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COLORS PRESENTED TO THE 21ST BATT.

(Continued from page 1.) marched in and took up their position, the 14th band playing "Tipperary."

The cadets from the Royal Military College, also with fixed bayonets, were the next to arrive, and drew forth admiration.

The Consecration. At ten minutes of eight o'clock, the raged choir of St. Paul's Church, led by Sergt-Major Harte, came into the building, singing the "Te Deum," and after the consecration they sang "God of Our Fathers."

The consecration ceremony was performed by Bishop Bidwell, assisted by the Dean of Ontario, Rev. Canon Fitzgerald, M.A., Canon Bedford-Jones, chaplain of the 41st Regiment, Brockville, Capt. the Rev. W. E. Kidd, chaplain of the 21st Battalion; Rev. J. W. Forster, chaplain of the Kingston Veterans' Association, and Rev. C. Magee, curate of St. George's Cathedral.

Mrs. Hughes, wife of the minister of militia, made the presentation of the colors on behalf of the Kingston Veterans Association, presenting them to Lieut.-Col. W. S. Hughes.

In responding to the presentation, Lieut.-Col. Hughes said: "It affords me great pleasure to receive such beautiful flags from the Kingston Veterans Association. Many people had offered to present us with flags, but who had a better right to make that presentation than the veterans?"

Col. Hughes was very glad that the Kingston association had taken upon itself to so remember the 21st Battalion, and he assured the veterans that the battalion would bring the colors home untarnished, and, if possible do honor to the flags.

He was confident that with such a fine body of men as it was his privilege to command, the flags would be brought home with a glorious reputation of having inspired the 21st Battalion to do deeds that would be a credit to itself and to Canada.

The battalion presented arms while the R. C. H. A. played the National Anthem, and afterwards marched out paying their respects to the colors as they passed. In the Artillery Park the arms were piled, and shortly afterwards the men of the battalion returned to enjoy the second part of the programme.

Stella Ingledew, the nine-year-old daughter of the commandant of the Veterans Association presented Mrs. Sam Hughes and Mrs. W. S. Hughes each with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Major Duff Speaks. After the pipers of the battalion had given a selection, Major Duff, A. D. C. and representative of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, was called on for a speech, and said that he was very grateful to the veterans for giving him an invitation to the ceremony.

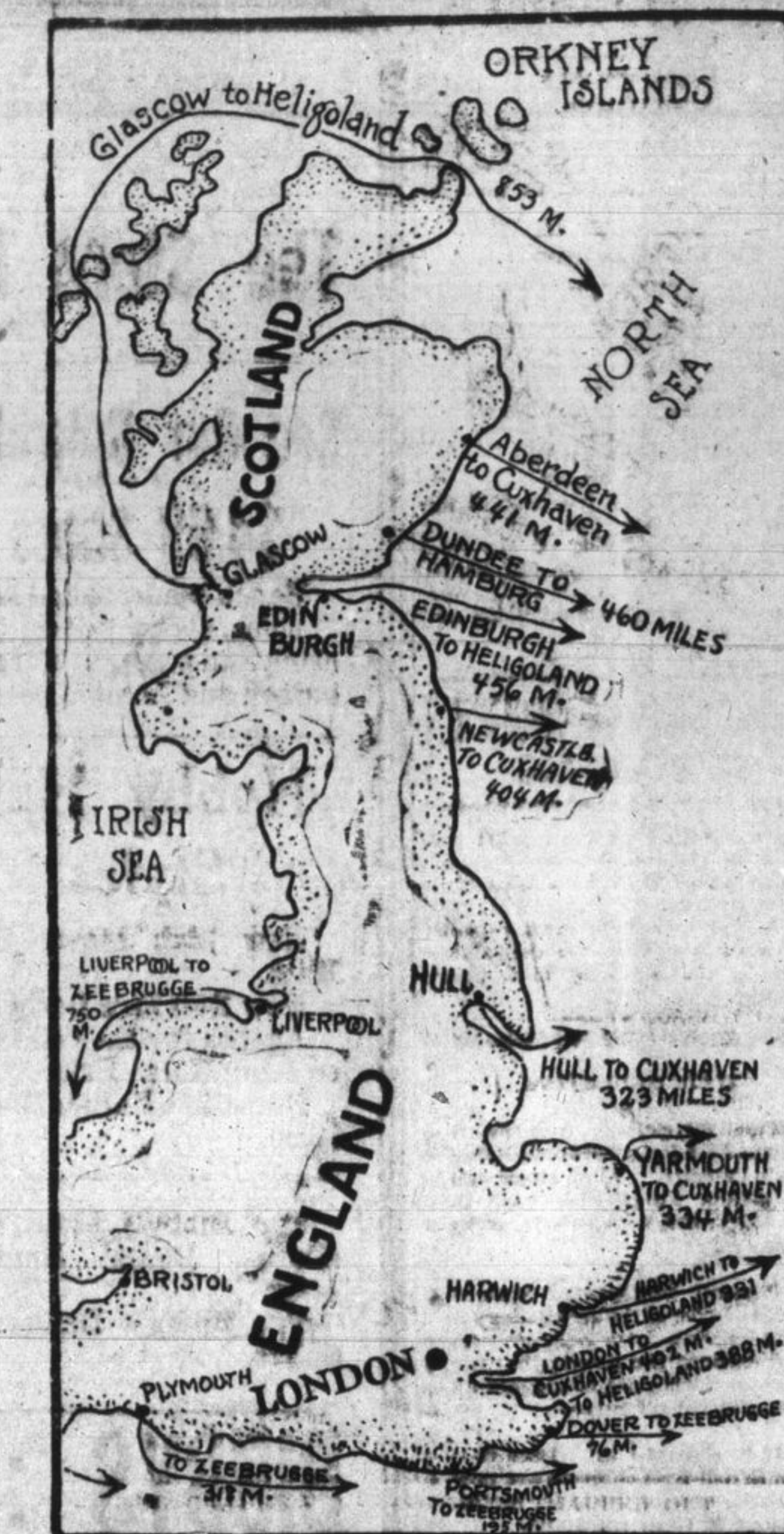
He congratulated Col. Hughes and the 21st Battalion on the beautiful colors with which it had been presented, and hopes it would bring them back a credit to the city of Kingston. He said: "It has been my privilege while travelling around the country with his royal highness to inspect about 30,000 soldiers, and the people of Kingston can congratulate themselves on the fine material in the 21st Battalion, and can also congratulate themselves that the dominion is sending such a splendid body of men to help the mother country in this time of peril."

Major Duff regretted that the Duke of Connaught was unable to be present, but he brought a message from his royal highness wishing the 21st Battalion good luck and God speed, and expressed hope that he would soon have a chance to see the battalion again either here or in England.

When the duke had visited Kingston over a month ago, the 21st had made a most favorable impression upon him, and his royal highness often mentioned it as one of Canada's best.

In responding on behalf of the Veterans Association, Commandant Ingledew said that it gave him great pleasure to be present at such a memorable ceremony and on behalf of the veterans he wished the 21st Godspeed and a safe return.

W. F. Nickle's Address. After "Auld Lang Syne" had been played by the R. C. H. A. and a selection by the pipers of the 21st Battalion, W. F. Nickle, M. P., gave a short address. He read a telegram from the minister of militia who stated that he very much appreciated the invitation of the veterans that while on parliamentary duties that demanded his presence in Ottawa, he was unable to attend, but expected to pay the city a visit in the near future.



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continuation of right the speaker declared: "Canada will continue to send men until the last man and the last dollar is gone."

"I loath war, but I realize that unless we fight we will not have peace. We are a people who seek happiness and peace, and will not submit to Prussianism," declared Mr. Nickle.

In less than fifty years, Canada had made herself one of the greatest of nations, and he was proud to think that she was answering the call of the motherland so well.

Mr. Nickle explained the reason why the order had been issued that colors were not to be taken to the front. The spirit that compels a soldier to give up his life in the rescue when necessary for the reclaiming of the colors has brought too great a sacrifice, and although he was sure that were the colors to be taken and were they in a dangerous place, the members of the 21st would be only too glad to sacrifice their lives for them.

Mayor Sutherland's Remarks. Mayor Sutherland in a short speech said that it gave him great pleasure to be able in the name of the city of Kingston to give an address. "Speaking on behalf of the citizens," said the mayor, "I congratulate Col. Hughes and his officers on the fine battalion and I congratulate the men on having a splendid lot of officers over them. By your soldierly and gentlemanly conduct you have endeared yourselves to the citizens, and we will expect you to do honor to the city when you take your place at the front with those who have gone before."

His worship mentioned that among the veterans were men who had served in campaigns from the Crimea to the South African war. The men in the 21st had yet to be on the firing line, but he was sure that they would be an honor to the city and do their part in suppressing the power that stops at no outrage on humanity to achieve world-wide peace.

At the close of the address, Lieut.-Col. W. S. Hughes explained how the trooper had lost his eye-sight in the Boer war, and called for cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Mulloy, who were given lustily by the soldiers and the spectators.

Military Exhibitions. The next item was physical drill by forty picked men from the battalion, under the direction of Sergt-Major Gilbert. The men went through the different movements in a way that brought credit to their corps and their country, and were loudly applauded.

The last item was an exhibition of signalling by the twenty-four members of the signalling section of the 21st Battalion under Capt. K. S. Stroud. The men kept perfect time with each other in going through the alphabet and spelling out the names of prominent people.

At the conclusion of the programme in the armories, the soldiers marched to the market square, their way being lighted by the young army of fireworks. After the formation of the square the programme concluded by the muffled bands playing "God Save the King."

PROBS.—Unsettled; occasional sleet or rain to-day and on Wednesday.

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