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Richard R. Pyves, **Courage, Sacrifice and Betrayal – *The Story of the Victoria Rifles of Canada, 60th Battalion, in the First World War***, ECW Press, Toronto Canada, 2018, 384 pg.

Richard Pyves' book *Courage, Sacrifice and Betrayal* is a well documented account of the Story of the Victoria Rifles of Canada, 60th Battalion first raised in Montreal, Qc May 1915. Pyves documents this unit's history from its origins in Canada to its ultimate demise in 1917 because of a political decision to eliminate the unit from the order of battle.

Pyves used both personal and official sources that blended into an excellent account of the lives and times of all soldiers from the rank and file to its Commanding Officer. The results have been a well researched book that was most enjoyable to read even down to its dust jacket. Its sepia toned photograph of a lone soldier and his commanding officer standing in a trench set the tone and gives one an impression of a moment in time and being there.

Pyves' discourse and conclusion on the consequences of the politics of the day leading to the demise of the Battalion is a very familiar one. It is much the same one played today and reminds how much little as changed in that regard.

The appendices are a virtual gold mine for any who wish to delve into the Honours and Awards issued the 60th Battalion the Victoria Rifles of Canada, its soldiers, and a complete list of all men who served overseas in France and Belgium.

This book is a worthwhile addition to anyone's personal library and is highly recommended.

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