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THE SOLDIERS WORK GOOD

SUCH WORK AS NIGHT OPERATIONS SHOW THEIR ABILITY.

Headquarters is Agreeably Surprised by the Wonderful Condition that The Men Are In.

The first night operations for the soldiers of Barriefield Camp have been completed and are considered a great success. The plan as worked out on Wednesday night proved to be highly satisfactory to Brig.-Gen. T. D. R. Hemming, Camp Commandant.

To be called out of bed, to dress and march fourteen miles and lose what promised to be a nice night's sleep, is certainly not what men are asking for but nevertheless there is that spirit of the British subject in the hearts of the soldiers of Barriefield that such work is no hardship.

It was not a case of plodding on but of leading everyone else in the parade. The 154th Battalion pipe band was in the lead on the march Wednesday night. That stirring music of the pipes set even the feet of the headquarters staff horses moving faster. The 154th Battalion is pretty well made up of men from the Gaelic country and it takes nothing but the skill of the pipes to make them march or move in any way.

They marched and set a pace so fast that Gen. Hemming had to slow it down on several occasions. Behind was the 155th Battalion led by its fine band. The Belleville and district boys were not to be outdone by any Scotchmen and they followed. In fact the boys under Lieut.-Col. M. K. Adams' command followed so closely that they had to be checked to keep a steady pace. It was almost a race between the two units and no one could say which was the better for both were excellent.

It was certainly encouraging to hear the soldiers' shout and sing as they passed along and marching in a way that dispelled any suggestion of being tired after their long hike and the previous day's work.

There is only one thing that can be said about the soldiers at Barriefield. They have advanced faster than the laid-down syllabus of training for troops and are now in splendid condition. The camp has been responsible for the directing of the energy of the boys and the spirit behind that energy has been the cause of the wonderful result.

The Headquarters Staff is more than pleased with the condition of the men as shown by their work on the night march around Kingston Mills.

Moving pictures will be shown the soldiers in the Y. M. C. A. tent on Friday evening.

GOD-FATHER TO THE R.C.H.A.

W. C. PITSFIELD, MONTREALER, DIRECTS RECRUITING.

He Has Established a Montreal Agency Which Brought in Thirteen Men Last Week.

"C" Battery, R.C.H.A., has a fairy god-father who is willing to spend thousands of dollars, in time and money to keep a flow of recruits coming to Tete de Pont Barracks. He is W. C. Pitfield, a director of the Royal Securities Corporation of Montreal. Mr. Pitfield is an ardent Britisher and wants to do his bit to the limit. Last winter he took a course at the Royal School of Artillery and qualified as an artillery officer. The death of his father made him withdraw his application for overseas but since then he has been doing a wonderful work.

His first step was to establish a recruiting office in Montreal and in the seven weeks since that office was opened there have been 179 recruits enlisted for service overseas with the R. C. H. A. There has been hardly a train from Montreal on which some number of new men don't arrive and every one is an ideal man for the work.

The agency has been fortunate in being able to keep a very high ideal for the men who enlist and the result has been a collection of students, brokers, professional men of every class and some of the most intelligent gentlemen of Montreal. Mr. Pitfield has now decided that Toronto offers a good opportunity if recruiting is pushed vigorously and will in the near future open an office in the Queen City. If it is as successful as the one in Montreal Mr. Pitfield will twice over deserve the sincerest thanks of the country for his personal efforts in making men see their duty.

Capt. Finlayson, Capt. Lumb, Capt. Houston and Capt. MacGregor were medical officers on the route march of the troops to Kingston Mills on Wednesday night. Two of the battalion medical officers were on leave and two from Queen's Field Ambulance Corps took their places. Capt. Lumb and MacGregor went with the ambulance.

Citizens generally are asking that the headquarters staff of the camp have a short route march of the soldiers through the city in the near future so that the citizens may see what a fine body of men Barriefield camp contains. It is hoped that the request will be complied with in view of the interest on the part of the civil population.

The artillery brigade is leaving the city on Friday evening for Petawawa.

Major Patterson, paymaster 156th Battalion, left on Thursday for Brockville.

OFFICERS AND PRIVATES

WHO HAVE JUST SEEN ACTIVE SERVICE WERE AT CAMP.

Dental Officer at Salonika, Infantry Officer of 1st Canadians and a Fireman in the Navy Came on Thursday.

Capt. H. Alfred, Canadian Army Dental Corps, was a visitor at Barriefield Camp on Thursday afternoon, visiting Major R. D. Ponton, of the headquarters staff. Capt. Alfred was the dental officer with No. 1 Stationary Hospital at Salonika, and has lately returned from England. His home is in Belleville. Capt. Alfred has leave of absence for only a month.

Major R. D. Ponton, headquarters staff, gave an address on "Comradeship" to those in attendance at the School of Signalling on Wednesday.

A third man who has been "through the mill" to arrive at the camp on Thursday was Leon Sammut, who enlisted in the 156th Battalion. Pte. Sammut is a short, thick-set, dark-eyed man who could be detected instantly as a foreigner. His address is Malta, and he has already had eighteen months with the Imperial navy as a fireman. After serving for some time in the Dardanelles, Pte. Sammut obtained his honorable discharge at Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, South America. He had been a fireman on H. M. S. Colne, but decided that he had had enough of the war. The fastidious proved too much for him after a short time and he gradually worked his way to Canada, and on Thursday was sworn in by Lieut.-Col. Bedell.

The coarse jagged rocks placed on Tuttle's Hill at the suggestion of a Whig correspondent proved inconvenient for the soldiers on their night march of Wednesday. A light layer on top would have greatly improved matters.

Tete de Pont Barracks never looked better than at present. Sergt. Major Akerley has been keeping the prisoners busy, and the barracks now has a fine clean appearance.

Lieut. Lanos is giving lectures on French to the men attending the School of Signalling, dealing with the ordinary remarks that are absolutely essential to strangers in France.

Lieut. Gill left on Friday morning for Petawawa to join the R. C. H. A. and take overseas a draft of 100 men.

CONSTANT SHIFTING.

Men of Different Units Are Moving Every Day.

There is always a constant movement of the soldiers at the camp with enlistments, discharges and transfers continually taking place. It has been said that no great work can be started and completed by the same men, and it seems true. A glance at what is called "Part 2 Orders" shows this movement.

In Wednesday's orders for the camp there were sixteen men taken on the various units and fifteen men struck off the strength.

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WILL TOUR FOR RECRUITS

TWO OFFICERS OF THE 155th BATT. TO GIVE EXHIBITIONS

Taking Machine Gun Section They Will Give Demonstrations of Machine Gun and Bayonet Fighting Work to Enlist Recruits.

Now that the School of Machine Gunnery has been discontinued, Lieut. McGie is able to devote more time to the training of the machine gun section of the 155th Battalion as a unit.

Through careful choosing and the support of the various company commanders in allowing him the best men, Lieut. McGie has now thirty

very efficient soldiers in his section.

There is now a plan being considered that Lieut. Allen, in charge of the bayonet fighting and physical training of the battalion, and Lieut. McGie, commanding the machine gun section, should do a little recruiting with the men. If the present plans are passed as recommended these two officers with the machine gun section will visit every fair in Hastings and Prince Edward counties. They will take machine guns, etc., and give exhibitions of what is done in the army, and at the close of each exhibition a call will be made for recruits. It should certainly be a most successful plan.

The men of the 156th Battalion are now being issued with clasp knives and First Aid books.

BAYONET WORK EXHIBITION

At the close of every school of Bayonet Fighting and Physical training it is customary to draw up all the troops in the camp and give an exhibition of what has been taught at the school. This will be done probably on Thursday of next week on the main parade grounds. In attendance at the school are officers, N. C. O's and men from all parts of Canada.

Lieut. Mullin, 146th Battalion, is spending a few days in the city on his last leave.

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WOUNDED BRITISH AND GERMANS GOOD MIXERS WHEN FIGHTING IS OVER. While these wounded British and German soldiers are waiting for the ambulance to carry them to the hospital the two in the foreground are having a pleasant tete-a-tete.