

Headquarters Staff For Military District No. 3

A GREAT ORGANIZATION HANDLING THE MILITIA

In the Country From Cornwall to Bowmanville, and From Kingston to Near to the North Pole.

Since the war broke out the public, through the press, has been kept regularly informed as to what has been going on at "headquarters," but citizens as a rule have not the faintest idea what forms the basis of that great organization which



BRIG-GEN. T. D. R. HEMMING

takes the technical name of being Headquarters of Military District No. 3. The third district of Canada's military map extends roughly from Lindsay on the west to Cornwall and Peta-wawa on the north to the river and lake front on the south. It is practically all in Ontario. Due more to the men who make up the headquarters staff than to the citizens in the

district, it has done more in providing men for the war, in proportion to population than any other district in Canada. Kingston is proud to be the location of this headquarters.

The chief of this organization is Brigadier-General T. D. R. Hemming, General Officer Commanding, who in his quiet but earnest way has the whole business at his finger tips, and is the power behind all the elements of progress which make for this district's reputation. He is a man in every sense of the word, and the success of the district has been made possible through the steadfast loyalty of the general's staff to their work and to him. The co-operation shown is marvellous, and the results warrant the highest praise.

The general is one of the hardest workers in the Armouries. He is down every morning at 8.30 o'clock, and for two years since the war broke out has never been a day away from duty.

The second in command of the district is Col. G. Hunter Ogilvie, who takes the official title of Assistant Adjutant General. He took over these duties in charge of administration in 1911, and since that time has made his knowledge of military matters count to the limit. Gen. Hemming has in him a most able officer, and one who, though a strict disciplinarian, is most popular among all ranks.

In these days when training counts so much the name of Lieut.-Col. W. J. Brown, General Staff Officer, comes to the fore. Col. Brown is a product of Belleville, but is now a thorough Kingstonian, and one of whom this city may well be proud. Like his friend and brother, ex-Belleveilleite, Wilson is an efficient officer, and

Lieut.-Col. H. R. Wilson, he is big in stature, and in capacity for work. Col. Brown, however, in spite of his tremendous energy and ambitions towards an efficiency goal, is jovial and well liked by every person.

Lieut.-Col. H. R. Wilson bears the title of District Assistant Adjutant



COL. G. HUNTER OGILVIE

and Quartermaster General. He is a man who seems to know everything about everything, and though his office is protected by two other officers his sanctum is invaded by a multitude of people in pursuit of knowledge on this or that subject. Col. Hamilton prefers to be nearer his work, and so has his headquarters in

worthy of his position on the district staff.

He has a brother on the staff who discharges the duties of Assistant Director of Dental Services. Major J. M. Wilson has been here about a year and during that time has done more than his share in making the Dental Corps of this district what it is now.

Attached to the general staff are Lieut.-Col. A. W. Richardson, District Intelligence Officer, and Major D. E. Mundell, District Signalling Officer. Both are too well known as citizens to require any reference here beyond the fact that their military work is in a line with their civilian reputation. Major Mundell, as commandant of the School of Signalling, has done a great amount of active work during the last year.

In speaking of the School of Signalling with Major D. E. Mundell as commandant, there is one officer who also deserves a great deal of credit, and that is Lieut. Neil Munsie, adjutant of the school. Morning, noon and night he has worked for the good of the school, and has certainly been of tremendous value to the major.

There is also Lieut.-Col. George H. Gillespie, a Kingston alderman, who is well known to many citizens. The authorities appreciate his military duties. He is the organizer and inspector of Cadet Corps for the district.

In the technical departments attached to the administrative staff the most important from a civilian standpoint is that of Lieut.-Col. R. J. Gardiner, Assistant Director of Medical Services. This military doctor is directly responsible for Kingston having a 1,000-bed hospital, Convalescent Homes, Military Hospitals, and all such matters come within his province, but he has proved his ability and made good in every sense of the word.

The Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport is one who, with the exception of the engineer officer and the ordnance officer, is not located at the Armouries. Major James Hamilton prefers to be nearer his work, and so has his headquarters in

Tete de Pont barracks. From that point he directs all matters of the department under his care, and he has done the work since the war began in a way that has made Gen. Hemming proud to have such a man in charge of this important department.

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LIEUT.-COL. W. J. BROWN

Armouries is Capt. F. A. Palmer, who has charge of engineering services. The official title for him is rather confusing, being "Commanding, Royal Canadian Engineer," but in spite of his title he does the work as a worthy successor to Lieut.-Col. C. J. Burritt.

At the Armouries, in a quiet office that gives little hint of its possessor, is Capt. Charles Turner, who has the doubtfully envious job of being in charge of all financial matters of the district. Last year, wearing that same smile, he handled a department that was paying bills to the extent of almost one million dollars every month. This district has a reputation of having one of the best conducted pay offices in the Dominion, and it is due to Capt. Turner's steady and consistent handling of his staff that this reputation has been made.

Another captain who, though only a late addition, has already proved his worth, is Capt. J. Craigie Norwell, Col. Wilson's assistant. He is Scotch and a soldier, being a veteran of South Africa. His extensive training, both in a military capacity and also in civilian life, makes him valuable to the D. A. A. and Q. M. G.

Another captain who is also assistant in the direction of an important department is Capt. R. B. Richardson, who takes many responsibilities off the shoulders of Lieut.-Col. Gardiner. Capt. Richardson seems to be a bundle of energy, and uses it to handling the hundreds of cases that come into his daily work.

In the fore-part of this article it was mentioned that the Ordnance Officer is not located at the Armouries, and it is difficult to say that he is located anywhere else. Capt. Andrew McCully is too energetic to "locate," but seems to live everywhere in the garrison where business arises that has to do with the workings of his department. He, with Capt. Kidd, A.D.C., are the first officers of the headquarters staff proper who have been overseas in the present conflict. As quartermaster of the 21st Battalion he was in France for some time until recalled to take this position.

Capt. W. J. McManus, formerly of the Royal Infantry School staff at Halifax, is a thorough soldier. His enterprise now, besides being garrison adjutant, is in the handling of the affairs of the Special Service Company. He has shown his military

ability since coming here last winter. Capt. A. Ashmore Kidd, Aide de Camp, though holding only a junior rank compared to the heads of departments, is one of the most highly respected officers at the Armouries. He was overseas with the 2nd Bat-



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talion. Though modest in manner, he is highly thought of.

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