

BARRIEFIELD WAR CAMP; IN BIVOUAC AND BARRACKS

THREE POPULAR BATTALIONS

130TH, 136TH AND 139TH WILL BE MUCH MISSED.

All Three Are in Charge of Most Efficient Commanders, And Are Crack Organizations—Officers and Men Courteous to Press.

Before the 130th, 136th and 139th Battalions leave Barriefield the Whig takes this opportunity of sincerely thanking the officers, N. C. O.'s and men on their consistent courtesy to the press.

The three battalions mentioned since their organization have made continued progress, which has been eagerly watched by Kingstonsians generally, and the officers and men who have been responsible for the high state of efficiency at this early stage of the battalions' existence certainly deserve the greatest credit.

Lieut.-Col. J. E. de Hertel will be missed from Barriefield, as for the last two years he has been practically always in the line-up by his wonderful ability to get recruits. When one considers that he secured over 5,600 men for the Canadian Expeditionary Force from the district of Lanark and Renfrew counties, the reason for his being given the command of a battalion is clear.

Lieut.-Col. R. W. Smart, of the 136th, succeeded in the face of difficulties that could not be foreseen, but which Fate often throws in the way of one who is bending every effort to accomplish a big task, and has now one of the best battalions at Barriefield. Col. Smart certainly deserves all of the laudatory remarks that people can say concerning him and the 136th Battalion, which has rounded up into splendid shape.

Lieut.-Col. W. H. Floyd, who is commanding the 139th Battalion, is an officer who through sheer ability came up through the ranks to his present position. Applying that energy and efficiency to the 139th characterized him in civil life, he has made the 139th a unit which will carry the name of Cobourg district into Europe and send back nothing but the best of reports.

Officially, the 146th Battalion will move before the first of the month. The result of the month's training and the order has not yet been made known.

PETERBORO VISITORS COMING SATURDAY.

Over 500 Expected—A Big Time To Be Enjoyed at Camp.

Lieut.-Col. G. T. Johnston, commanding the 93rd Battalion, is in Peterboro. It is expected that he will return to the camp in time to welcome the people of Peterboro and district who will arrive in the city on Saturday morning. The band will be on the excursion train, being at present on leave in the western city. Over 500 are expected to take advantage of the cheap rates and come to the camp.

93RD AND 109TH Have Begun Fixing Their Grounds To Make Them Better.

The 93rd and 109th Battalions, now that it is finally decided that Barriefield will be their location until the call comes to go overseas, have started fixing up their grounds. The road leading past the 109th lines is being repaired and in the near future should be the equal of the Gamanoque road, although this, after all, is not saying very much. Deep ditches have been dug on both sides of the highway, and stone is being spread. With dry weather, this should soon become a firm, hard, dry surface for even the heaviest of traffic.

Receives the Military Cross.

Lieut. P. F. McGibbon, of the 8th Royal Berkshire Regiment, has received the Military Cross for distinguished conduct on the field. The sporting world is better known to the name of P. F. McGibbon, of Bracebridge, who is a well-known man, he having managed the Bracebridge lacrosse team for years, during which period the team won several championships. He occupied several offices in the Canadian Lacrosse Association, and was one of the organizers of the Ontario Lacrosse Association when they broke away from the C.L.A. several seasons ago.

Rev. Mr. Latimer, formerly of Manila, Ont., now in the 109th Battalion, is being promoted to the rank of sergeant, and will in future look after the spiritual needs of the men in the battalion. He will also organize and arrange meetings and entertainments for the men. There are three ministers in the ranks of this battalion. Sergt. Latimer will carry on this work owing to the fact that Lieut.-Col. C. G. Williams, chaplain of the battalion, is busily engaged with his duties as chief recruiting officer for Canada.

Capt. N. Bawlf, paymaster 154th Battalion, has returned from Ottawa. Lieut.-Col. H. B. Wilson and Q. M. S. Boss have returned from Halifax.

THE POET OF THE 109TH

CAPT. R. B. MACDONALD'S SPLENDID PRODUCTIONS.

The Whig Reprints An Advance Copy of Capt. MacDonald's Poem Entitled "Belgium."

Capt. R. B. MacDonald, adjutant of the 109th Battalion, is known from one end of Ontario to the other as a splendid soldier and officer, but his talents in a poetical way are not generally known. Some time ago the captain wrote a poem entitled "France," which brought complimentary remarks from hundreds of qualified critics and appealed so strongly to the authorities that it was translated into French, and is now being used for recruiting purposes throughout the eastern province.

Another poem of recognized merit entitled "Belgium," is one of the best ever written, and brings out in a much more prominent way the ability of the popular adjutant as a poet. Letters of appreciation came in so fast that he was induced to write more, and to satisfy that desire a book of his poems will shortly be offered to the public. Through the kindness of the captain, the Whig is able to reprint an advance copy of one part of the poem "Belgium," which shows in a small way what his book promises to be.

The book is entitled "Where Duty Leads," which is the motto of the 109th Battalion, and it is dedicated to Lady Eaton, a great friend of the battalion, and Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, whose birthplace and that of the battalion is at Lindsay. The poem is as follows:

VISION.

I stand, it were, as if 'twixt heaven and earth suspended; And over you, a fairy spell, as woven in a dream, Whose dainty arabesques, with lightness ethereal Are garlanded, and hung, and foiled to caress you; A fairy spell, the soul of all enchantment. For, as I look, I see the darkened clouds disperse, And see again, the blue of heaven's dome; Again the light, long banners softly streaming Between the parted cloudrifts, streaming home to earth, The tender, warm, and healing light of peace. And as I look I see a new life quicken, And up from out the ashes of your heart Rise once again, to live and grow and flourish. I see the scars of war smoothed from your breast, And covered by a cloak of nature's kindness. New forms, new life, take root within in your being. From out the old and dead the new is born. The seed gains life and blooms, matures and ripens. A resurrection of the life that died.

THE SCHOOLS AT THE CAMP

TO TEACH THE SOLDIERS THE BEST METHODS.

All Are Doing Splendid Work—Grenade and Bombing Instruction To Start In A Few Days.

When the soldiers in attendance at the various courses return to their units the progress of the training of the battalion should be rapid. There is now at Barriefield several schools, all of which are being conducted with the intention of teaching instructors for their work at the front.

The Bayonet Fighting and Physical Training School under Lieut. James Bews, takes over 700 men, officers and N. C. O.'s every day. When this course closes this number will be able to continue the work until every man in uniform will have a thorough grasp of this important branch of his work.

The Machine Gun School is a "specialist" course. Machine gunners must be efficient, clever and reliable, and this training cannot be given outside of a school which devotes the whole time to this particular kind of study and practice. In the field the work of the machine gun is already recognized so much that the cry is heard: "Send more machine gunners to the front."

The School of Signalling, under Major D. E. Mundell, is training a large class of these message senders. The school is situated near headquarters, and there are over 150 in attendance. The course qualifies men for advanced work when they join their signalling sections of the various battalions.

CORNWALL BATTALION

Is Likely To Receive Its Colors In August.

Last year the most impressive ceremony at Barriefield camp was the presentation of colors to the 59th Battalion and another presentation may take place this year if present plans hold good. The 354th Battalion is to receive a set of colors from the Junior Long Sault Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire at Cornwall. The Duke of Connaught is now in western Canada, but on his return probably in August he will be asked to make the presentation. This will be at Barriefield, and an excursion from Cornwall will be conducted for the big event.

Never Learned to Read.

Medical Officer (pointing to his test card)—Can you read these letters? Patient—No, doctor. M. O.—Well, then, these? Patient—No, doctor. M. O. (impatiently pointing to the largest letters)—Well, these, then? Patient—No, doctor. M. O.—Why, hang it all, how is that possible? Patient—Because I never learned to read.

The 93rd and Infantry School teams will clash in a game of football to decide the supremacy of the northern end of the camp.

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The School of Cookery, under Sergt-Major Kerrison, W.O., although not as spectacular as the machine gun, is just as necessary. The words of Napoleon that "soldiers fight on their stomach" is still true, and it is a wise move by the Militia Department in making the school an accomplished fact. It is to be

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THE 109TH BOASTFUL

Over Its Baseball Ability, and Issues Challenges.

The 109th Battalion is very enthusiastic over baseball just now, and claims to have the best lot of baseball artists in the camp. Open challenges to any team of soldiers or civilians are being put out, and the baseball reputation of the battalion is in the balance. Bets will not be taken, as the 109th is not looking for charity. Two teams chosen from the officers had a battle on Wednesday evening, and a new rule is that every player talking back to the referee must pay a dollar into the battalion fund. This rule should eliminate trouble that has always occurred where baseball has come to the front as the only sport worth playing, and the next game of the officers gives promise of justifying an excursion from Lindsay of interested spectators from home.

LEAVE BEING GRANTED

To the Members of the 136th and 139th Battalions.

Leave is being granted the members of the 136th and 139th Battalions so that they will have an opportunity of making a last visit with their friends and relatives at home before going to Valcartier for the remainder of the battalion training. Owing to the distance of the Quebec camp from Ontario, the leave offering there will not likely be accepted very often. The railroad fare will be much higher than from Barriefield, and hundreds of men will probably spend their last leave at home now, and going overseas will not see their friends or relatives until "after the war."

93RD DEFEAT 109TH

In a Football Game By Score of 69 to 0.

The football team of the 93rd Battalion defeated the 109th representatives on Wednesday evening by a score of 69 to 0. The line-up: 109th Griffin . . . Goal . . . Williams Robinson . . . Back . . . Glodall Marsh . . . Back . . . Yates Hardie . . . Half . . . McDonald West . . . Half . . . Laidlaw Hartshorn . . . Forward . . . Coulton Stockdale . . . Forward . . . Goggins King . . . Forward . . . Shackelford Shaw . . . Forward . . . Scott Williams . . . Forward . . . Birchall Referee—Pte. S. Kitchen.

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The quartermaster stores of the 154th Battalion have been floored and the quartermaster is now systematizing the work so that it will be carried on even more efficiently than before.

Lieut. Pendergast is acting as assistant adjutant of the 154th Battalion.

Major P. E. Prideman, S.O.O., delivered a lecture on Interior Economy to the senior officers at the camp in the men's mess of the 136th Battalion on Thursday evening.

All members of the C. E. F. should wear the title "Canada" on the shoulder strap of the jacket.

Lieut.-Col. Thompson, Ottawa, Inspector of Convalescent Homes, arrived in the city at noon on Thursday, and, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. R. J. Gardiner, Assistant Director Medical Services, made an inspection of the convalescent homes in the city.

Lieut.-Col. W. J. Brown, G.S.O., and Major R. E. Porter, Instructional Cadre, were at the School of Cookery for lunch on Thursday, and expressed themselves as more than pleased with the splendid exhibit of Sergt-Major Kerrison in what he is doing to educate the men at Barriefield to a more efficient coking system.

The 136th Battalion is leaving grounds that, through hard work by the men, have been beautified more than any other in the camp. The site is now prettily decorated, and it will make quite a difference to that part of the camp when the 136th pull stakes and leaves for Valcartier.

The headquarters staff will now have a building as a mess as soon as the erection is complete. It is being built on the site always used for the purpose, and will be an increased convenience to the staff.

Bandsman Dark, 109th Battalion, received a message on Thursday morning that one of his two sons now on the firing line had made the supreme sacrifice for the Empire. Their home is at Lindsay.

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AT HYMEN'S ALTAR.

The Rees-Redfean Nuptials on Wednesday Morning.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Redfean, Frontenac street, was the scene of a pretty house wedding on Wednesday morning, when their eldest daughter, Wilma Beatrice, was united in marriage to William Harold Rees, son of Mrs. Rees, in the bride George Rees, Frontenac street. The bride looked charming in a gown of ivory satin and shadow lace, wearing a veil and carrying white roses and lilies of the valley. The couple were attended by the bride's sister and the groom's brother, while the sister of the groom played the wedding march. The bridesmaid was gowned in heliotrope satin and shadow

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THE FUTURE OF CANADA.

Miss Barker is Most Optimistic Concerning It.

Miss May L. Barker, manager of the Buck Lake Mica Co., of Perth, who is in the city, is very optimistic concerning Canada's future. Canada, she pointed out to the Whig, was rich in minerals. She predicted a great field for the mica industry, and mica was being used extensively for cement, wall paper, lubrication, and for many other purposes. For farming and cattle raising Canada was admirably adapted. For nature scenery the country was unsurpassed, and Miss Barker predicted that in a few years hence summer hotels, cottages, and bungalows would be built on the lake

PROTECTING THEIR OWN.

National Society Formed to Protect Infants in Germany.

Berlin, June 22, via London, June 23.—"Germany's foundation for protecting infants and small children" is the name of a national society founded here to-day for combatting infant mortality. The Duchess Victoria Louise of Brunswick was present at the meeting as Protectress. The Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, and Field Marshal von Hindenburg were chosen honorary presidents. Physicians and statesmen of all sections took part in organizing the society. The chairman, Professor Carl Behr-Pinnow, in his opening address, said that Germany would save annually the lives of 200,000 children. Professor Langstein, of Berlin University, outlined comprehensive plans for the society, indicating that it proposes to attack the problem from every possible angle.

It's Hard to Be a Hero, Yes Indeed, Very Hard

By Bud Fisher

