

ERS IN FRANCE

elow a few extracts from the report by Percy Bryon, to which will be of in- many readers. We are the boys are in such and to learn from the enjoyment they try life. The extracts letter dated on the mber, and following Christmas festivities, od humor at the time, this is what he says:

A DAY WITH THE 147th GREY COUNTY BATTALION Boys Fine and Fit and Working Hard--One of the Finest Battalions in Canada

We are indebted to the Owen Sound Sun for the write up of the boys in uniform, comprising the 147th Grey County Battalion. As a great many of the boys in training are from Durham and vicinity, the article should be interesting to all readers. We are pleased to learn of the good cheer enjoyed, and the good spirits manifested by the boys in uniform. We hope they may return safely when the war is over, and success is theirs. The Sun's scribe writes his impressions as follows:--

It fell to the lot of a local scribe recently to spend a day with the 147th Battalion now in training at Owen Sound and some of the experiences and impressions of the newspaper man are herewith recorded for the benefit of the general public which may be interested in the daily life of the Grey County boys, who are being trained in order to put their skill and strength against Britain's foes abroad. Many people have a very dim and hazy idea of the duties that devolve on the soldier boys day by day during their course of training. It is only when they are on a route march or after drill hours that the ordinary civilian sees the soldiers, and consequently he knows very little of the activities of the seven hundred men who are members of the 147th Battalion at the present time.

THE COLONEL ENTHUSIASTIC

The reporter first called on Col. McFarland, the commanding officer of the battalion at his headquarters at the armories. The colonel was busy with a large pile of correspondence, besides answering phone messages and performing all the other duties devolving on him as officer commanding the battalion. but he received the scribe in his genial and off hand manner. The first question asked him was, of course, as to the progress of the battalion. "The 147th," said the colonel, "is one of the crack battalions of the units now in training throughout Canada. In physique, physical condition and intelligence there is not a battalion in the Dominion that has anything on the Grey County Battalion. The men are the pick of Grey County's young men everyone of them vigorous and energetic and willing to work. Everyone of them has enlisted because he feels it his duty to go and all are going to the front with a full realization of what their sacrifice means. When we reach the trenches, Grey County will have the satisfaction of knowing that their no finer battalion than the 147th in Britain's forces on the firing line." Thus enthusiastically spoke the colonel of the 147th and to emphasize his words he invited the newspaper man to come with him and visit the various scenes of activity within the biggest military organization that was ever known in Grey County.

IMMENSE AMOUNT OF DETAIL WORK

A look into the office of the adjutant, Captain Kylie, gave a slight idea of the immense amount of detail work in connection with the battalion. Two orderlies were busy on typewriters, one of them making out attestation forms for a dozen or so new recruits who had just come in and arranging for clothing and billets for them. Orderlies rushed back and forth carrying messages to and from the different company officers. In the paymaster's office, Capt. S. Burk, the battalion paymaster, was busy filling out and signing the men's cheques. Pay-day comes twice a month, and the utmost care is taken to give every man every cent that is coming to him promptly.

AT THE QUARTERMASTER'S STORES

The next point of interest was the quartermaster's stores on Ninth St. East. When the reporter arrived half a company, or about one hundred and ten men were lined up, and on inquiry, he found that the men were being issued with new winter caps which had just arrived the previous day. The greatest pains were taken by the quartermaster, Capt. McLaughlin and his staff to equip the men with caps that fitted them comfortably. At one end of the building a tailor, was at work making alterations in the men's clothing. If the coat sleeves of trousers are too long, or any part of the clothing does not fit, the necessary alterations are made free of charge. The comfort and neat appearance of the men are the first considerations. A shoemaker was also busy on the men's boots. Great care in fitting the men with their boots is taken, for it is important that their feet should be kept in good shape. The shoemaker repairs the boots for the bare cost of the material necessary for making the repairs. Each man, so the reporter was told, will be issued soon with an extra pair of boots. The quartermaster showed the newspaper man a sample of the clothing issued to the men, and the latter was impressed with the splendid material that is now being put into the

uniforms, and the careful way they are made. The socks, shirts, underwear issued to the men are certainly made with an eye to comfort and durability.

THE MEN AT WORK

The visit to Riverside rink at 8.15 when the men were falling in for morning parade was very interesting. The bugler blew call for the markers to fall in, and immediately the men detailed for markers in each company took their places. Then another bugle call, and the men lined up on their markers in their own platoons. The roll of each platoon was then called, and as soon as that was done and each man had answered to his name, the officers in charge of each platoon inspected their men. The points insisted on by the officers were that the men must be shaved every morning, their hair trimmed neatly, their buttons polished, and their boots and clothing clean. The man who neglects any of these matters comes in for a severe rebuke by his officer.

A PLATOON COMPETITION

An interesting feature in connection with this inspection is a platoon competition which began recently and will last for one month, so the reporter was informed. At the end of that time the platoon that has shown itself cleanest on parade and best in drill will be given a turkey supper by the officers. Consequently it was noticed that there was the keenest rivalry between the platoons, each one vying with the other in neatness and proficiency. Every time a man is late for parade, has dirty boots, is not shaved or in any way transgresses the military regulations, his platoon loses several points which will count against it in the competition. This puts it up to every man to be careful about his appearance and conduct.

PHYSICAL DRILL EACH MORNING

Roll call and inspection over, the next hour was devoted to physical drill. "A" company marched off to No. 2 C. P. R. freight shed, which is now being used as a drill hall. "B" company remained in the rink and "C" company went to the G. T. R. sheds for physical drill. The vim with which the men entered into the work was a revelation to the scribe. Coats and caps were piled up on the floor and the men were given the physical exercise under a competent instructor. The reporter noticed that the officers as well as the men took the exercise and everyone went at the work with a will, all seemingly bent on putting themselves into the best physical condition possible.

SHOULD BE BEST IN MUSKETRY

As soon as the physical drill was over, the men were formed up again and then each commander took charge of his own unit and carried on the work according to the syllabus of training, which is laid down week by week. On the occasion of the scribe's visit, a portion of the men were engaged in rifle exercise. Each movement was carefully explained by the instructors and then was performed by the men, and it was interesting to note the pains taken by the instructor and the willingness of the men to do the work and learn all about it. The reporter was told that nine of the officers of the battalion have musketry certificates, while Col. McFarland himself was in charge of the musketry instruction at Camp Niagara last year. In view of the fact, the 147th Battalion should show a high standard of proficiency in musketry.

BAND PRACTICING HARD

In an ante room at the rink, the battalion band was at work. The band has twenty-three pieces and apparently the band master and members of the band are determined that the battalion shall not lack for music between now and the time it reaches the trenches. At the G.T.R. sheds the reporter was interested in watching a squad of new recruits receiving recruit drill, while the more advanced squads were doing squad drill, extended order and platoon drill according to the programme laid down in the syllabus.

BROKE OFF FOR INTERMISSION

At 10.15 the men broke off for fifteen minutes intermission and by this time the canteen had arrived, from which the men were served with hot coffee, sandwiches, pie, chocolates and cigarettes.

During the course of the forenoon the signalling corps which are training at the Y.M.C.A. was visited. While there is a special signal corps in the battalion, every man in the battalion will be given a knowledge of semaphore signalling before his training is completed. The class for training privates to be non-commissioned officers at the town hall was also a point of interest. These men are all intelligent, well educated men, and they take the class at the town hall during the afternoon and then drill with their own companies in the afternoon. Every man taking the N. C. O.'s class is listed first as a private and was selected for the N. C. O.'s class because he showed efficiency in his drill.

LINED UP FOR DISMISSAL

Before twelve the reporter returned to the rink and the men who were drilling other places were marched back to the rink for dismissal. They lined up as they did in the morning, and were dismissed about 11.55. At 1.30 they fell in again and then each company was marched off for training until 4.30 when they were dismissed for the day.

HOW THEY SPENT THE EVENING

In the evening the reporter dropped into the town hall where a smoker was in progress. The men were sitting around the tables reading or watching the boxing and wrestling bouts. There was no lack of music either. Many of the boys can play the piano, and several of the singers have formed a battalion male chorus, which is a splendid amateur musical organization.

MEN WELL SATISFIED

In conversation with the men, scribe talked with a fine strapping youth from Durham. "Everything is fine here," he said. "We have the whitest bunch of officers that ever wore a uniform. While we are doing our bit the officers don't seem able to do too much for us." A young man from Flesherpton spoke about the boys in the hospital. "The Colonel," he said, "visits them every day, and sees that they are getting the best of care." A Hanover man said this is the best winter he had ever put in. Every attention is paid to the men's comfort. He spoke of the appointment of the battalion dentist who looks after the men's teeth and also the attention of the sick men from the medical officer, Dr. Howes. There was not a complaint from any of the men about the way they are being used. As the reporter sat conversing with the men, someone started a song which was taken up by the others, until nearly everyone was singing it. It was the old Thirty-first marching tune and here were the words:

"Cheer the Grey Battalion! Shout in their praise! Now altogether, Here's to McFarland's Greys. Serve the King with good will, Is our motto true. Comrades together 'Neath Red, White, and Blue!"

REPORT OF AMBULANCE FUND FOR GREY COUNTY WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Table with columns for location and amount. Includes North Grey, South Grey, Centre Grey, and Total for Grey County.

Total for Grey County.....\$1593 90

Amount remitted for Ambulance.....\$1575 00

Amount on hand in bank.....\$18 61

Exchange on bank cheques.....29

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor on the 16th inst, enclosing cheque for \$1575 00 in payment of a McLaughlin Ambulance being gift from the Women's Institute of Grey County.

On behalf of the Executive of the Canadian Red Cross Society I have to tender our grateful thanks for this gift, which we can assure you will be much appreciated by the wounded soldiers being carried off the battlefield, as many have told me that if it were not for the motor ambulances they would never have been saved.

Yours truly, Noel Marshall, Chairman, Red Cross Com.

WINTER TOURS TO FLORIDA, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, CALIFORNIA, ETC.

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Poultry Show Prize List

- List of poultry prizes including Light Brahma-Cock, Erahma-Hen, Dark Erahma-Hen, Columbian Wyndotte-Cock, Silver Faced Wyndotte-Cock, G. F. Wyndotte-Cock, Partridge Wyndotte-Cock, Buff Wyndotte-Pullet, Black Wyndotte-Hen, S. P. Wyndotte-Cock, White Wyndotte-Cock, Puff Orpington-Hen, Black Orpington-Cock, Braithwaite-Hen, White Orpington-Cock, Plymouth Partridge Rocks-Cock, Puff Rock-Cock, Partridge Cochin-Cock, Buff Cochin-Cock, Black Cochin-Hen, White Cochin-Hen, S. G. Dorking-Cock, White Dorking-Cock, Colored Dorking-Hen, Dominiques-Cock, S. B. Black Minorca-Cock, White Minorca-Cock, R. C. Black Minorca-Hen, Black Javas-Hen, S. C. White Minorca-Cock, Campines-Cock, S. S. Hamburgs-Cock, S. C. Ancona-Cock, R. C. Ancona-Cockerel, Black Langshans-Cock, Langshans A.O.V.-Cob, S. D. Leghorn-Cockerel, R. C. White & Leghorn-Cock, Braithwaite, 2 Hen, Lutton & Babb, Braithwaite; cockerel, Lutton & Babb, S. C. White Leghorn-Cock, Lutton & Babb, F. Saunders; hen, Lutton & Babb, Saunders; cockerel, 1 & 2, Saunders; pullet, 1, 2, 3, S. C. Brown Leghorn-Hen, Lutton & Babb, Connor; cockerel, Lutton & Babb; pullet, Watt, Lutton & Babb; pen, Watt, Morton; hen, Morton, Clark; cockerel, Morton; pullet, Morton, 1 & 2, Place; Leghorn-Hen, Wilson Lutton & Babb; cockerel, Wilson; pullet, Lutton & Babb, Wilson. Puff Leghorn-Cock, hen, cockerel, pullet, Lutton & Babb, S. C. Rhode Island Reds-Cock, Gibson, 1 & 2; hen, Gibson, 1 & 2; cockerel, Gibson, Lang; pullet, Lang, Lutton & Babb, Lang, Lutton & Babb, R. C. Rhode Island Reds-Hen, Lutton & Babb; cockerel, Lutton & Babb; pullet, Lutton & Babb, Indian Game A.O.V.-Cock, Tyrrel, Lutton & Babb; hen, Hickling, Tyrrel; cockerel, Hickling, Tyrrel; pullet, Hickling 1 & 2, Andalusians-Cock, hen, cockerel, Lutton & Babb; pullet, Lloyd, Lutton & Babb, Pit Game-Cock, hen, cockerel, pullet, Lutton & Babb, A.O.S.V. Game-Cockerel, Lutton & Babb, E.R. Game-Cock, hen, pullet, N. Harvey, Brown Red Game-Hen, pullet, Harvey, Duckwing Game-Cock, hen, pullet, Harvey, Red Caps-Cock, hen, pullet, Lutton & Babb, Black, Red, Game Bantams-Cockerel, pullet, M. Wilson, Brown Red-Hen, Harvey, Lutton & Babb, G. Duckwing-Cock, Harvey, Pyle-Cock, hen, cockerel, Harvey, A.O.V. Game-Cock, Harvey; hen, Harvey, Lutton & Babb, White Game-Cock, Lutton & Babb, Golden Sebright-Cock, hen, Harvey; cockerel, 2 pullet, 2 Lutton & Babb, R. C. Black Bantams-Cock, hen, cockerel, Metcalfe, Dark Brahma Bantams-Cock, hen, pullet, Lutton & Babb, White Cochin Bantam-Cock, hen, pullet, Lutton & Babb, Jap. Bantams-Cock, hen, Lutton & Babb, Pigeon, Fantail, White-A McDonald, Lutton & Babb, Pigeon Fantail, Black-Lutton & Babb, Pigeon, Homer-Lutton & Babb, Pigeon, Magpies-Lutton & Babb, Bronze Turkey-Tom old, hen, old, tom young, hen young, Lutton & Babb, Geese Toulouse-Old gander, Lutton & Babb; goose old, Lang, Lutton & Babb, young, gander young, goose, Lutton & Babb, Geese, A. O. V.-Old gander Lang, Ducks Pekin-Old Drake, Lang, Braithwaite; old duck, Lang; young drake, Lang, Muscovy Ducks-Drake, old duck, young drake, young duck, old, Miles Wilson, Aylesbury Ducks-Old duck, Lutton & Babb, Mallard Ducks-Old Drake, old duck, Lutton & Babb, Ducks, A. O. V.-Old drake, old duck, Lutton & Babb, Black Cayuga-Old drake, old duck, Lutton & Babb, Indian Runner Fawn Ducks-Old drake, old duck, Lutton & Babb, Four 25c. tins Royal Purple Disinfectant on best cock bird in following breeds-B. R. Game, R. C. Brown Leghorn, S. C. White Leghorn, R. C. White Leghorn, won by Harvey, Morton, Saunders, Lutton & Babb, F. H. Griens-Donation of two Jooiars, was won by C. W. Lang, International Stock Food Co. donated six 50c. packages, Poultry Food Tonic, to best collection white Wyndottes, S. C. Black Minorca Games, S. C. White Leghorns Black Leghorns, R. C. Black Minorcas won by Vollett, Gibson, Harvey Wilson, Saunders, Lutton & Babb, Six 25c. packages louse killer to best cock bird in S. C. R. I. Reds Anconas S. G. Dorkings, Black Javas S. C. White Leghorns, S. L. Wyndottes won by Gibson, Lutton & Babb Saunders, Kinnie, Pratts Food Company donation specie was won by Lutton & Babb; on cock and hen in S. C. White Leghorns; Saunders on cockerel, pullet in S. C. White Leghorns; Barred Rocks cock, hen, and pullet, was won by James Metcalfe; on cockerel by Tyrrel; on Wyndottes, cock hen, pullet, cockerel, was won by James Vollett; on R. I. Reds, cock, hen, cockerel was won by Gibson; on R. I. Reds, pullet, hen cockerel, was won by Lang.

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SPECIALS

Two rosettes donated by W. A. Walkey, on best male and female, won by W. D. Connor, Bronze medal donated by C. P. Review, Toronto, won by Lutton, Mt. Forest, Small gate donated by Frost Wire Fence Co., won by W. D. Connor, One year sub. Canadian Farm, was won by Fred Saunders, on best exhibit in Mediterranean class, One yearly sub. Canadian Farm was won by W. R. Plack, on Black Orpingtons, Canadian Countryman donated three yearly subscriptions, won by N. Harvey, and James Metcalfe, 50c. pkge Royal Purple Specific exhibitor having most entries, won by Lutton & Babb, 50c. pkge Royal Purple Specific won by W. D. Connor, on White Rocks, Four 25c. pkges Royal Purple Chick Feed, on best collection of Parred Rocks, S. C. R. I. Reds.

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