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OFFICERS ARE UNDERPAID

CHANGES IN PAY FOR DOCTORS, ENGINEERS AND DENTISTS

Ottawa Taking Up Important Matter—Skilled Officers Who Have Spent Years in Qualifying Receive Same Remuneration As Those Taking Six Weeks' Course.

The question of pay for officers of the Canadian Expeditionary Force on duty in Canada is now receiving attention. That is a matter that has long been a troublesome one with the officers concerned. The case of medical officers in Canada is a typical one, although the dentists and engineers are in exactly the same class.

The Militia Department is now being severely criticised for having so many men discharged on the final examination that takes place before any unit proceeds overseas. It is estimated that an average of fifty men are turned down by the medical board that sits on each battalion wanted for overseas service. Those fifty men are now being drafted into Special Service Battalions but before this organization was started only a few weeks ago, thousands of men were turned back into the country.

The cause of so many men being carried for weeks and weeks and being trained as soldiers, only to be rejected on the completion of the term of Canadian training, can be traced to the one fact that the pay

of officers of the Army Medical Corps is not high enough in comparison with the cost of living and the average doctor's salary. Throughout Canada civilian practitioners are paid fifty cents for each man who passes his examination and is taken into the militia service. Officers of the Army Medical Corps while on duty receive the pay of the rank. In neither case is the question of remuneration properly met. In some cases the civilian practitioner falls for a great temptation, and allows many men medically unfit to pass because of the money that will "be in it for him." The money in this case is not only the fifty cents but his bread and butter money that comes from the municipality. In a prominent citizen down when he tries to enlist comes not on the citizen as much as on the doctor who is blamed if he adheres to regulations. The appointed medical officer is given duty only when there are sufficient men to require a great amount of his attention. In that case he draws the pay of his rank, usually a captain. A captain's pay is \$3, a day which, when one considers that doctors have usually one of the best homes in a community and have appearances to keep up, does not go very far.

Another point to be considered is the fact that this rate is exactly the same as that paid to all other officers of the service of the same rank. Therefore a civilian qualifying as a military officer attends a school for six weeks and then receives the same pay as a doctor who has spent a life-time with at least four years in a university at his own expense to secure the knowledge necessary for his position.

Changes in this regard are expected to come from Ottawa in the near future, as the question is now receiving the attention of those authorities.

KERRY IS ACCEPTED

By The 148th Battalion After Two Years' Try

John Kerry, former quarter-mile swimming champion of Canada, was accepted last week as a member of the 148th Battalion after trying to enlist for two years.

Kerry was refused at the very outbreak of the war because of defective eyesight. Despite this he went to France unattached, and for nearly two years did hospital work in France and England. Recently he returned to Montreal, and made heroic efforts to join. This time he has been successful.

Kerry was well-known in inter-collegiate athletics while at McGill. Dan Gilmore, formerly captain of the McGill football team, is also with the 148th.

TRENCH WARFARE SCHOOL

ELABORATE SCHEME OF TRENCHES BEING CARRIED OUT

Site Is Opposite Headquarters on the Gananoque Road—Construction Now Including Dug-outs Of All Kinds.

The work of the school of bombing and trench warfare at the camp is progressing splendidly and now a large section of the trenches that are exact in every particular to those in use at the front have been built.

After making even a casual inspection of the trenches at the camp one recognizes the vast amount of energy that has been put into these elaborate works at the front. To think that these like immense snakes wind across France from one border to the ocean. The little section at Barriefield has been made possible only after an immense amount of work and time on the part of those attending the school and where there are miles and miles it certainly must be an extensive plan.

The front line area of the trenches at Barriefield is probably half a mile but in the rear of this is a second and the two are joined by communicating trenches just as elaborately built. In the place of sand-bags sods have been used to good advantage but in the various buildings, or rather dug-outs the sand-bags have been used to show the exact construction as used overseas.

There is now in the front line a "sap" running out to a barbed wire entanglement protecting a listening post. In the rear trenches there are the officers' and men's dug-outs, ammunition dug-out and even trench kitchen where the food is cooked. It is planned to have a machine gun emplacement, in the immediate vicinity.

The whole scheme as carried out by the school is to make the section an exact duplicate of what has been done overseas. So far the results have been excellent.

The location is just south of the Gananoque road almost opposite headquarters and the ground is excellent for the purpose.

On Saturday a two-weeks course for six officers, twelve N.C.O.'s, and eighty men finished and on Monday a similar course was started.

Capt. I. S. Wotherspoon, who qualified as a paymaster here, left on Sunday for Cornwall to take over the duties as paymaster of the St. Lawrence Canal Patrol.

Talk less and think more. This is good advice to give but hard to take.

Nothing worries some wives like absence of worry in their husband.

Camp Notes.

Capt. (Dr.) Kenneth McKinnon, a Queen's graduate, who has seen one year of active service in an Imperial Army Medical Unit, this week received notification of his transfer to the medical staff of the 13th Canadian Artillery Brigade, now at Petawawa.

The band of the 155th Battalion played a splendid programme at the headquarters mess on Sunday evening.

Two officers, two sergeants, two corporals and twenty-eight privates have been detailed from each of the three battalions at the camp to attend the School of Bombing for the next two weeks.

Many officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the 148th Battalion at Valcartier are arriving daily on their last leave before going overseas. Lieut. G. F. Newlands arrived on Saturday, and Lieuts. Campbell and Strachan arrived on Sunday.

Capt. H. A. Boyce, A.M.C., inoculated fifty men of "C" Battery, R.C.H.A., last week.

The examinations for those attending the School of Bombing and Grenading at the camp were held on Saturday.

A route-march will likely be taken this week through the country and all of the soldiers at the camp will be engaged in carrying out a tactical scheme.

There is an aquatic meet being planned for the soldiers of Barriefield although no arrangements have yet been made definitely.

Lieut.-Col. Putman's son of the 155th Battalion is in the Field Hospital recovering from the effects of inoculation. The big water tank near the Y.M.C.A. was moved to a new location at the Ordnance Building on Saturday.

Percy Bongard Killed. Picton, Aug. 5.—Mrs. Percy Bongard received a telegram from Ottawa stating that her husband had been killed in action. Percy Bongard went over with the 39th Battalion, and had been in France for some time. His brother, Leo Bongard, was reported killed last spring. They were both Picton boys. Percy Bongard was married to a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Carey after he enlisted. He was just twenty-one years of age.

THE DRAFT OF NINETEEN

MILITIA DEPARTMENT CRAWLING OUT OF A BAD HOLE

Trying to Rectify Mistake of Having Surplus of Officers in Units—Contradiction of Minister's Statement Of Shortage of Officers in England.

The announcement that nineteen officers would be going overseas in the near future as a draft to the front is explained in the fact that the demands on the Militia Department for something to be done for the signalling officers, transport officers, assistant adjutants, etc., of the units in Canada was an necessary move.

Since the militia of Canada was first organized every regiment carried a surplus of officers and the three positions above named are usually allotted to subalterns. The conditions at the front, however, have evidently altered the establishment and taken away the need for these officers. A short-time ago an order came out that the three official positions mentioned and also that of the junior major had been abolished and the officers holding these positions were to be either absorbed into the unit by giving them platoons or putting them on the street.

The order came as an entire surprise. A few thought that these positions were not necessary. The result was consternation and a sudden raid on the Militia Department for explanation. None were forthcoming but the supposition that something had to be done to stop the clamor was the cause of the order issued Saturday for a draft of nineteen to go to England.

The statement by the Minister of Militia that there is a shortage of officers in England is ridiculed by every officer that has returned from overseas. The fallacy of the statement is also proven by letters and other messages that have been received in every part of Canada.

These officers who will be going overseas in the near future will undoubtedly get to the front eventually but they will have to wait their turn with others already in England who went overseas with units that have since been broken up.

Lieut. V. Lanos, 14th Regiment, who qualified at the School of Signalling, has been attached to the headquarters staff at Barriefield camp.

No wonder a yacht jumps up and down when it is forced to get on another tack.

All things come to those who stop waiting and go after them.

R. C. H. A., BAND

Members Coming to City on Tuesday On Leave

The band of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery will be coming to the city on Tuesday on leave of a week. This is the first time that the members of the band have had an opportunity of visiting their friends since going into camp at Petawawa. The Royal Canadian Garrison Band of Quebec has completed its leave of a week.

Kingstonians In 77th

The Whig has been informed that when the 77th Battalion left Ottawa for the front it took away the following Kingstonians as members of the medical officer's staff under Capt. Halkett also of this city: F. Leronge, A. Cockburn, A. Harvey, J. Harvey, A. Halkett, W. McLoughlin, J. Brough. The latter is a Queen's graduate who was in Vancouver after qualifying.

Ottawa Examinations

Lieut.-Col. W. J. Brown, G.S.O., Major A. P. Allen, 155th Battalion, and an officer of the 230th Battalion form a board of officers for conducting examinations in connection with the School of Infantry, 230th Battalion, Ottawa. The examinations will be held on Tuesday.

U. S. Army?

Corporal (to Private just arrived): "Clean up all tin cans and paper around the forts and environments." Private (some time later): "I've cleaned up all around the forts, corporal, but I can't find the environments."

F. G. Craig, Kingston, has enlisted with Queen's Field Ambulance Corps.

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NO MORE CAMP ATHLETICS

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AT THE CAMP SEEMS TO BE DEAD

Lack Of Co-operation Of Officers And Men To Carry Out Athletic Meets Given As Reason For Resignation From Presidency Of Lieut.-Col. S. A. Thompson.

Lieut.-Col. S. A. Thompson, General Staff Officer, has resigned as president of the Barriefield Camp Athletic Association as a result of the lack of interest taken by the officers and men of the camp.

On Civic Holiday, Col. T. D. R. Hemming, Camp Commandant, was kind enough to grant a half holiday for the soldiers to permit of a programme of sports being carried out. With his usual energy Col. Thompson made every effort to carry the plan to a successful conclusion. The results, however, were not satisfactory to him as the soldiers would not take an active interest. All kinds of excuses came to him as to why the soldiers would not compete but in reality it seemed as if they would not co-operate in making it an event worth while since a half holiday had been granted them.

This selfish desire will not be allowed another chance unless a great change comes over the camp and instead of a half holiday next time it looks like a route-march instead. Under the circumstances Colonel Thompson cannot be criticised for his action. He has done everything possible to stimulate interest but the officers of the battalions have not lent their support. In justice to the artillery it might be mentioned, however, that they are doing their part and by themselves are working up the interest. The infantrymen, however, are not doing this and unless something happens immediately there is little chance of another athletic meet for the camp. The conditions are certainly to be regretted. The talent is here and the best organizers in the country are ready and willing to help in carrying out athletic meets to a successful conclusion. The lack of co-operation, however, makes it impossible and unless there is a rejuvenation the association is a dead issue.

Saves Food

Chatty Neighbor—"I suppose you don't stand for any war-arguments among your borders?" Boarding House Mistress—"Oh, yes. You see our biggest eater gets so interested that he forgets to eat and our next biggest eater gets so mad that he leaves before the meal is half over."

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By Bud Fisher

