

54 Field Park Squadron RCE

This unit was located in an aircraft hangar on the waterfront at Jericho Beach. It provided heavy engineering equipment on training exercises. The initial commanding officer was Maj. "Bing" Byng-Hall who had joined 1 Field Company RCE (the only regular force engineer unit in Canada at the time) in Halifax as a sapper in 1930 and was commissioned in WW2. Capts. "Van" Vandervoort, Jack Merchant, Ted Talbot and Les Smith were four of the officers. Bill Dow, who had served overseas in WW2 with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles joined as an Officer Cadet in 1948, was commissioned in the rank of Lieutenant in 1949 and departed the Unit in 1950 when he was transferred in his civilian job to Montreal. The Field Park Squadron was disbanded in 1966.