

## Lieutenant George Samuel Hanes (1882-1957)



George Hanes was an engineer, a mayor, an officer in 6 Field, and a B.C. M.L.A.

He was born in 1882 in Olinda, Essex County, Ontario, and graduated from the University of Toronto's School of Practical Science in 1905 with a bachelor of science degree.

The next year he became the Engineer for the City of Windsor, Ontario and the following year he married Ella Douglas. The couple was to have three daughters, Evelyn, Marion, and Dorothy. In 1909, they moved to British Columbia and he became the Engineer for the City of North Vancouver and remained the City Engineer until 1912.

In 1913 he ceased to be the City Engineer when he was elected the Mayor of the City of North Vancouver. He was re-elected in 1915 and again in 1916. In 1916 he entered provincial politics and was elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly (M.L.A.) for North Vancouver, serving as an M.L.A. until 1924.

In 1916 he joined the Reserve Company of 6 Field Company C.E. and in December 1917 volunteered for active duty. He was commissioned and by mid 1918 was serving as a lieutenant with the 9th Battalion of the Canadian Engineers in Belgium and France. There he took part in the breakthrough at Amiens and the final Pursuit to Mons.

In 1924 Hanes left politics and the provincial Legislature and returned to engineering. He went back to being the Engineer for the City of North Vancouver where he stayed until 1936. As of 1926, Hanes also served as a consulting engineer for the Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company, which owned and operated a combined road/rail bridge over the Second Narrows.

In 1940 he became active in defense construction. He was first appointed as the engineer-in-charge of the construction of two R.C.A.F. equipment depots in Calgary. And then in 1942, he was appointed as a senior assistant engineer on the staff of the District Engineer Officer of Military District No. 11, British Columbia, where he supervised construction of defense works at Prince Rupert, Tofino, and Port Hardy.

In 1943, he became City of Prince Rupert Engineer a position he held for two years.

Hanes passed away in 1957 at the age of 75. Hanes' wife Ella, a very active member of the North Vancouver community passed away at 102.