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THE ENGINEERING SERVICES

AT BARRIEFIELD CAMP ARE EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD

Lieut.-Col. C. J. Burritt, Commanding Royal Canadian Engineers is Camp Engineer and has an Efficient Staff—1,500 Men Going to France From Canada Soon.

The reputation that the Canadian Engineers have made for themselves will go down in history as one of the brightest places in the story of what Canadians have done in the war. The call to the rank of the Engineers has been answered by the best of Canadian manhood and that call is still beckoning young men of good intelligence and of high patriotic ideals to don the uniform of the Engineers and go overseas.

The work at Barriefield camp gives one some idea of the work that this popular corps does after reaching France. The camp engineering services come under the able direction of Lieut.-Col. C. J. Burritt one of the most highly qualified of Canadian Engineers. He is ably assisted by Lieut. Gilman, a graduate of Queen's University who is also doing good work. Col. Burritt has his staff which includes two draughtsmen, D. Bews and W. Noonan, who draw up the plans for all the work that the engineers are doing. There is also a number of permanent force men on his staff.

For the actual construction work at the camp Capt. E. W. Henderson commands No. 5 Field Company, Canadian Engineers, and he has as his officers Lieuts. Martin, Scott and Parrott. No. 5 Company originated at Queen's University and the original company was made up of Queen's students and graduates. With the sending of drafts to every overseas contingent the ranks of the company were cleaned out. When the camp opened however more men saw the attraction of an engineer's life and the wonderful assistance the training will be to them in after life. The company soon secured fifty-three new men although owing to the fact that the college was closed a great many were Kingstonians and others who knew the reputation that the Engineers have built up but were not of Queen's. With so many other calls particularly for infantrymen and artillerymen the engineers have not been having the usual flow of new men into the ranks. Though this may be the case now the conditions will certainly change in the next few weeks. In the meantime this company offers an exceptional opportunity to any would-be recruits. A draft of 1,500 men from

Canada is being asked for and No. 5 Field Company will be sending some overseas with this contingent.

The engineering work at Barriefield is varied enough to suit any taste. This is one of the many attractions. Instead of "forming fours" and doing other such stunts the engineers soon develop into much more valuable men. The telephones at Barriefield camp were installed from the central to every one of the individual telephones by the engineers under Lieut. Martin. He is an officer who came up through the ranks. He knows electrical work and under his direction every pole was erected and every phone installed. Even now one of the members of No. 5 Company is at Central.

The road work at Barriefield presented and even yet presents an important problem. In charge of this work is Lieut. Scott who was city engineer of the City of Toronto. He has had a wide experience in engineering work particularly on road work.

There have been buildings erected, electric lights and wires for different purposes put in, and the hundreds of other kinds of work that appeals to would-be recruits. The novelty of military life adds to the fact that one is doing his duty for his country. The fact that the engineering companies are more individual than other units brings out the intimate relationship between the men. The officers few in number are all highly qualified.

This, the highest branch of the services, needs 1,500 men, and it should not be a difficult proposition for Canada to supply that number.

MILITARY DIVINE SERVICE

VERY IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY ON SUNDAY MORNING.

When 4,000 Soldiers Gather Together for Their Hour of Prayer Sermon Delivered by Capt. Dodds on Sunday With Capt. Hagar Assisting.

The Divine service at the camp on Sunday morning was the first to be attended by the men of the Depot Artillery Brigade which came under canvas last week. The service was most impressive being conducted by Capt. T. Dodds, chaplain of the 155th Battalion. Capt. Hagar, chaplain 154th Battalion assisted in the service. The bands were out in force playing sacred music and adding greatly to the beauty and simplicity of the soldiers' sacred hour. As usual the number of visitors present was large and as a consideration a number of benches were in



THE MYSTERIES OF FRENCH MONEY.

"You owe me two francs and I owe you one that's got in the lining of me coat; that makes it right, don't it?"—London Bystander.

place for the use of the many ladies who motored over for the event.

The services are conducted on the parade grounds near the Y.M.C.A., the parade being at 9 a.m. They are attended by every man in the camp as Divine service is considered one of the most important of parades.

Major Cameron, 154th Battalion, returned on Sunday from Alexandria.

Capt. N. Hawlf, paymaster 154th Battalion, spent the week-end in Ottawa.

Artillery Lines an Improvement

The presence of the artillery at the camp has filled a gap caused by the transfer of the 130th, 138th and 139th Battalions to Valenciennes. As soon as the recruits begin to come in, the camp grounds will be filled out more in the rear as at present the line is only at the front. The solid line from the 109th to the Y.M.C.A. adds greatly to the general appearance of this part of the camp.

Capt. H. O. Boyd, Army Medical Officer, has been detailed as medical officer to the 109th Battalion.

BOMB AND GRENADE SCHOOL

AT BARRIEFIELD CAMP IS DOING GOOD WORK

Planned to have Progressive System in Which Eventually Every Officer, N.C.O., and Man will Know both Bayonet Fighting and Trench Warfare—Class of 100 Always in Attendance.

The bomb and grenade course is really proving itself to be one of general trench warfare as the instructors incidentally gave many hints to the men in attendance of the kind of work they will be called on to do at the front. The trenches that the classes are constructing are being made exactly as at the front with the only exception that sand takes the place of filled sand-bags. The bags and connecting trenches are regulated in pattern and are now quite extensive. The place where the work is being conducted is below the Gananoque road almost on the site of the Barriefield common of years decoration.

From now until the close of the camp in all probability the course at the bombing school will be of a progressive nature which has proven to be so successful with the School of Infantry. There will be a constant attendance of at least 100 officers, N.C.O.'s and men who will be at the school for a week or two. If the battalions are not called overseas too soon every man in camp will eventually be made acquainted with the actual work in the trenches as well as knowing the nature and construction of bombs and grenades. In any case the men after attending the school can return to their units and spread the knowledge they have gained through the ranks.

On Monday night the 109th Battalion will parade to the school-grounds and a scheme of an attack on trenches will be carried out. By using flares and other war-like equipment the result will be likened as much as possible to actual service conditions.

Hon. Andrew Broder, M.P., in Camp

Hon. Andrew Broder, M.P. for Dundas, whose home is in Morrisburg, was in camp on Sunday visiting his sons in the 154th Battalion. One son is a captain and the other is a sergeant in the signalling section of the Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry unit.

Lieut.-Col. J. R. Stuart, Inspector of Accounts, was in Morrisburg with the St. Lawrence Canals Patrol on Saturday.

FARM FURLOUGHS OF 154TH

LIET.-COL. A. G. F. MACDONALD RECEIVING APPLICATIONS.

Particular Shortage of Help in Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry Districts in Which This Battalion was Recruited—High Wages Being Paid and Soldiers Wanted to Help Out.

The applications for farm furlough from farmers of Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry are beginning to pour into the office of Lieut.-Col. A. G. F. MacDonald, commanding the 154th Battalion. In certain cases the men before joining the colors were given the promise that they would be allowed to work on their farms for a couple of weeks during the harvest time and now with such a shortage of help the promise is being kept.

Particular attention however is paid to who the farmer is that the men are to work for and in this way it is hoped that there will be no cases of oversteering of leave result. The farm wages throughout the district in which the 154th Battalion was recruited are now very high running up to \$2 a day and board. This condition has been brought about by the number of men who are already overseas or now in training in Canada for the front. Even Col. MacDonald has a boy overseas and every one else in the district seems to be in the same position.

MAJOR WATT AT CAMP

The Prospects Are Brilliant For the 240th Battalion

Lt.-Col. E. J. Watt, commanding the 240th Battalion and Capt. W. G. Ferguson, quartermaster of the same battalion who were in the city for the recruiting meeting on Friday visited the camp on Saturday morning. Although only a few recruits have so far been taken on the prospects for many more are brilliant and the popular O.C. has no doubts but that the complement of his battalion will be secured rapidly. So far the only appointments made beside the two officers at the camp on Saturday are Capt. W. E. Maloney, Paymaster; Capt. D. C. McCrosky, adjutant.

The flower-beds at the Ongwanada Military Hospital are being very much improved and add greatly to the general appearance of this place. The soldiers who have been treated there seem to be more than delighted with the excellent service and the efficiency of the staff.

H. Bowers has enlisted in the 155th Battalion.

A PLEASANT ROUTE-MARCH

HELD ON SATURDAY MORNING AROUND THE CITY

Good Weather and Men Showed Themselves to be in Good Condition—Headquarters Satisfied with the Physical Fitness of the Soldiers as Proven by Their March.

The route-march on Saturday exemplified the splendid effects that camp life and systematic training have on the soldier. Although the march was longer than usual the men came through even better than before. This time it was not bulldog courage and determination to go through with it that made the men make such a good showing. It was their condition and that condition with some improvement is all really that the Canadian Militia authorities want to give the men who are recruited here. Everything aims at having the men physically fit for their work overseas and in building up, of course, military training is introduced. Nevertheless the making of the recruits into men who will be able to withstand even the most strenuous work in what is being planned and Col. T. D. R. Hemming has certainly shown his usual good judgment in having these route marches.

As an example of the spirit of the soldiers at the camp the songs they were singing and the shouts and yells that fill the air through the country when the bands are not playing showed what a pleasure the soldiers took from this form of work. In one end the cry would break out, "Are we tired?—No!" or "Are we down-hearted?—No!" but when that shout of "Are we hungry?" went up and down the line with one accord it would bring a "Yes" which showed most emphatically that the soldiers wanted their dinner. The headquarters staff are more than pleased with the splendid conduct of the men on the march and delighted with the way that the training is bringing the men into good physical condition.

Cottages on Water-front

The lake front is very popular this year for small camps for the families of officers of the overseas battalions at the camp. From Macdonald Cove for some distance down the river at pretty places the are tents and buildings that are used by these cottagers. The visitors are more than delighted with the pretty scenery of the river-front.

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The Women Certainly Have All the Best of It, Yes Indeed

By Bud Fisher

