

NEWS ABOUT TROOPS QUARTERED IN CITY

Sergt. Addison, 80th Battalion, Belleville, has been appointed orderly room sergeant for the 146th Battalion, and will assume his duties at once.

Sergt-Major Charles W. Thompson, 32d Battery, in the General Hospital for several weeks, where he underwent an operation and had a narrow escape from pneumonia, is improving. It is probable that he can leave the hospital for Christmas.

Lieut. Worden Edwards, Army Service Corps, arrived back from Quebec on Monday after qualifying at a course held there.

Major J. Hamilton, A. D. of S. and T., left on Monday for Lindsay.

Lieut-Col. J. A. G. O. Roy, R. C. A., Quebec, who is in the city on an inspection visit, made a very thorough inspection of the Drydock Barracks and also had a conversation with each officer asking him questions on artillery questions. He found everything very satisfactory.

The Royal School of Artillery closes on Saturday.

The 34th Battery Barracks in the Cohen Building on Cataract street, is rapidly being put into shape for the reception of the soldiers.

The 32d Battery men are having a farewell dinner in the reception rooms of the Drydock Barracks this evening at which Dr. J. W. Edwards, M.P., Judge Lavell and others will give addresses.

Lieut. E. V. Shaw returned for duty with the 34th Battery on Saturday at the close of the R. S. A.

The 34th is duty Battery this week.

Capt. Hamilton has returned from Peterboro where he spent his last leave before going overseas with the 33d Battery.

W. Edgar has been appointed pay sergeant of the 32d Battery.

Lieut-Col. Roy made an inspection of the 32d Battery on Monday afternoon.

Lieut. W. Smith, who returned on Monday from the front, paid a visit to the Drydock Barracks on Monday afternoon.

Lieut. Rivers, 32nd Battery, is still on the sick-list.

Lieut. Maunders, 32nd Battery, was in charge of the transfer of the battery guns to the artillery park on Monday afternoon.

Lieut. O'Halloran is orderly officer on Monday.

Word received from the front states that Lieut. C. M. Huycke, who went overseas with the draft from the 33d Battery, is at the front. He is the first officer of the drafts to be detailed for duty in France. Lieuts. Wallbank, McLaren, McLaughlin, Latchford and McCallum are still in England.

Capt. Ord, 34th Battery, returned from Toronto on Tuesday morning.

Recruits for the batteries at the Drydock Barracks are coming in daily.

The Christmas mail for the soldiers is getting very heavy.

Three of the five batteries of the garrison are holding entertainments to-night as a farewell before the next draft of 400 men leave for the front. The 34th Battery is having an "At Home" at the City Hall, the 33d Battery a dinner and concert in the Drydock Barracks Recreation rooms, "C" Battery is also having a dinner and concert in the Khaki Club building.

The next draft that leaves "C" Battery for the front is No. 4, making the total number of men that Capt. W. E. Steacy and his staff have trained 300. No. 5 draft is now ready to go and though nothing official is yet given out the men believe they will leave before the first of the year.

The annual physical examination of officers and warrant officers of the R.C.H.A., is being made by Capt. H. A. Boyce, A.M.C.

Sergt-Major Pearson, W.O. B. S. M. Peppiatt, Band Sergt. Connolly and Sergt. Bramah have been appointed as a canteen sub-committee of the R.C.H.A.

Lieut-Col. Roy I. G. E. F. inspected the 32d and Queen's Batteries on Monday afternoon and will inspect the remainder of the garrison to-day.

Wednesday is pay-day in the garrison.

Some of the sergeants of the R.C. H.A. attended "Kilkenny" at the Grand Opera House in a body on Monday evening.

Written examinations for the officers and N. C. O.'s attending the Royal School of Artillery were held in the City Hall on Tuesday morning.

Capt. H. B. MacConnell, adjutant of the 59th Battalion at Brockville, is ill at his home in Stirling.

On Monday, the Y. M. C. A. military secretary, C. V. Farmer, received a handsome donation of music for the soldier boys of Kingston. It comprised a number of quartettes and popular songs as well as a splendid book of solos, and was the gift of the Nordheimer Piano and Music Company, Toronto, through A. Baxter, one of their energetic managers. The generosity of this firm is especially noteworthy when one considers the demands made upon them for the large number of soldiers stationed in their own city.

The 32nd Battery is giving a concert in the Khaki Club rooms Wednesday evening, and all soldiers of the garrison are invited.

The arrangements for holding a Christmas tree for the children of overseas soldiers are to be completed at a meeting in the Armouries on Wednesday when Mrs. T. D. R. Hemming, who has returned from England, will take charge of the organization. Mrs. G. H. Ogilvie has been in charge during Mrs. Hemming's absence.

Capt. the Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald to-day presented a copy of the New Testament to each member of the artillery draft going overseas. He has himself given a copy of the Anglican hymn book to each member of the draft attending St. Paul's church. (Continued on Page 8.)

LIEUT. WILGRESS DIED IN TRYING TO RESCUE TWO MACHINE GUN MEN.

Who Had Been Shot—A Member of the 21st Battalion Tells About the Young Brockville Officer's Brave Act.

A member of the 21st Battalion, now in the trenches in France, writing to a friend in Kingston, tells of the death in action of Lieut. George Wilgress, of No. 1 Company of 21st Battalion. He says:

"As a result of a shrapnel burst, Lieut. Wilgress, Sergt. Ennis and Pte. Trevor, Brockville, were killed. In fact we had eight killed and two wounded. It was our most unlucky day since arriving in this country. We came into the line on Friday. Early that morning (Friday), Lieut. Wilgress left the trench and in view of the Boches ran to the assistance of two machine gun men who had been shot, and one of them killed. It was a most daring act. When the stretcher-bearers went after the machine gunners, two of them were hit, and one of these was Lieut. Wilgress. The other machine gunner, Lanning, died at the dressing station in the afternoon.

"Wilgress certainly deserved recognition. I saw him on the stretcher and felt that it was fatal. The doctor examined him on the way down to the dressing station and found that his 'bit' was over. Sergt. Ennis, who was killed with Lieut. Wilgress, leaves a wife and two children in Brockville. A shrapnel bullet entered Wilgress' cheek but he had other wounds.

"The other casualty was last night when Lieut. Fitzpatrick, of No. 3 company, was shot through the head, and the bullet passed through the clothing and grazed the skin of one of the company officers. Fitzpatrick was a fine good living chap. This afternoon we had them side by side in a cemetery back of the wood."

SAPPER KAVANAGH WRITES About His Experiences On Mined Hospital Ship.

In a letter received by his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kavanagh, 254 King street, Sapper L. J. Kavanagh, Divisional Engineers, who has been invited to London after pneumonia, and is now in the county of London War Hospital, tells of his experience on the Hospital ship Anlia that was mined in the English channel on Nov. 17th within three miles of Dover. He says:

"I was in bed when she hit. I had some of my clothes on, and got up and went to the deck. I climbed to the next one, and got in a life boat, but they could not launch it. I had no life belt and things looked blue. I began to think she was not going down so quickly. I climbed to next deck. Then went downstairs and got a couple of life belts. I gave one to a poor fellow who did not want to take it. He thought I could not spare it, but I made him. I went back on deck and tied it on. Don't know where I got the strength. I sat on the starboard side stern. The vessel was hit on the port bow. The torpedo boat came racing to the scene and looked like something from heaven. I did not get on it as I could not get there in time. Another boat that came to the rescue was blown up as well. Finally our boat took a big list, so I thought I had better get away before she took me down with her. I jumped fifteen feet, then struck out for a raft. The sailor pulled us in and took us to the destroyers which was great. The sailor's wives were very kind to us and gave us dry clothing, whiskey and cocoa, we reached Dover and took train for here. I still see the poor unfortunate that never got a chance for life.

A special telegram was received at the hospital from King George hoping that the patients were not suffering seriously from exposure. The kindness shown at the hospital can never be forgotten, Sapper Kavanagh writes.

The Holidays In 1916.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, March 8th. Easter Sunday, April 23rd.

Victoria Day falls on Wednesday, Dominion Day on Saturday.

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Major Tremblay, a graduate of the Royal Military College, and lately second in command of the 22nd French-Canadian Regiment, has been appointed to command the regiment, vice Col. Gaudet, returning through illness.

The death occurred in London on Saturday of Walter Steeves, the only surviving son of the late W. H. Steeves, a Canadian Senator.

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Expressing Thanks For Kingston Aid

Lieut. George T. Richardson, writing from The Carlton Hotel, Pall Mall, London, Eng., on 29th November to the British Whig says:

"Your letter of the 3rd notifying me of the kind contribution from the Kingston Amateur Baseball Association towards the purchase of supplies for the troops reached me some time ago, but I have been holding it, in the hope that the supplies themselves would turn up before it was necessary for me to write. It has, however, taken some time now for the goods to come through, and not at all times easy to keep deferred correspondence from getting lost, so I want now to thank you and your friends for your interest in the men and to assure you that they very fully appreciate all that is being done for them at home.

"While it is now nearly a week since I have been away from France, the men whom I left were all in good shape, and though they have gone through a very severe two weeks, due to the very bad weather conditions, there were no casualties, either sick or wounded, in the Kingston men.

"Thanking you for the kind words with which you conclude your letter, I remain, yours sincerely, G. RICHARDSON."

ON WALK TO VANCOUVER.

Two Young Men Reach Kingston on Way West.

Charles J. Bingay, Nova Scotia, and James Anderson, Liverpool, Eng., were two interesting visitors at the British Whig office Tuesday morning on their long walk to Vancouver, B.C. These two young men left Vancouver on March 10th, and walked to New York city, arriving there on July 29th, winning a \$5,000 wager, and doing the distance in one month and twelve days less than the scheduled time. They walked from New York to Nova Scotia, where they rested for about two months, leaving Digby, Nova Scotia, Oct. 5th, on their return trip to Vancouver, which has to be reached by March 31st, 1916, in order to obtain a second wage of \$4,500. They came from Vancouver by way of Chicago and St. Paul and New York Central railroads, and are returning by way of Montreal, Kingston, Toronto and by C. P. R. to Winnipeg and on to Vancouver. They hold certificates from the mayors and police magistrates of the various towns and cities on their way, and at which they spent the nights.

They have some very interesting stories to tell of how they made their living on the trip. Mr. Bingay before taking his long walk of about 9,400 miles, posed in shop windows as a living statue, standing motionless for hours.

NONE OF QUEEN'S NURSES.

Transferred To Salonika To Care For the Balkan Wounded.

The 100 Canadian nurses, who have arrived at Salonika from Malta and Egypt, belong to the Toronto and Vancouver General Hospitals. Lieut-Col W. T. Connell informed the Whig, when he was asked if he thought any of the Queen's Stationary Hospital nurses were among those called upon to take care of the Allied wounded at that Greek port. He intimated that Queen's Hospital corps would remain at Cairo for the winter.

Skating at Palace Rink. The first skating at the Palace Rink took place on Monday evening, with a large number present. The ice was hard and good. A new band rendered music for the skaters. The members of the band are Messrs. W. Forster, J. Forster, Junior, W. D. Johnston, W. Westcott, C. Westcott, Jones, C. Brooks, A. Pardoe.

Court Cataract, I.O.F., 3421. Regular meeting of Court Cataract, 3421 will be held in the hall, Dec. 15th. Election of officers. A full attendance is requested.

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