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THE RECRUITING RETURNS REACHED PARROTT'S BAY

VARY WITH EVERY SEMI-MONTHLY REPORT.

Many Sweepstakes on the Results—Practically Impossible to Forecast What Next Return Will Be.

"What are the causes of the constantly varying figures of the recruiting return?" is a question that is seemingly difficult to answer. Every two weeks this military district—No. 3—gives a report of the number of men who have joined Canada's fighting force in the prior two weeks. Every district does the same. The result is a mass of figures that can only be equalled to stock market quotations and are just as hard to forecast.

The gambling chances of the results are taken up by many people and it is certainly an interesting study to find the reasons on which many base their guesses.

For the last two weeks the total is small—down to 297—and the lowest yet recorded for this district. The highest, which was in December last, was over 2,000.

In taking up the causes various reasons are assigned. The principal one is the harvesting conditions which keep would-be recruits on the farm. The cities, it should be remembered, have been better drained than has the country and it is to the farmers that the recruiting forces are turning.

During the last two weeks the harvesting has been brought pretty well to completion, that is, the summer harvest. The fall harvest time has just arrived. The hay and grain crops were heavy and much help was demanded. This explanation of why recruiting is slack would tend to show that recruits are enlisting more at their own convenience than when the country's call is heard the loudest.

The fact that few new units have been authorized is thought by some to influence the result. There are now recruiting and little ground is left open.

The whole question is a difficult one to decide, and the many sweepstakes, which take advantage of the gamble involved, are interesting to watch.

AT 1.15 O'CLOCK ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Soldiers Had Lunch at Collins Bay—Great Sight of Over 2,000 Men Taking a Swim.

The soldiers of Barriefield, to the number of 2,500, who took part in the route march to Parrott's Bay on Friday, arrived at their place of bivouac at 1.15 p. m., which made an average of about two miles and a half an hour for the thirteen miles from the camp.

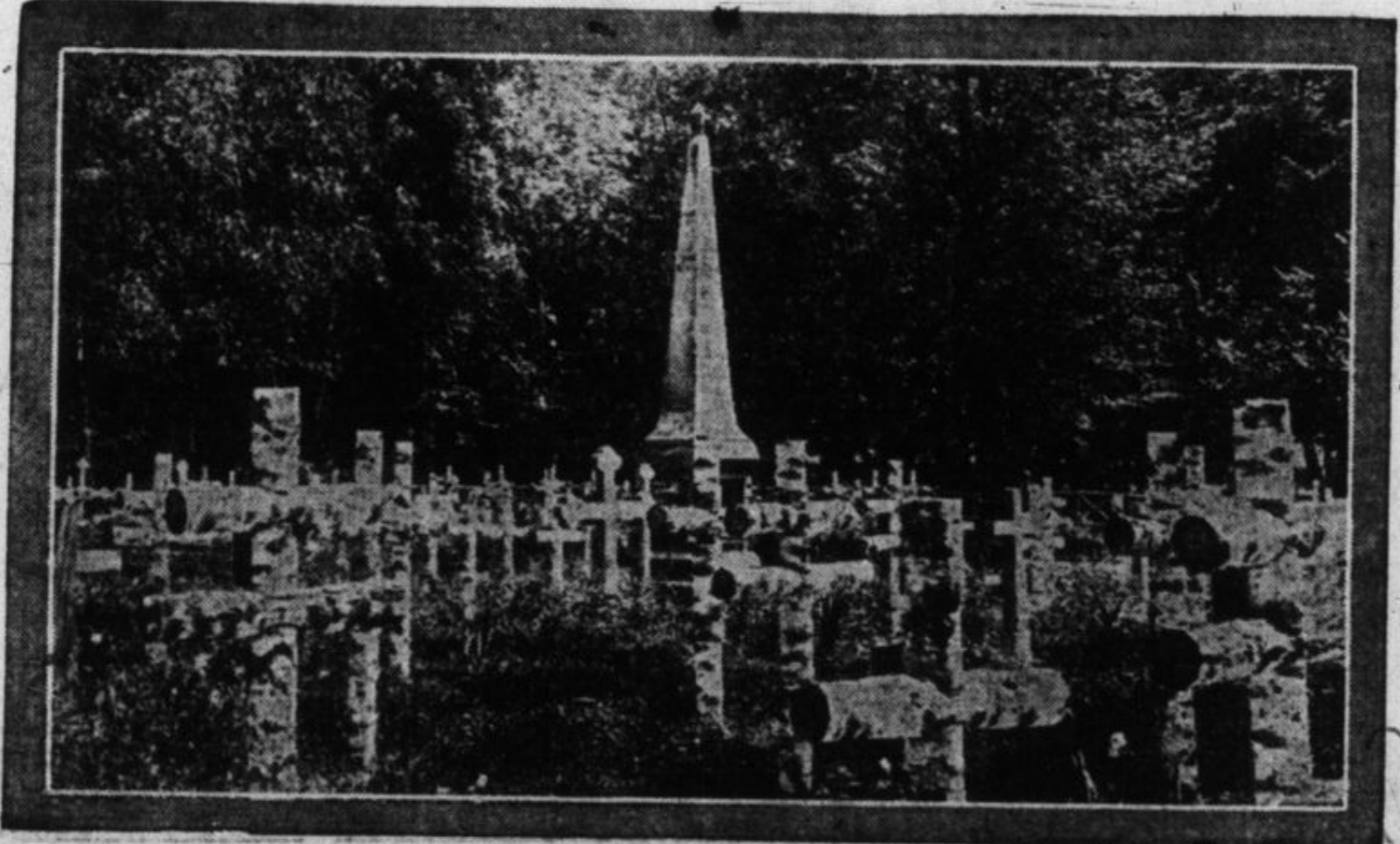
The march was taken by slow degrees, and a short distance from Collins Bay a stop for lunch was made. This seemed to be the break that started the falling out, and the few men who had to leave the lines were all straggling from that place to the point. The column was followed by several transports, and two motor transports thoroughly covered the road and gave rides to any men who through tight puttees or any other trouble found it necessary to leave their sections. Because the other fellows are only too ready to laugh if one fell out, those who did take advantage of the transport number were very few.

The grounds are located on a point jutting into the Bay of Quinte and facing Amherst Island. The ground is a stubble and the pasture used by the troops is quite grassy. There is a low place near the lines of the 15th Battalion, but this is the only suggestion of any part that is not high and dry. The horses were camped in a small grove to one side and on the opposite side of the lot is headquarters. In an "L" shape between the sites of the 15th, 16th and 17th Battalions.

As soon as the troops arrived and were informed that the next few hours could be used for resting up, there were cheers and cheers, and then after dismissing a run for the lake. Officers, N.C.O.'s and men made the dive to the lake and that district never before had so many naked men running around and enjoying the refreshing coolness of a dip. It was a unique sight on those little used shores to suddenly find over half of 2,500 men, wanting to go in for a swim at the one time. There was lots of room and the hard bottom morning many strange feet Friday morning.

Due to the excellent management on the part of Major Hamilton and the staff of the Army Service Corps, every man was welcomed at the camp with a hot meal. It was cooked and served by members of the School of Cookery.

Wireless at Bivouac. The wireless under Lieut. Munsie and Sergt. Hicks was on duty at the camp. Due to a breakdown of the wagon carrying it, the equipment was not immediately ready for use, but the men worked hard all Friday afternoon to put it in readiness for communication to the camp. The portable aerial was erected a short distance from headquarters. Capt. Henderson, Engineers, was with the headquarters staff, and he also took part in the erection of the apparatus.



WHERE RUSSIANS AND FRENCH LIE SIDE BY SIDE.

Picturesque corner of a military graveyard in Northern France, where Russians and French who have fallen on the western front are buried. The marks on all the graves are crosses—the Russians being distinguished from the French by crosses with a double bar—the Greek Church Cross. These "monuments" are made of the pretty French birch trees.

RECRUITING IS VERY SLOW

CHART IS AT ITS LOWEST POINT JUST NOW.

Irregular Dro in Figures Since April 1st—Number is Taken Every Two Weeks.

It is interesting to watch the ever changing chart at headquarters which shows how recruits are enlisting or are not enlisting, which is more to the point. Since April 1st, which is the beginning of the present condition of affairs in recruiting circles, the number has dropped to 297. The chart reads as follows:

April 1st to 15th	1,390
April 15th to 30th	790
May 1st to 15th	558
May 15th to 31st	297

June 1st to 15th	555
June 15th to 30th	398
July 1st to 15th	510
July 15th to 31st	639
August 1st to 15th	624
August 15th to 31st	297

Headquarters Staff. The headquarters staff on the bivouac was Brig-Gen. Hemming, Lieut-Col. S. A. Thompson, Lieut-Col. W. J. Brown, Lieut-Col. G. H. Gillespie, Major R. D. Ponton, Capt. W. J. McManus, Lieut. Johnson, Lieut. Migney and others.

Y.M.C.A. on Bivouac. The Y.M.C.A. was "there" on the bivouac and had tons of ice cream for sale to the soldiers. It was rapidly gobbled up, and Mr. Wilson and his staff had to return to the city before his fall for a second load.

Roumania, at present the largest of the Balkan States, with 54,000 square miles, would, with such additional area, form a country considerably more than one-third as large as Germany, or one as large as any other two Balkan countries combined. It would, further, mean a gain of 2,500,000 in population, of whom

Camp Notes.

Capt. J. M. Wilson was warmly congratulated on Friday on his birthday anniversary.

Major J. Hamilton was one of the victims selected by an industrious apt vindictive bee at the bivouac.

C. M. Hamilton, who has been qualifying as a paymaster, has been recommended for an appointment with an overseas battalion on the completion of his course.

Capt. E. Houston, Queen's Field Ambulance, returned on Friday from Ottawa, where he was on recruiting duty.

Capt. Finlayson, Q. F. A., was medical officer for the troops on the route march.

Lieut. Miller will be in charge of the advance party of seventy-five men and five officers of the artillery to leave on Monday for Petawawa. They will prepare the camp for the remainder of the brigade.

Lieut. Williams, 73rd Battery, is in the General Hospital, receiving treatment for blood-poisoning in the hand.

A captain's course for the next two weeks at the Infantry School will be followed by a field officers' course.

The headquarters staff has the usual large red flag erected to mark the location of its quarters. There is indeed nothing else but some grocery boxes to mark the spot.

A Touching Reminder. Couabourg, Sept. 1.—This week a rather touching souvenir of the battle front was received in the shape of a photograph of three generations of a Couabourg man killed at the front, the picture being of his wife, daughter and granddaughter. The shell which killed the man had struck the photograph, badly mutilating it, yet the pictures of the parties are not disfigured.

lately developed Hungarian systems. The Hungarian province is a rich land, little developed, and it would largely compensate Roumania for her loss of Bessarabia to Russia. Some of the valleys are exceedingly fertile, and the summer heat is such that the most delicious of European fruit can be raised there. Transylvania is full

297 RECRUITS ENLISTED

IN MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 3 IN LAST TWO WEEKS.

Lowest Number on Record—All the Unites Are Low—"C" Battery, R. C. H. A., Secured Record From Montreal.

The recruiting returns for the last two weeks in August as issued by headquarters give a return of 297 recruits, making a total of 6,245 men on the roll in this military district. The return is as follows:

"C" Battery, R. C. H. A., 52 recruits; 361 strength.
72nd Battery, 9 recruits; 72 strength.
73rd Battery, 10 recruits; 131 strength.
74th Battery, 8 recruits; 68 strength.
75th Battery, 10 recruits; 86 strength.
A. Column, 2 recruits; 26 strength.
Couabourg Art., 12 recruits, 19 strength.
154th, 1 recruit; 1,063 strength.
156th, 4 recruits; 1,081 strength.
157th, 8 recruits; 1,005 strength.
207th, 28 recruits; 708 strength.
230th, 32 recruits; 574 strength.
235th, 32 recruits; 332 strength.
240th, 31 recruits; 122 strength.
247th, 5 recruits; 7 strength.
S. S. Company, 7 recruits; 119 strength.
D. Signal Co., 36 recruits; 272 strength.
Q. F. A., 13 recruits; 144 strength.
C. A. D. C., — recruits; 21 strength.
Unattached, 4 recruits; 4 strength.

Recruiting for A. S. C. Lieut. M. Keith Lennox is in Couabourg recruiting for the Army Service Corps. One hundred drivers for the horse transport for immediate service are required. This furnishes an opportunity for horsemen to do their bit. Recruiting has been good for the new draft from Couabourg Heavy Battery this week and eight have signed up.

Sergt.-Inst. Brown, C.A.S.C., cut his finger almost to the bone on the way out while handling a large butcher knife, and had to have it dressed at the General Hospital.

of agricultural promise. It has a little industry and some mining. It possesses the richest gold mines in Europe and many of its people live by gold washing. Transylvania is a country whose value has hardly been realized and that is because it is a twisting mass of hill and mountain.

TRANSYLVANIA IS THE TOE OF Hungary And Is Rich But Little Developed. Transylvania is the Hungarian toe thrust deep into the centre of the Roumanian kingdom. With the recent Italian expression that Roumania is ready to act in accordance

with Rome's war policy, Transylvania, like all of the exposed frontiers, is guarded by a difficult mountain system. Roumanian territory bends like a drawn elbow around Transylvania, from the southwest to far in the northwest. Along the entire boundary run the rugged Carpathian Mountains, returning to their

junction with the Blue Danube, in Hungary, opposite Servia. Shaped like an irregular circle Transylvania, with its 21,000 square miles of area, is a high plateau, naturally a distinct land division; and cut off from Hungary, as from Roumania and Bukovina, by a definite line of mountain barriers.

1,400,000 would represent a gain in nationals. The Roumanians, constituting more than fifty-six per cent. of Transylvania's people, have been vigorously oppressed during recent years through determined efforts of their rulers to Magyarize them. Five railway lines, penetrate Transylvania from Roumania, joining the

It's Getting so a Guy Has to Work For a Living

By Bud Fisher

