

BARRIEFIELD WAR CAMP; IN BIVOUAC AND BARRACKS

TRANSFER OF THE 146TH

A CONSERVATIVE EXPRESSES THANKS TO THE WHIG

For Standing up as a Friend of That Unit in Its Need—Objects of Sending It to Valcartier. Kingston, June 26.—(To the Editor.)—Permit me to congratulate you upon the splendid letter signed "Anti-Bilingual" which appeared in your issue of Saturday. The letter certainly covered the ground in a thorough and consistent manner. Congratulations are due to your paper because you have not deemed it expedient to sit still and "quit" when you saw a duty to perform. Thanks for your refraining to "let Ottawa down easy" by endeavoring to choke down your readers' throats that "it's all for the best" and "we must bow to the Minister's will." Can such expressions and lack of aggressiveness on the part of the "official organ" be due to the fact that a new battalion here will mean more shekels for recruiting and therefore it is not advisable to offend the "powers that be," forgetting most ungraciously that the time a man needs friends is when he is in need, as the 146th Battalion appears to be at this writing. You state that your letter was written by a prominent local Conservative. Well Sir, as I am one also, it would appear as though you are the channel one must steer for if we are to get the unprejudiced views of the present military situation that the case demands. Like many others I am confident that Dr. Edwards will be able to adjust the matter satisfactorily and that our boys will not go down to Billingsville. If they must go somewhere why not send them to Camp Borden, where they will at least be amongst congenial surroundings. But why on earth must they go anywhere until ready for overseas?—CITIZEN.

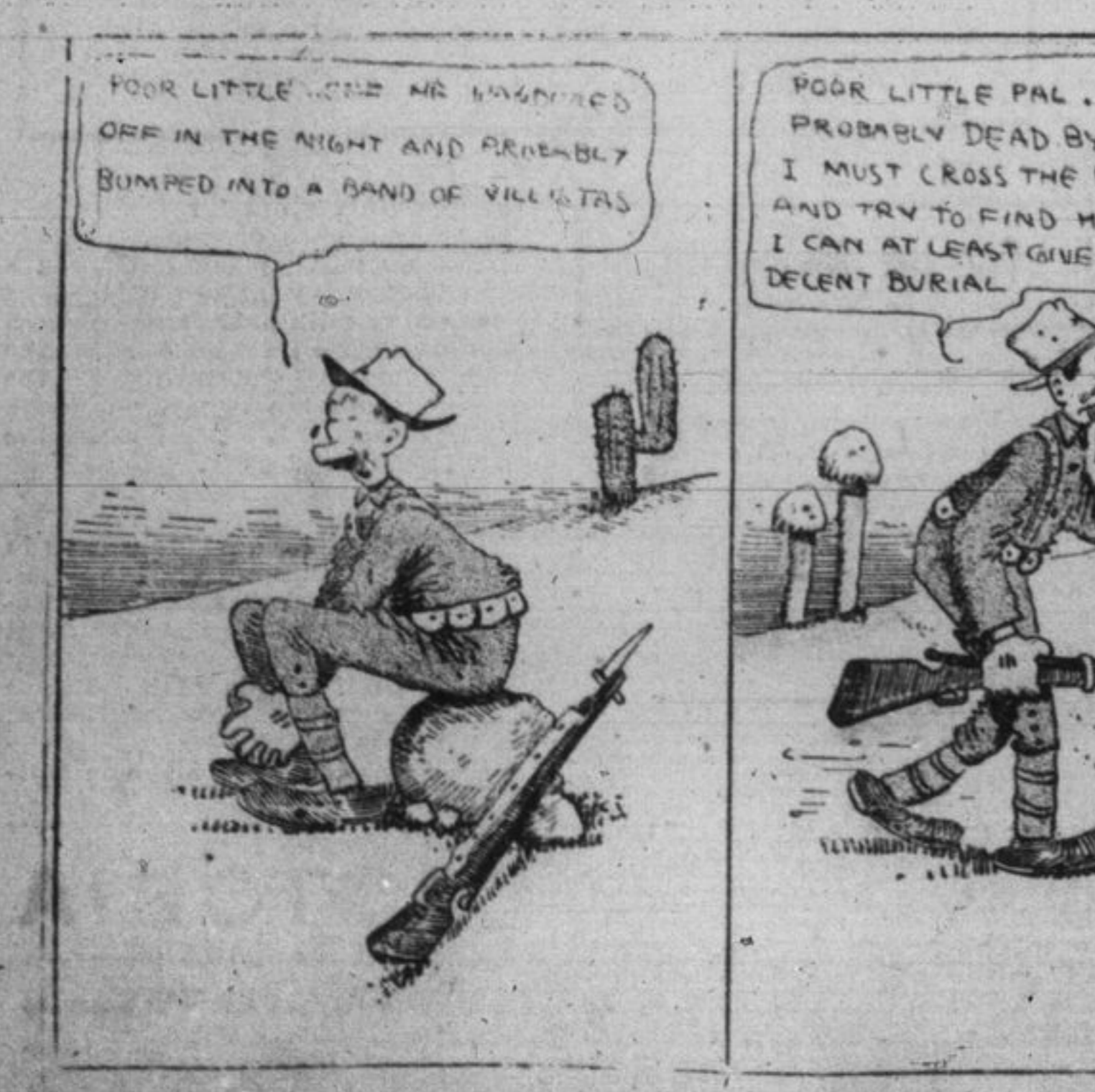
Good Reason to Resent It

Kingston, June 24.—(To the Editor): In a despatch from Ottawa Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, is reported as saying that it is the best interests of the 146th Battalion to go to Valcartier, as they will receive better training there than they can receive at Barriefield. Well, that's a nice slur on the officers and non-commissioned officers training the men at Barriefield camp, and I am not surprised that they resent this latest hot-air effusion of the Ottawa War Lord. Why is Sir Sam so anxious to give the 146th this efficient training and leave the 109th of Lindsay, his home town, at Barriefield to complete its training? It doesn't seem consistent, does it? What kept the 93rd and 109th at Barriefield but political pull? Capt. J. H. Burnham, of the 93rd, the M.P. for West Peterboro, knows something about this. If Barriefield camp is good enough to train the 93rd, 109th, 154th, 156th and 166th, surely it is good enough to train the 146th. Officers who have been at the front for months and are home on furlough say it is and they surely should know.—VETERAN.

Let the Sheep Alone

Information has been received that sheep, at the rear of the rifle range at the north of the camp, are being interfered with. It is published, for the information of all concerned, that all troops should be notified that any soldier, found interfering with these sheep, are liable to come to bodily harm at the hands of the owners, in addition to receiving military punishment.

Well, Villa Must Have Some Recreation



AUDITING OF PAY RECORDS

TO BE DONE AT THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

Instead of at Ottawa—This Will Eliminate the Delays That Prevail at Present. Gradually changes that promise even more improvement are being made in the various branches of the Government military system of Canada. An innovation has come in the department that should bring this department to a position that will eliminate unavoidable delays at present. It has been decided that the auditing of the pay records will be done in future at the district headquarters instead of at Ottawa. At the present time there are three states in the chain from the paymaster's office to the Auditor General. The first step is the battalion paymaster's office, the second is the district paymaster's office and the third is the headquarters pay and record office at Ottawa. These last two, however, will be located at the one place in future to avoid the delays of forwarding matters through the mail and having them returned. Capt. C. Turner, District Paymaster, will have as the auditor for his pay and records Lieut. W. H. Smythe, Ottawa, who is now at the camp. His being located at the camp will stop the delay incidental to sending all the documents between the two cities. Now only the final statements will be sent through to Ottawa to the Auditor General. The plan is being adopted all over Canada and should prove of value, particularly in other districts which have the name of being very slow and inaccurate in their returns. Under the efficient management of Capt. Turner, the local pay office runs as should any big organization. It is likely that the office of the auditors will be in the headquarters pay office, although this is not necessary.

SOLDIERS QUALIFY FOR HIGHER RANK.

List of Officers and Men of Various Units Who Passed Examinations.

The following of the 156th Battalion have qualified for the rank set opposite their names, at the recent examinations at Kingston: Lieut. G. R. Long, for rank of captain; Pte. J. G. McCord, for rank of sergeant; Pte. J. A. Mather, for rank of sergeant; Pte. A. W. Ansley, for rank of sergeant; Pte. R. W. Robinson, for rank of sergeant; Pte. A. A. McGory, for rank of sergeant; Pte. S. H. Dunster, for rank of corporal. The undermentioned N. C. O.'s qualified for the ranks set opposite their names on the termination of the School of Infantry, Barriefield camp on the 19th June: Sergt. H. J. Latimer, 109th Battalion, as sergeant; Pte. J. G. McCord, 156th Battalion, as sergeant; Pte. E. G. Murdock, 154th Battalion, as sergeant; Pte. J. A. Mather, 156th Battalion, as sergeant; Pte. A. W. Ansley, 156th Battalion, as sergeant; Pte. R. W. Robinson, 156th Battalion, as sergeant; Pte. A. A. McGory, 156th Battalion, as sergeant; Pte. G. Dionns, 136th Battalion, as sergeant; Pte. L. J. Jettis, 230th Battalion, as corporal; Pte. G. O. Summers, 154th Battalion, as corporal; Pte. S. H. Dunster, 156th Battalion, as corporal. Capt. Hagar, 156th Battalion, conducted the Divine service on Sunday morning for the Third Brigade and Capt. Dodds, 156th Battalion, officiated at the first brigade service.



EXTENT OF ARABIAN REVOLT AGAINST TURKEY.

The Arabs have sickened of the corrupt and bloody rule of Turkey, and the revolt against the latter has assumed substantial proportions. Mecca, the "Holy City" of the Mussulman, has been seized by the nomad tribes, and other seats of government are in the hands of the rebel forces.

146TH HELD SERVICE IN MACDONALD PARK.

Thousands of People Augmented the Open-Air Military Congregation.

What may prove to be the final appearance at Divine service for the 146th Battalion in Kingston was held at Macdonald park on Sunday morning when thousands of spectators furnished an open-air congregation to hear the words of Capt. G. L. Campbell and see the Kingston and Frontenac overseas volunteers on parade. The occasion was a memorable one and will long be remembered by those present. The 146th band furnished the music and Capt. G. I. Campbell, chaplain of the battalion officiated. His sermon was one of the best ever delivered and proved very appropriate. His text "Be of good cheer and acquit yourselves like men" was suggestive of the thrilling times that the battalion has yet to face. He dealt with the necessity of men always conducting themselves as men should do even in the face of adversity and inspired them to be a credit to the Empire by their actions. After the service the battalion took a short route march through the city.

APPOINTMENTS MADE

To Various Units at Barriefield Camp. Capt. J. Moffat, 130th Battalion is appointed Senior Major vice E. J. Watt, transferred. Appointments to 235th Battalion: Lieut. C. S. Stewart, 47th Regiment; Lieut. A. B. MHTS, 7th Regiment; Lieut. E. W. Moss, C.S.C.I.; Lieut. F. H. Reed, 95th Regiment; Lieut. P. O. Thompson, 46th Regiment; Capt. W. L. Macdonald, C.O.T.C. Lieut. B. Kennedy, 14th Battery, C.F.A. is attached to the 73rd Battery, C.E.F. Capt. F. W. Hall, 42nd Regiment, resigned his appointment to the 130th Battalion. Captain J. H. Edwards, 42nd Regiment, resigned his appointment to the 130th Battalion. Lieut. Comingsby Dawson, 5th Battery, C.F.A. is attached to "C" Battery, R.C.H.A., from May 21st, 1916. The 130th Battalion tents have all been levelled and that portion of the camp looks very deserted now.

MESS TENT FOR THE 156TH

WHICH FOLLOWS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE 146TH

The Price of Tents Advancing—Tent Offered a While Ago for \$400 is Now \$500. The 156th Battalion is now falling into line to the extent of getting a mess tent for the men. Though the men have never suffered from the lack of it, the commanding officer is determined that everything possible for the comfort of the men will be brought into use. The big tents prove very popular with all ranks for recreation purposes. There seems to be only two firms in Canada making these tents and the price is rapidly advancing. One tent had to pay \$500 for the week before for \$100 less. Much criticism of this "hold-up" is being expressed at the camp by the men who feel it is an injustice to take any extra money from soldiers who are going overseas. To remedy this, M.D. No. 3 has established a precedent by having Major P. E. Pridoux give regular lectures on the subject. In a very interesting way the major is handing on to the officers at the camp the knowledge that a great amount of study and actual experience has given him. Officers are very enthusiastic in their praise of his lecturing ability. On Monday evening, Major Pridoux will address the officers of the 154th and 155th Battalions, and on Wednesday he will address the officers of the 156th Battalion.

THE INFANTRY SCHOOL

Probationers Who Reported for Instruction Last Week. The following probationers reported to the Infantry School of Instruction during the past week: H. F. Clarke, 235th; P. H. Stewart, 235th; A. W. MacMinn, 130th; W. B. Finlayson, 130th; L. I. J. Pitt, 154th; E. J. Cameron, 156th; K. Cumming, 155th; W. A. Shaw, 155th; W. J. Wilson, 139th; E. Marshall, 139th; A. H. Cameron, 57th Regiment; C. O'Connor, G. F. G.; E. L. Sellwood, G. F. G.; R. D. Welher, 155th; W. J. Franklin, 154th; L. B. Irwin, 154th; A. G. Thompson, 139th; D. F. Bissollette, 109th; S. R. Cross, 109th; A. W. Aseltine, 109th; W. H. Campbell, 109th; A. M. Schofield, 235th; W. S. R. Wilson, 139th; G. J. Downey, 109th. Lieut.-Col R. W. Smart has applied for permission for the presentation of the colors to his 136th Battalion in Port Hope. The colors are being purchased by Col. James L. Hughes, and will be handed to the battalion by Mrs. Henry, of Orono, daughter of General J. Hughes, and Miss Percy, of Bowmanville.

DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY

Kingston Crowds Received the Soldiers in the March. "I have been in cities from Halifax to Vancouver in places where there have always been soldiers and places where boys in khaki are novelties. Never in all my experience have I seen a colder body of spectators than the people of Kingston at the parade on Saturday," was the expression of an officer on Saturday afternoon in commenting on the magnificent turnout. Kingston never had such an immense body of troops passing through the streets and yet while the stores should have been decorated and the people out en masse there was hardly a cheer and never a show of flags as the soldiers marched by. It is the farewell march of four of the nine battalions and yet there was hardly a show of welcome that they were in the city or regret that they are leaving from the crowds that lined the streets.

OFFICERS ARE WELL VERSED

IN THE IMPORTANT SUBJECT OF "INTERIOR ECONOMY"

The Taird Division is Sending Out Best Qualified Officers—Greater Efficiency the Result. As in many other branches of military training, Military District No. 3 is taking an advanced step by having all officers who leave from here well versed in the subject of "Interior Economy." Advices from England are to the effect that an all too great number of officers on reaching the organization of a unit of the Canadian Expeditionary Force depends. The chain of responsibility goes directly from the Militia Council to the district Officer Commanding. The headquarters staff look after the work for the district and see that the unit commanders properly look after the work and carry out their responsibilities correctly. Every battalion or other unit has one officer appointed for its command. He is directly responsible for every thing that happens in the organization under him, to the District Headquarters. As in every business in which there is a responsible head the work must be divided so that every man will have a certain thing to take care of. The battalion work has two distinct parts. One is the executive control and the other the administration. Each branch is in charge of a senior officer. Down the line the chain goes until the duties of the company officers, etc., are outlined. Then the N.C.O.'s work comes in and every one of these has separate duties to perform and certain things to be in charge of and responsible for. This vast subject is called "Interior Economy" and the trouble in too many cases in England is that officers are not thoroughly enough acquainted with it to know just the correct way in which to do their part. To remedy this, M.D. No. 3 has established a precedent by having Major P. E. Pridoux give regular lectures on the subject. In a very interesting way the major is handing on to the officers at the camp the knowledge that a great amount of study and actual experience has given him. Officers are very enthusiastic in their praise of his lecturing ability. On Monday evening, Major Pridoux will address the officers of the 154th and 155th Battalions, and on Wednesday he will address the officers of the 156th Battalion.

RETURNED FRESH TO CAMP

AFTER THEIR LONG ROUTE MARCH SATURDAY MORNING

The Parade Numbered Forty Per Cent. of Kingston's Population—Col. Hemming Pleased With the Troops. Just as fresh as when they left the immense military parade of the 9,200 soldiers of Barriefield camp marched back into camp shortly before noon on Saturday after giving the people of Kingston the greatest military sight ever viewed here. Thousands of soldiers have marched along the streets of the city of Kingston during past years but never in its history have 9,200 khaki clad men marched by in one great body. A number almost equal to forty per cent. of Kingston's population was in that parade. It was certainly a wonderful sight and from a spectacular point of view all that could be desired. There is, however, a more far-reaching value. Col. Hemming now knows that the soldiers at Barriefield have within a few weeks graduated from being recruits into real soldiers who are able to act as worthy representatives of the C.E.F.

93RD SOCCER MATCH

The Men's Soccer Team Defeated the Officers by 7 to 0

The 93rd Battalion team succeeded in defeating the officers of the battalion on Friday evening by a score of 7 to 0. The line-up was: Pte. Griffin Goal; Pte. Cridland Right Back; Corpl. Norman Left Back; Lance-Corpl. Hardie Right Half; Pte. West Left Half; Sergt. Gower Outside Right; Sergt. Hartshorn Capt. Widdfield Inside Right; Lance-Corpl. Stockdale Lieut. Gardiner Centre Forward; Q.M. Sergt. King Lieut. Ketchum Inside Right; Pte. Shaw Lieut. Stevenson Outside Right; Q.M. Sergt. Williams Lieut. Crisp Referee, Capt. Bygott.

SIGNALLERS INSPECTED

On Saturday by Major Mundell, the School Commandant. The signalling sections of the various units at Barriefield camp were inspected on Saturday morning by Major D. E. Mundell, Commandant of the School of Signalling, to determine their efficiency and the progress they have been making since organized. The work has been going ahead very rapidly and should be entirely satisfactory to the commandant. This important branch of the work requires the most intelligent of men and the work is watched by headquarters even more than that of other branches.

93rd Battalion Concert

A splendid concert was given in the 93rd Battalion mess tent on Friday evening by talent from the battalion. There was a big attendance and every number was heartily received. Pte. Farr, Sergt.-Major Hartshorn, Corpl. Hartshorn and Pte. Hartshorn, the last three having had extensive experience in entertainment work, furnished many numbers. Sergt. Leader presided at the piano. W. B. Coulter, L. Rushlow and N. Barnes have enlisted in the 155th Battalion.

ENLISTED AS A PRIVATE

And Died in France as Major of Royal Berkshire.

Major C. A. Cooke Enlisted With the 40th Regiment at Cobourg in August, 1914—Was a Farm Hand. Cobourg Star. A rather remarkable story came to light a short time ago, when in the Illustrated London News page of notable killed in the war was shown the picture of Major C. A. Cooke, Royal Berkshire Regiment (if we remember correctly the regiment), killed in action. Major Cooke's story appears rather interesting. When the first draft of the 40th Regiment was recruited here in August, 1914, one of the first of those offering their services was Pte. C. A. Cooke. He had been working on a farm near Cobourg, and as soon as war broke out he at once volunteered his services, even though at the time he was negotiating for the purchase of a farm. Pte. Cooke was a well built, straight-as-a-die soldier, and by his soldierly abilities was made a sergeant-major by Major Bolster before he left Cobourg. From here the men went to Valcartier. At Valcartier a call was made for men for the Royal Canadian Dragoons, and Cooke at once stepped out and went to England with them. When the Dragoons were being reviewed at Salisbury by King George and his staff, Cooke was at the right of the line. At the conclusion of the inspection an orderly came to the dragoons headquarters with an order for "Captain Cooke to report at headquarters," signed by the King himself. There did not appear to be a Captain Cook on the Dragoons roll, so the orderly asked if there was a private by that name. Yes, there was, and Cooke was sent for. He was given the order from the King, and admitted he was the one referred to, and the order stated he was to rejoin his old regiment at once, and take his former rank. One of the aides to the King was the old colonel of his regiment, and though the recognition was mutual, neither showed it. Capt. Cooke rejoined his old regiment as a lieutenant, then went up to captain, and soon afterwards to major, but did not enjoy his promotion long, being killed in action in the big engagements in which his regiment suffered heavily.

THE MUSKETRY STAFF

At Barriefield Camp Is a Very Strong One

The ranges at Barriefield are in constant use giving valuable musketry instruction to the soldiers stationed at the camp. The staff this year is a very strong one, being made up of able instructors. Capt. W. E. Swaine is in charge and is assisted by Capt. W. T. Kirkconnell, Sergt.-Major Inst. Godhouse, Color Sergt. Dawes, Sergt. George Pratchett. The 93rd and 109th Battalions are now on the ranges, although musketry is being taught in every unit under the supervision of these instructors.

136TH GOES TO PORT HOPE

For Presentation of Colors and From There to Valcartier

Lieut.-Col. R. W. Shaw has received the necessary authority to have the presentation of colors made to the 136th Battalion on July 1st at Port Hope. The battalion will go to that town for the big event and will not stop at Kingston on the trip to Valcartier camp. The goods of the battalion will be forwarded direct from Port Hope. The colors have been donated by Col. Hughes, brother of the Minister of Militia and the event promises to be a very impressive one as well as a most impressive one. Pte. Hunt, C.A.S.C., is in the General Hospital with a sprained ankle.

By Bud Fisher

