



TO BE COUNTY COMPANIES

**COUNTIES NOT ABLE TO RECRUIT FULL BATTALIONS.**

Company Commands Likely To Be Authorized Through Canada—Six Weeks Farm Furlough.

There seems to be a great deal of hesitation about authorizing new battalions to take the place of those which have gone overseas. Those at present at Yalcartier are, according to a recent order, to be supplied with recruits from the home areas, but to date the strength has not been run up to such an extent that they are being overburdened with recruits.

According to the best information available, because of the fact that the final plans have not yet been made, there seems to be a great possibility of each county being allotted a company of a battalion. This county company will be recruited during the winter months, and at the opening of the spring camps four counties will unit to form a battalion. In cases where counties can supply more than a company, a second and a third company will then be authorized, but in the majority of cases the commands will only be for companies of 250 men each. These will be treated as battalions at headquarters for the time being, but eventually they will be united into battalions.

The scheme will be on something the same principle as worked out last year with small groups situated in places that raise at least twenty men. The selection of a battalion headquarters in this case would prove to be a difficult matter, and to secure the earnest co-operation of all concerned the headquarters for each unit will be directly at the district headquarters. The headquarters for each company will be selected by a committee of representative men acting in conjunction with the chief recruiting officer at Ottawa.

OFFICERS ANXIOUS TO GO WITH DRAFT

**Only Nineteen Are To Be Chosen To Go Overseas Shortly.**

Among the applications being received by headquarters for officers to go overseas with the draft of nineteen officers which will be leaving in a few weeks are officers holding ranks as high as majors. Some have volunteered to go holding the rank of lieutenant but the following order implies that others wish to go over and hold their rank. The order is as follows: It is published, for the information of all concerned, that a number of letters and telegrams are being sent by officers and others, to headquarters, asking for adjutants, etc., to be taken overseas, as a special case, and to point out that it has been decided some months ago, to make the establishment of all Canadian Divisions in the field, uniform, and that instructions were issued accordingly, and therefore, it is quite impossible to make any exceptions in individual cases, because the authorities have been notified that the establishment of officers of an infantry battalion cannot exceed 32, which includes a Chaplain, if one is authorized. There would, therefore, be no means of paying additional officers, even if they were permitted to send them over.

Furthermore, when battalions are broken up in England, no officers above the rank of lieutenant are sent over to France, and there would be no chance of a major, third in command, getting any employment. As above stated, therefore, it is quite impossible to make any exceptions whatever.

If this matter is thoroughly understood by all concerned, it will save a great deal of time and trouble in Headquarters, asking for special cases to be considered.

COLORS ON AUGUST 17TH

**156TH BATTALION TO RECEIVE THEM ON THAT DATE.**

After Weeks of Debating, Final Date and Place Have Been Set—Returning From Farm Furlough to Make Battalion Better for the Ceremony.

At last the presentation of colors to the 156th Battalion has been decided by having the ceremony take place in Brockville on Thursday, August 17th. This is definite and final. The officers at the camp have taken very little interest in the proceedings, and most of it was confined to efforts by members of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Brockville to use the battalion as a drawing card for its picnic on Monday.

Lieut.-Col. Bedell will likely arrange to have the excursion to Brockville on a steamer and renew a cancelled agreement that was made previously. The steamer will leave early on Thursday morning and will arrive in Brockville in time to allow a few hours' freedom for the boys with their friends. The ceremony is to take place at 2.30 p.m. on the exhibition grounds, where there is a large grand stand for the accommodation of the public.

In one way it is rather fortunate that the date has been advanced until August 17th, as by that time it is hoped to have many of the men now on furlough back. These men have been going out, and have almost depleted the battalion of its best strength. Now with at least a large number returning, a much better showing can be made at Brockville.

GO TO LEMOINE'S POINT

**For Field Manoeuvres—To Remain For A Day**

On Thursday and Friday the soldiers of Barriefield camp will be on one of the most extensive field manoeuvres yet carried out here. The infantry men will leave the camp on Thursday morning and march through the city to Lemoine's point where by the kind permission of Dr. D. A. Black the boys will pitch their camp. On Thursday evening some night manoeuvres will be carried out and on Friday the units will march back to Barriefield, arriving in the afternoon. It is about seven miles from the camp to the point.

SHOW NO MORE LENIENCY

**MILITIA DEPARTMENT HAS ACTED ON MATTER OF ABSENTEES**

Greater Authority To Justices of the Peace And Accused Persons May Be Tried By Either Civil or Military Authorities.

The following Order-in-Council regarding this subject has been passed, and will appear in Military Orders at an early date:

Every man of the Active Militia of Canada and every soldier of the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force, who, without leave of his Commanding Officer, absents himself from his Unit is guilty of an offence under the Criminal Code, and the provisions of Part 15 of that Code is liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding two years.

Notwithstanding anything that appears in the said Code, any Justice or Justices, shall be competent to hear, try and determine every complaint and information respecting the offence of absence without leave, although such offence may have been committed outside the territorial division in which such Justice or Justices usually have jurisdiction.

The production of a service roll or attendance paper purporting to be signed by the accused and purporting to be an engagement by him to serve in the corps or unit from which he is charged with being absent shall be sufficient proof that the accused was duly enlisted into such corps or unit, and a written statement purporting to be signed by the officer commanding or the officer administering a military district in Canada and stating that the accused is an absentee from his corps or unit shall be prima facie proof that the accused is an absentee without leave from such corps or unit, and shall be sufficient to establish the accused the onus of proving that his absence from the corps or unit was not illegal.

Nothing herein shall be in any way limit or effect the power of the military authorities to proceed against and punish an absentee without leave according to the rules of military law; but an accused person shall not be liable to be tried both by a military Tribunal and by a civil court, but may be tried by

AN ORCHESTRA OF 154TH

**SCOTCH BATTALION HAS FINE ORCHESTRA OF 15 PIECES.**

Capt. W. G. Robinson, Adjutant, is Leader, and Hopes to Have It in Shape for Colors Presentation Ceremony and Also Concerts in Battalion Tent.

The 154th Battalion has a splendid orchestra, which, though it has not made its official appearance at the camp on many occasions, should prove to be a very attractive feature of the Scotch unit. Capt. W. G. Robinson, adjutant of the battalion, is the leader and its members are all enlisted in the 154th. There are fifteen players, including violins, cornets, etc. The orchestra was of great assistance while the battalion was recruiting, but work has hindered much progress since coming under canvas. In the spare time, however, Capt. Robinson hopes to again bring it together and has called for a practice for Tuesday evening. It will likely be used as an entertainment to be given in the big tent of the battalion on Thursday evening.

The orchestra is really being put into shape for the big colors presentation ceremony which is to take place soon. The date was originally set for August 18th but the arrangements were never made definitely. Owing to the fact that the 155th had the ceremony in Belleville and the 156th is to be in Brockville, the 154th members will likely ask for it to take place in Cornwall. The camp authorities however desire that it be held here owing to the fact that it interferes to a certain extent with the training of the men.

Wanted, Shorty Grant.

Capt. B. H. MacConnell, on the staff of the chief recruiting officer, was in camp on Monday and tried to secure Sergt. (Shorty) Grant, of the Special Service Battalion, for work in the Ottawa office. The popular mascot and stenographer is undecided whether to accept.

School of Signalling

The School of Signalling will re-open for the new course on August 15th and already hundreds of applications have poured in for permission to attend. The new wireless course will open on August 8th.

Now a Grandfather.

Lieut.-Col. Cammon, sanitary officer at the camp, received a telegram on Monday from Herbert, Sask., which stated that his son, Dr. Gordon McCammon, graduate of Queen's University, had presented him with a grandson. He is the proudest officer at the camp.

Life Saver Breaks His Neck

Rochester, N.Y., Aug. 5. Two brothers, Abe Levin, 15, and Lester Levin, 14, were drowned while bathing at Sea Breeze, a summer resort on Lake Ontario. James Knapp, a laborer, 40, in an effort to rescue the bodies, dived from a railroad bridge which spans the outlet and broke his neck. He was taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

"Statist" Expects Big Things From C.P.R.

London, Aug. 7.—Commenting upon the Canadian Pacific's improved earnings, the Statist anticipates that the accounts will show a rate of profit not far short of the highest figures ever attained. The directors responsible for the remarkable recovery in traffic and earnings are the 1915 crops, and the increased traffic resulting from good prices and war industries. Remarkable that no increase in the rate of dividend is anticipated the Statist says that any increase would be impolitic in view of the swing-back likely to occur after the war.

Reduction is Authorized.

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—The Western Canada Power Company has been permitted to reduce its capital stock from ten million to six million dollars.

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THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM.

**Tidings From All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way.**

Mrs. Edward England, Bridgeburg, was drowned in the Niagara River.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson stated at North Bay that the site for the International Nickel Company's Canadian refinery had not yet been determined, and that he would not be surprised if the Government established custom smelters for the benefit of the small miners.

The U.S. State Department has made inquiries as to the charges against Mr. Fulton, Canadian manager of the Electric Light and Power Company in Mexico City, who has been thrown into prisoner, according to reports to the British Embassy.

GERMANY LEVIED TAX ON DENMARK.

**Forced Scandinavian Country To Pay for Breach of Neutrality.**

Which One is This? (Special to the Whig.)

Portland, Me., Aug. 7.—A submarine of unknown nationality has been sighted by the coast guard five miles off the coast. Owing to the thick weather, its identity is unknown.

Sunk Without Warning. (Special to the Whig.)

Barcelona, Spain, Aug. 7.—The British steamer Mount Coniston, 3,013 tons, has been sunk without warning. The officers and twenty-five of the crew were rescued.

STUDEBAKER DIVIDEND.

New York, Aug. 7.—Studebaker has declared the regular dividend on the preferred stock and 2 1/2 per cent. on the common, placing the common stock on a straight 40 per cent. basis. Heretofore the dividend was 1 1/2 and 1 per cent. extra. Maxwell Motors also declared 2 1/2 per cent. on the common stock.

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NEW MOTOR CO.

Baltimore, Aug. 7.—With a capital stock of \$24,999,500, the Nash Motors Company, which will take over the plant of the Thomas B. Jeffery Co., Wisconsin, has applied for incorporation.

STUDEBAKER DIVIDEND.

\$25,700,000 Cash on Hand.

New York, Aug. 7.—The report of the General Motors Company for eleven months ended June 30, 1916, shows that on June 30, 1916, the company had approximately \$25,700,000 in cash in bank and in sight drafts with document attached which is equal to 155 per cent. on the amount of common stock outstanding.

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