



Captain A.E. Dalgas

Captain Dalgas was born and raised in Denmark, where he graduated at 19. He then served for 5 years in the Danish army before his family emigrated to Canada in 1910.

Captain Dalgas worked as an engineer until the First World War began, went overseas with the 7th Battalion, was assigned to the Royal Engineers of London, where he was commander of the 177th Tunnelling Company. He received the Military Cross and the Italian Silver Medal for bravery in the field.

After World War Dalgas and his wife lived in Nelson and he worked as an engineer for the BC Ministry of Public Works. In 1930, he was a stickler for renewal of the organized militia and become, a group of former officers, who met regularly. "

When the Second World War began, Captain Dalgas was promoted to Major and commanded the 111th (Nelson) Field Battery, monitoring the recruitment and training. The 111th was one of the first regiments that went overseas and Dalgas, pointing to two flags to the wall, represented the Legion of the 111th, said the Legion had already been showered with awards, and the 111th would follow that tradition. "

Dalgas' accompanied his men to Edmonton, where he was assigned to training duties, but he was determined to go overseas themselves. Although he was too old, had waived his rank, he went to Ottawa yet, lied about his

age and joined the 4th Field Artillery as a gunner.

Once in England, discovered his real age, so he was promoted to sergeant was an instructor at the Canadian School of Artillery.

Many people in Nelson before the war had served under him admired him. One wrote: There was never a finer man than he, and I am full of admiration for his indomitable spirit and moral courage and determination He added that he hoped that Dalgas Nelson would return to his old rank of Major.

Dalgas was promoted to captain beginning April 1945.

However, nine days before the war in Europe ended, when the Canadian 2nd Corps fought into northern Germany, Dalgas' jeep drove on a mine. He died aged 57.

His wife Alicia heard of his death on the same day she received a letter from him telling to have passed the Rhine.