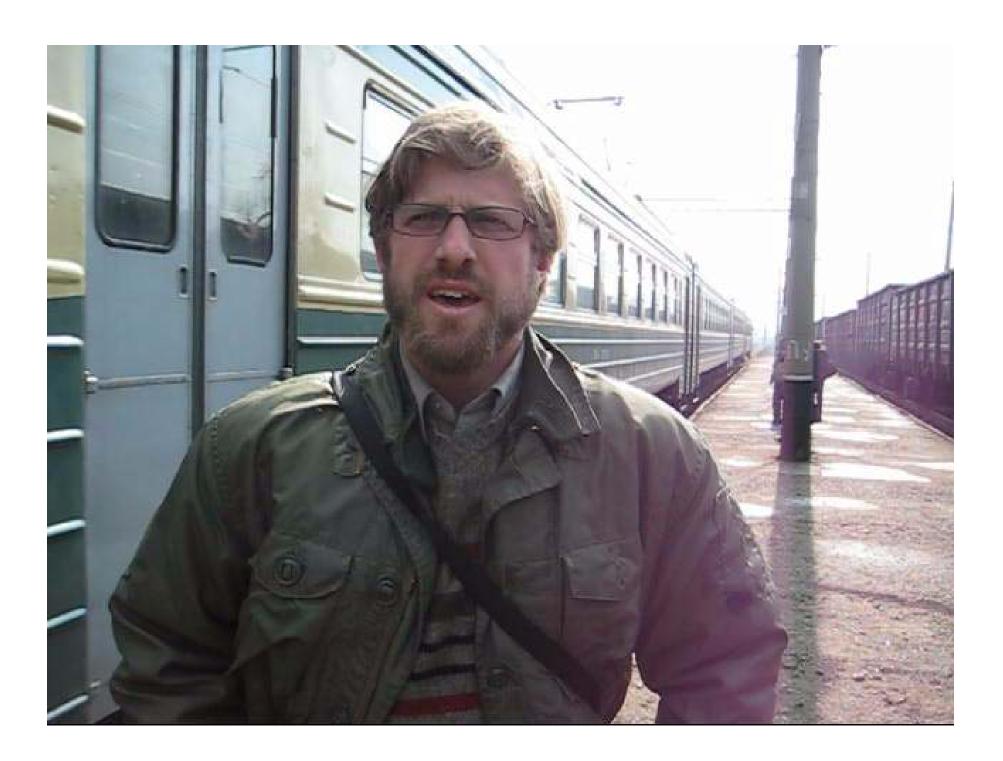


Omsk, Capital of "White Siberia" and headquarters of Kolchak's government



Shkotovo April 1919





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Diary of **Rfn. Sidney Rodger**, 'A' Company of the 259th Battalion

"We demand that you evacuate our territory and go back from where you came. If you will not submit to this order we will not give you one inch of the railway which we have built with our very blood ... Remember that in this we are not alone but the working classes of the whole world are with us."

-Gavrila Shevchenko

Commander-in-chief of partisan detachment Proclamation to Allied command, Vladivostok April 1919





Canadian equipment garage, Egerscheld, 1919



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What Are We Doing Here?

(By an Amateur Guesser)

The Canadian in Vladivostok counts that day lost wherein he has not heard a rumour about going home. Some days he is informed that the transport will sail in two months; on other occasions a pessimist raises the bid to two years. At Egorscheldt you find a chap keeping his trunk . ready packed against a sudden warning for Canada At Gournastai there's a man who believes that some of us will get to Vancouver some day if we're not too old to stand the voyage. No harm being interested in the general subject of getting home again, but the bald fact appears to be that none of us know any-thing about it. We'll have to leave it up to the Peace Confer-

None of us are supposed to dabble in Russian politics. Which is mighty fortunate, on the whole, since only those of us who started life as Russians could make head or tail of this complicated maze of policital thought. Two or three parties are about all the average Canadian can digest. Twenty-seven are beyond comprehension. This is not a political treatise, for reasons just stated, but merely a contribution to the argument that goes on nightly in every barracks in this neck of the woods. The theme is: What are we doing here (except just staying,) and why did we come, and when will we go home?

It was simple enough at the beginning. Something had to be done to divert the attention of Germany on the east front so that Foch could mop them up on the west. The Russian Bolsheviks were, and are, a pro-German organization, so it was well within the provinces of the Allies to attack them. Britian was too much occupied to spare troops for

Siberia, so she turned to Canada in her hour of need,—and here we are, representing, with a few Imperial troops, the British Empire in the Russian Far East. And in the neuntime the armistice came along, after the Hunhad had enough of lighting, and the Russian situation rook on an entirely new aspect. For there was no longer need of an eastern front against Germany. The Canadian force that started out to be an active fighing unit against the Bolsheviks and Germans remained to be a cog in a diplomatic wheel. And it is now the duty of the Peace Conference to decide what the next move is to be, withdrawal from

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the country, futher watchful waiting or a campaign in Russia,

Leaving aside all discussion of Ruseian political parties and political views, I cannot agree with the opinion so frequently expressed that the Canadiane or British have no business in Russia to-day. So long as the Bolshevik armies hold European Russia terrorized is comnot be said that the Cerman meance is at an end. The Bolshevik government, we are informed, has never been truly Russian. It has been composed largely of men of other than Russian blood, desperate function in many cases. Bolshevik armies are led by Germans and Austrians who are not at all anxious to see peace and order restored in the world. Bolshevik missionaries are spreading their dectrires in every country in the world, hoping for widespread anarchy. There is a mad dog running tone among the nations, and it would seem to be the duty of the nations to bandle it as mad dogs usually are handled.

It is well to remember that in the early stages of the war Bussin practically committed suicide to save the Allies on the west front. Her troops, many of them inadequately armed, were harled against the Hon in immense numbers, and there was slaughter such as perhaps the world had never seen before. If later on her fighting power was paralysed by internal intrigue, the British must not forget Russin's generous martyrdom at the outset. Something must he done to save the remnant of Russen's best fron the murdering, torturing horder who showed their true character in the sack of Perm. That is one view of the question. Another, less altraistic, is that there can never be full peace in the world while Bolshevism rules in Russin.

Although they have done little or no actual lighting, the British forces in Siberla have certainly accomplished something for the Russian cause. There has been a moral effect, at least. Well informed Russians admit that withdrawal of Allied droops would give the signal for a new outbreak of Boshnetism in Siberla. There would be another carrieval of blood. No man with a collar and the would be safe. The able, the educated, would be masseared. That is the Bolshevik way. Withdrawal would be reparded by the best of the Russians as a terrible calamity. The Bolsheviks, preparing at once to bring to light their hidden stores of rilles and machine goas, would welcome it.

Of course, it is difficult to see how the Russian problem will right itself for a long time to come. Actual crashing of the Bolshevik atmics, disarmament, creation of a trustworthy army and navyall them things would seen to be necessary before the Russian Parliament could safely carry on. That must be decided at the Peace Conference. It is muthinkable that the Allies should dictate to Russia what her future form of government is to be. Russians must work out the salvation of Russia. But there is need of a helping hand while the Bolshevik mad dog is abroad, and somehow or other, it reems very likely that the Allies will do their part.

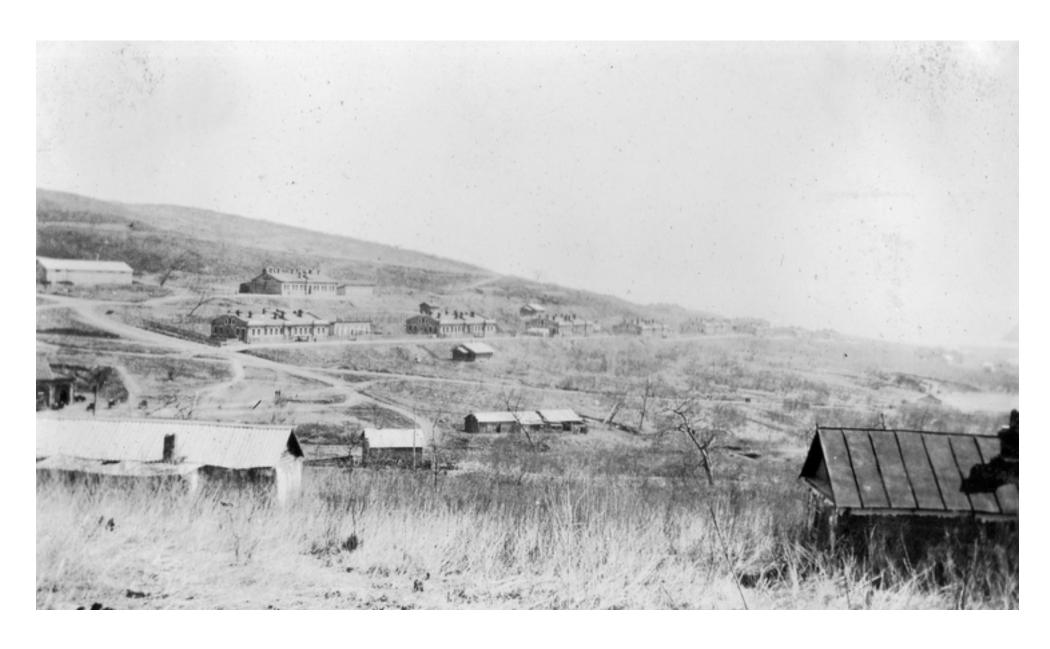
This is one version of things, merely a contribution to that endless debate that makes up so large a part of Siberian Nights Entertainments. It does not answer one question: How long will we stay here? That matter is still on the kness of the gods.



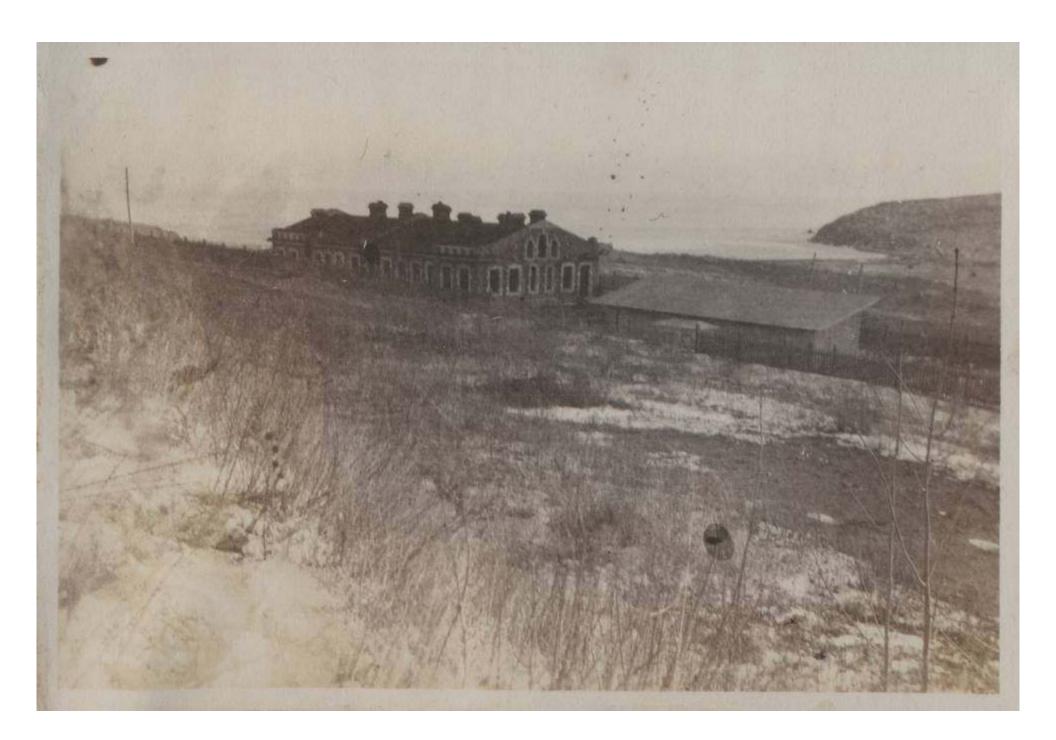
Canadian baseball team, Vladivostok, 1919



Gymkhana, Vladivostok, 1 May 1919



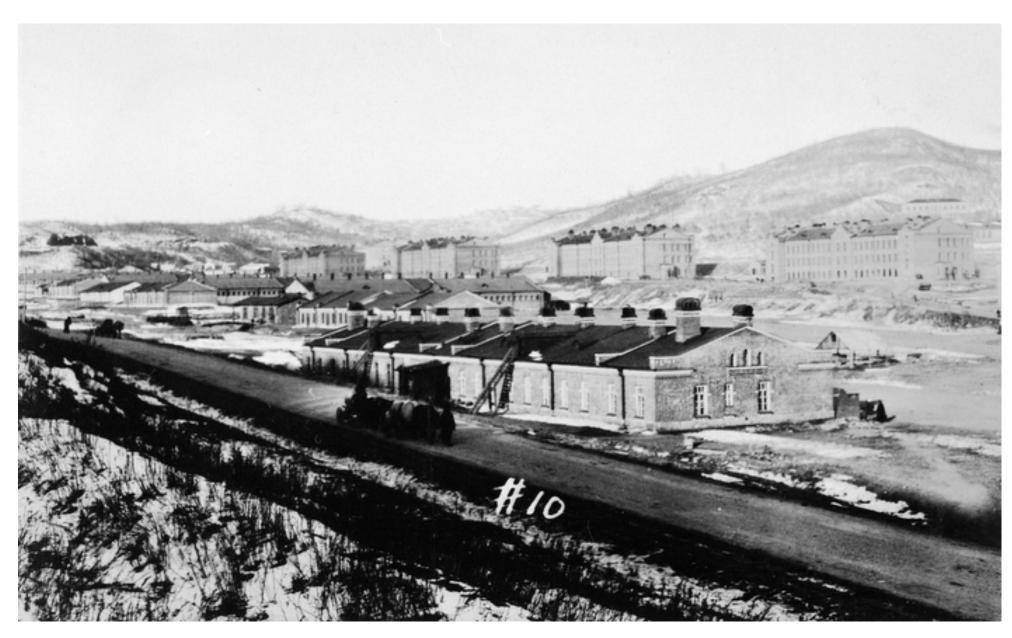
Canadian barracks at Gornostai Bay, outside Vladivostok











Canadian barracks at Vtoraya Rechka, Vladivostok, 1 May 1919









Nursing Matron Grace Eldrida Potter











Sex-trade workers

"Kopek Hill," Vladivostok



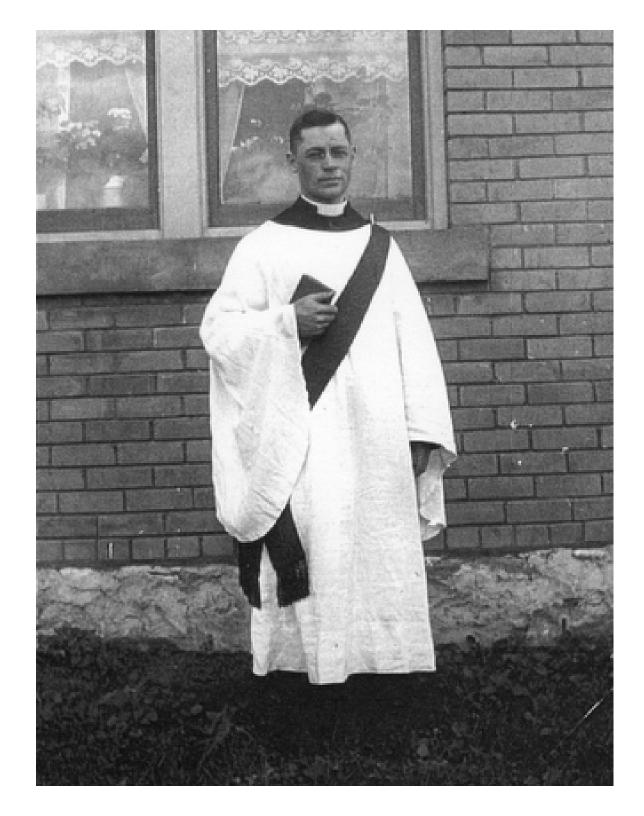
Vladivostok *vagsal*, 1919







Private Edwin Stephenson, Vladivostok Chinese Market, 1919



Edwin Stephenson Anglican priest

July 1918



Edwin Stephenson grave Vladivostok Marine Cemetery 1919



Edwin Stephenson grave Vladivostok Marine Cemetery 2009



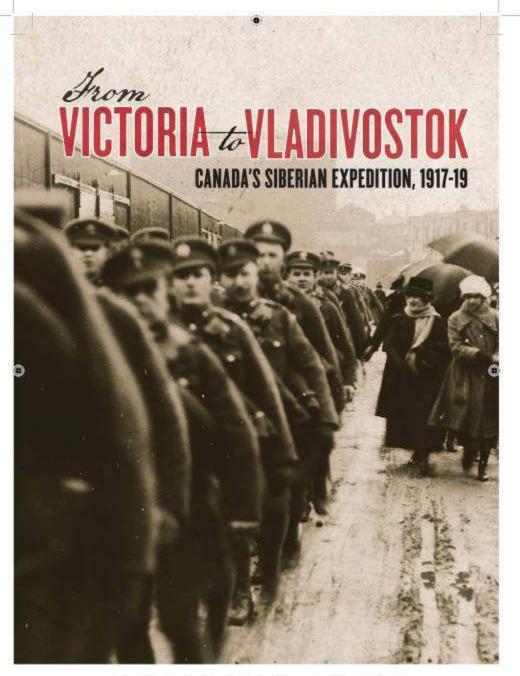




"So we grow up thinking there were no struggles to engage in, no obstacles to be overcome.

We suppose now that the new text books will tell children that the world was set free in 1914-1918 — with no hint that autocracy is not yet out of the saddle, no suggestion that there are other fields to be won."

"History Teaching All Wrong" Semi-Weekly Tribune (Victoria) 22 September 1919 www.SiberianExpedition.ca



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