

With Perth Regiment On The Niagara Front

By WES DAVIS

Rapid progress is being made in the restoration of Fort George at Niagara-on-the-Lake and it is likely that the historic site will be formally opened at an early date. Financing the project—at the cost of thousands of dollars—is being done jointly by the provincial and federal governments.

Still a spot where members of the Perth Regiment love to roam when off duty, Fort George was visited on Saturday afternoon by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, Lieut. Nelson Bullock, J. I. Dolan and the writer. The O.C. spent over an hour inspecting the many buildings and explaining their various purposes.

Originally built in 1797 by the Royal Canadian Volunteers under command of Lieut.-Col. John MacDonald, the old fort served that unit for four years. General Brock enlarged it. The fort was beaten down by converging fire from Fort Niagara, across the river, and by neighboring batteries on May 25 and 26, 1813, and was occupied on May 27 that year. The Canadians regained it on December 10, 1813, and until 1845 Fort George remained an important military base.

The site is going to be more than a mere hot dog stand. Carpenters and blacksmiths are busy restoring the old furnishings. In some ways the bunk houses of the olden days resemble those of the present day though the double decker bunks are of wood instead of steel as in Perth barracks. There were fireplaces instead of stoves.

One of the buildings that interested all of us on the visit to Fort George was the guard house or jail—and it prompted the Colonel to say it would be a great place to confine some of the naughty Perths. The "brig" has three or four solid rooms of three by six feet with only a small opening in the door and no electric light like the cells at Perth barracks.

Lieut.-Col. MacDonald and General Brock had all the nice things that went with their high office. The antique chairs and the four poster bed—with its homespun spread—have already been placed in the commanding officer's quarters. The long mess table and the quaint individual chairs lead us to believe that the officers in the early days of Fort George enjoyed an even higher state of luxury than do those of the pips and crowns today.

With Lieut.-Col. McComb still acting as guide the local party visited Fort Missassaga and Butler's Burying Ground, the latter a small cemetery on the former Butler farm where a battle was staged against the invading Americans.

One cannot let this opportunity pass without mentioning that the commander of the Perths has stored away in his memory a vast amount of early Canadian history and the O. C. has studied his history to such an extent that he is able to relate interesting details of the early campaigns in the district where he is now in supreme command from a defence standpoint.

One frequently hears reports from the Perth camps at Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake to the effect that the regiment is shortly going to another point. Troop movements come under the category of secret information but this column has been assured there is nothing of an official nature issued the troops to date.

Many of the officers and men were absent when we visited the camp. It was a week-end leave that took the best part of a company and a half of men to their homes in different parts of the province and hundreds of men were also engaged in guard duties at Niagara Falls.

Lieut.-Col. McComb tells us that some promotions are to be listed in orders during this week. There is a report current that Capt. H. G. Clark will become second-in-command of "A" company in succession to Capt. William Charters who is now paymaster.

Through the courtesy of the editor of the Canadian Veteran the original sketch of "Perth Personalities" which also appeared in The Beacon-Herald some time ago, has been presented to the officers. The editor, Colonel Picking will be interested to know that the O.C. has had it placed over the fireplace on the mantle in the Mess.

Private Isaac Reginald John Turcott, a native of Owen Sound, is another representative from the city on the shores of Georgian Bay to enlist with the Perths. Private Turcott is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Turcott, 1769 3rd avenue east, Owen Sound. He has spent his entire life in Owen Sound and prior to enlisting with the Perth Regiment at Stratford was employed at the Eureka Company. He is a graduate of Strathcona Public School at Owen Sound and the Owen Sound Vocational School. He has two sisters and one brother, Mary Grace, Philippa and John, all of Owen Sound.

The cigars are on Private Claude Hewitt of D Company. The reason? Private Hewitt is the proud father of a daughter, born on June 27 at 8:30 in the morning. The baby weighed 9½ pounds at birth. Mother and babe are doing well and have the best wishes of all the boys down here.

Friends of Private W. Riddell who is better known to the officers and men of the Perths, and many in this city, as "Little Abner" will be tickled to hear that he is having a great time at Connaught Ranges in Ottawa. Private Riddell has employment in the Sergeants' Mess and according to reports reaching the Perths' camps he keeps the sergeants in a round of laughter.

In a recent photograph of B company cook house staff it was stated that Private Desjardine is head cook. This was somewhat of an injustice to Private Al Cross as he heads the staff in that kitchen.

Private Cliff Roulston is cooking for the new recruits at Niagara-on-the-Lake. It is a temporary arrangement until the men are all allotted to the different companies. His services are missed by Private Gordon Donaghy, head cook for Headquarters company. The latter chides Cook George Haines about his issue of steak and onions. "I served my men steak and onions long before George ever thought of it," Donaghy says.

Mrs. L. A. Bolitsky and son Gordon of Kitchener have arrived to spend several weeks at Niagara-on-the-Lake. So has Mrs. Frank Doxey. There are also a number of other soldiers' wives and families spending their holidays in the village and it is said that as a result living accommodation is becoming scarce.

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Truck drivers in the ranks of the Perth Regiment at the base camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake are making splendid progress in their work according to Transport Sergeant P. J. Tyers, the Stratford man who is in charge of this end of the training. Every day sees a number of the men pass their test. They use the recently acquired army truck or "puddle jumper" as it is becoming popularly known among the troops.

Specially designed for military work the truck has been put through the acid test and usually when it has been going over the bumps, through the ditches and water holes a Perth has been at the wheel or beside Sergeant Tyers. The latter loves to get a friend or a new driver with him on a rough ride just to see if his head will hit the padding at the top of the truck's cabin. The sergeant usually removes the hat of the recruit so that he can observe the full effect of the bounce.

Sergeant Tyers has been having so much fun at the expense of his army associates that Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, thought he'd have some fun with the sergeant so he invited the latter for a ride. The colonel got behind the wheel with the sergeant in front of him, and off they went down the road. The C.O. has one or two favorite spots that he takes his passengers and he tells us he had a choice one for the sergeant. The water went right over the cab, but the truck made the steep incline of the ditch and did not stop for any trees in its path.

Just to look at the truck one would not think it is as durable as it has proven but Perth authorities tell us that the vehicle has been especially built for all the rough work that might present itself in Canada or across the pond. It is of the right hand drive variety and that in itself has been a novelty to most of the khaki clad drivers. While only one truck has arrived at the Perth headquarters to date, it is reported that more are on the way.

H. A. Howey, a former resident of Stratford, is living in Niagara-on-the-Lake and he has been having a great time renewing acquaintances with men from the city. Mr. Howey went to the Niagara district some years ago as a customs preventative officer but when that force was demobilized he was appointed assistant vendor in the Liquor Control Board of On-

tario store at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Wedding bells are ringing these days in Perth circles. Permission to marry has been granted by the commanding officer to Private C. F. Kurt and to Private A. Rouse. The latter is a member of C company.

Corporal "Tex" Carrick, one of the Goderich men with the troops in camp is a happy man these days. He has been joined in Niagara by his wife and family. They recently moved there.

Troops at both the Niagara Falls, Ont., and Niagara-on-the-Lake continue to enjoy fresh vegetables and fruit at their meals and the variety is being increased as the season progresses. Beets and beet greens, cauliflower and carrots are finding their place on the menu while fresh strawberries, lettuce and onions are also popular.

Dr. Lorne Robertson of Stratford was a visitor at the camp. He made the trip to visit Private Cecil Boyd who was formerly chauffeur for Dr. Robertson.

Lieut. Harold Snelgrove, Corporal G. H. Hogg, Corporal Don Habbirk, Corporal W. Furzer and Lance-Corporal H. Wright have rejoined the Perths after attending the royal small arms school at Connaught Ranges in Ottawa.

Garden parties and strawberry festivals are meeting with favor among the men of Perth. They have been frequently entertained at such events by the people at Niagara-on-the-Lake and recently the men were guests of St. Andrew's Church. Entertainment for the occasion was furnished by the Niagara Falls, N.Y., Glee Club, an organization that made a hit with the soldiers.

Corporal Dalton Dunseith, who was army butcher at the base camp, now is in charge of the meat department at the guards' camp at Niagara Falls. Private Bob Iles has assumed the job of battalion butcher at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Cam Killoran, son of Judge James L. Killoran and Mrs. Killoran of Stratford has been attending the Canadian Officers' Training Corps at Niagara-on-the-Lake. He is the picture of health and says that the Niagara area agrees with him. Mr. Killoran's course finished on Saturday and he is hoping to get a military appointment one of these days.

Things in the Niagara-on-the-Lake camp livened up considerably with the arrival of a detachment

of the Veterans' Guard. "The Old Sweats," as their commanding officer called them, are making the best of their training period but in the evenings they entertain themselves and most of the other folks in camp. "They have been through the mill and know what it is all about," their O.C. said. "I have to step on them once in a while but on the whole they are a fine lot of men."

The Perth Regiment flag has been hoisted on the camp flag pole just outside the administration office. It is in the battalion colors with the word "Perth" across it. The size of the flag is five feet by two and a half feet.

PERTH REGIMENT NEEDS TEN MEN

Ten more men are urgently needed by the Perth Regiment, it was announced yesterday by recruiting officers at the Stratford Armouries on Waterloo street.

During the past day or two there have been 11 more men added to the strength of the unit. They have been successful in meeting the medical standards required by the unit and will shortly be leaving the city to join the unit at the base camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The new enlistments are: A11905, James Reginald Campbell, R.R. 3, Goderich; A11906, Donald Grant Campbell, R.R. 1, Ripley; A11907, Cleveland Manser, Harriston; A11908, David Edward Price, R.R. 5, Orangeville; A11909, Norman James MacDonald, R.R. 5, Stratford; A11910, George William Douglas, R.R. 2, Alma; A11911, Emmerson George McBeth, Moorefield; A11912, Harvey Gordon, Montreal; A11913, John Lloyd, Durham; A11914, Joseph Robert Rosso, 93 Nelson street; A11915, Alfred Steve Piro, Alvington.

Stratford Men In Service



Among the new officers in the Perth Regiment at Niagara is Lieut. Nelson Bullock, son of Mrs. Mary Bullock, 121 Downie street, and the late Joseph Bullock. Born in this city Lieut. Bullock received his education at Romeo, Juliet and the former Central school and later he attended the Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute.

In his earlier civilian life Lieut. Bullock entered into an apprenticeship in the printing trade, working at The Beacon-Herald for a time. He was later on the staff of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada but for the past ten years he has been with the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario as a patrolman stationed at Palmerston.

Enlisting in the non-permanent militia in 1923, Lieut. Bullock accepted a commission in 1927 and the following year he qualified as a captain with which rank he retired to the reserve of officers of the Perth Regiment in 1937. He accepts the call to the Perths now that they are in active service with the rank of a lieutenant.

Mrs. Bullock, who is the former Miss Margaret R. Jacques, and two children, Buddy and Jimmie, live at Palmerston.

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Perths Still Require Additional Recruits

There is still a definite need for more recruits to complete the strength of the Perth Regiment, now on duty and in training at Niagara, it was reported yesterday at the regimental recruiting office in the armoury.

Since noon on Wednesday, three more men have been attested and are now members of the unit. They are A11916, Charles Herman Eichler, Preston, A11917, Bruce Elmer Ernest, Walkerton, and A11918, William Lupton, R.R. 2, Embro.

Thirteen volunteers left the city yesterday in charge of Sergeant Leve and reported at the base camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake in the afternoon. They will undergo a period of training and will then join the troops in their work on the frontier.

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Members of the Perth Regiment at Niagara Falls, Ont., and at Niagara-on-the-Lake who are attracting considerable attention these days, especially among the tourist folks are those men from the Indian reserve in the Bruce Peninsula.

Prominent among those redmen who are doing important duty at Niagara Falls at present is Corporal Andy Akiwenzie. He's the man who rouses the camp in the early hours of the morning with shrill tunes from his bugle. "You've gotta get up! You've gotta get up today!" That's what he tells the troops in rhythm, and needless to say it is just as unpopular today as it was in the Great War days.

Private Fred Jones and Private O. K. Johnston also are among the well-known men from the north. They come from a long line of Indian families and our attention was recently called to the fact that Private Jones is a son of Ex-Chief Charles Jones of the Cape Croker reservation. Private O. K. Johnston is a grandson.

The Owen Sound Sun-Times recently referred to Ex-Chief Jones as "one of the most distinguished redmen to make his home on one of the several reservations situated in the district" and that paper said his Indian name is "Kededonce," which is revered in both white and Indian circles wherever it is known in Canada.

That story in the Sun-Times further declared that "tourists and visitors to Cape Croker who visit on the Bay are privileged to make the acquaintance of a courtly and cultured gentleman, the head of one of Canada's leading Indian families, the members of which have succeeded in business, in music and the professions." Two of his daughters are graduate nurses, one son is a contractor and another served as a machine gun instructor in the Great War. He has two sons in the present Canadian Active Service Force.

Private Jimmy Jones, another of the Cape Croker district men, made quite a name for himself as a boxer in the district tournament around Military District No. 1 and we hear that he is just aching to get that uniform off so that he can don a pair of trunks in the ring again.

A new style of tent pole has made its appearance at Niagara Falls camp, which, by the way, is known as Camp Victoria. A strong wind and a little rain found Corporal W. H. Dickey and Private Windling laboring with a broken pole. True soldiers that they are, the C company boys quickly found a two-by-four scantling, and with another piece of half-inch lumber they soon had the tent back up.

Quite resourceful boys, these Perths.

The junior N.C.O.'s of C company are taking a "refresher" course in machine gun instruction under Lieut. John Whyte. Regardless of guard duty which the troops are on at present they must keep up with their training for more important work that may come later. "A refresher course without refreshments," said one of the N.C.O.'s.

It's all around the camp by now, but Platoon Sergeant Major Mitchell has mysteriously acquired a sleeping cot. He does not know where it came from but nevertheless he's quite pleased with the donation, which is generally outlawed in camp circles. The Company Sergeant Major in his tent is still "grounded" and "very much annoyed."

Private C. Oliver of D company, who was fortunate enough to belong to the St. Marys non-permanent militia unit in the old days, admits he's "quite a dresser." The reason is that he is one of the few privates to have summer dress. It is quite comfortable these warm Niagara days.

Corporal A. W. Williams is back in camp after a 36-hour leave. He visited his home in Windsor. Corporal Williams is a member of D company.

Lieut. John Whyte has his troubles now-a-days. He has a new car and also a new squeak—one of the things that has him, and most of his company worried. The squeak stopped for a few days but now it's working again. Perhaps a greasing might do the trick.

Sergeant E. Le Conte says it is no soft job teaching recruits the routine of army work. He's lost his voice — a "break" for many of his subordinates.

Capt. the Rev. Norman MacKay, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Mitchell and for some months padre to the Perth Regiment while it was in this city, and more recently attached to the Highland Light Infantry of Canada at Perth barracks, has been ordered to join the Stratford unit at Niagara-on-the-Lake. His appointment will be on a full time basis, according to an announcement from headquarters of Military District No. 1, London.

A veteran of the Great War, Capt. MacKay served with the Royal Naval Trawler section of the Royal Navy during 1918 and 1919. When war broke out last year he volunteered for the Canadian Chaplain Service and in February of this year was appointed padre to the Perth Regiment on a part-time basis. He has been carrying on his duties of late with the H.L.I. of C.

On Active Service



Captain A. F. Hunter, proprietor of the Stratford Bottling Company which is tonight holding an open house that the citizens of this district may inspect its new plant at 700 Erie street.

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Lind Appointment May Create Staff Changes

Appointment of Major J. S. H. Lind as a staff captain in the 4th Infantry Brigade of the Second Division, Canadian Active Service Force, will necessitate a few changes in the staff of the Perth Regiment, Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, told The Beacon-Herald in a long distance telephone conversation from Niagara-on-the-Lake Saturday.

Just what the changes will be have not been announced officially, he said, and for that reason he is not at liberty to make any comment on them. Major Lind, however, was second-in-command of the Perths when he left for England to attend a military staff college in preparation for his appointment to the staff and for that reason a new second-in-command will have to be named. Since Major Lind went overseas Major D. M. Ross, M.M., has been commander of Headquarters company and in the absence of the O.C. has been acting second-in-command.

Lieut. D. J. Gladman has left Niagara for Camp Borden where he will take a four weeks' course in signalling, Lieut.-Col. McComb announced. Upon completion of the course, Lieut. Gladman will rejoin

the unit.

No Official Word

While reports have been prevalent that the Perths will shortly move to other duties, the commanding officer said that "no official word on that is available."

The whole regiment is happy, Lieut.-Col. McComb said, in that orders have come through from headquarters that the Perths will be allowed to maintain its band. While the unit had the services of its band in this city, under the direction of Corporal Steve Cordell, guard duties at Niagara Falls, Ont., curtailed the activities in recent months and the men have had little chance to play, let alone rehearse. Now arrangements have been made for the bandmen to practice and also entertain the troops. To this end Lieut.-Col. McComb said, the band will be developed and he said that the Perth recruiting officers will be asked to find a few musicians who would like to join the regiment.

The weather in Niagara Falls and at Niagara-on-the-Lake during the past week has been ideal though quite hot. Things are running along smoothly at both camps and the men seemingly are enjoying their life under canvas.

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Stratford Men In Service



Another recent recruit with the Perth Regiment in the Niagara district is Private Wilfred John Coles, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Coles, 403 Ontario street. He was born in England on June 18, 1921, and came to this city as a child with his parents. Private Coles received his education at local schools, and at the Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute. In civilian life he was a laborer and a member of the Church of England. He has three sisters. They are Mrs. Mel Seebach, 18 Wellington street; Mrs. William Bosworth, 14 Wellington street, and Miss Dorothy Coles, 403 Ontario street.

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Private C. G. Stone, who has recently enlisted with the Perth Regiment, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius J. Stone, 111 Nile street. Born in this city on December 31, 1910, Private Stone received his education in Stratford and Sebringville schools and then learned the printing trade in the office of The Stratford Beacon-Herald. At the time of his enlistment he was residing in Toronto, but has since moved his family to this city. His wife, the former Miss Dorothy Robinson, and two children, Clarice and Kenneth, reside at 73 Dufferin street.

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PTE. EDWARD "LEFTY" PHILIP

—Beacon-Herald Engraving
A popular figure in industrial athletic circles of Stratford for many years, Pte. Edward "Lefty" Philip, 292 Queen street, is with the Perths at Niagara Falls. His regimental number is A11651 and it was exactly one month after the declaration of war that he offered his services for his King and Country.

Pte. Philip was born in Scotland, a son of Mrs. George Knight, 128 Bay street, and the late Robert Philip. He came to Canada as a young lad and before moving to Stratford some eighteen years ago, he resided in London, Ontario. Pte. "Lefty" Philip attended Juliet school and after he left school commenced to work in the Stratford Chair Company, where he was employed for many years. For years he has been active in athletic circles in Stratford, specializing in baseball, softball and hockey.

His wife and two children, Norma, age 8, and Gary, age 2, reside at 292 Queen street.

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BY P. D. DEMPSEY

The Perth guards are highly amused by the flood of questions which greets them each day on duty at Niagara Falls, Ont., especially at the main gate. An inquisitive American tourist learned the other day that money cannot buy everything, not even a sample of the colored water (made that way by the lights) flowing over the Falls. "I've heard," he stated, "a lot about Niagara Falls, but who would have thought that the water is red."

"Pardon me," an elderly lady said to a guard, "would you mind telling me the name of these falls?" Corporal Howe of D Company explained that "this is the American Falls and this is the Canadian Falls." And then the woman looked puzzled. "Well, please sir, tell me where to find the Niagara Falls."

Private Jack Dempsey of Headquarters Company is receiving the congratulations of the troops on his being the father of a baby daughter. How about the cigars, Jack?

Accompanying Lieut. D. J. Gladman to Camp Borden recently for a special course in signalling were Private O. G. Hardy and Corporal W. A. Spears.

Two well-known members of the Perth Regiment here, Private Kurt of Headquarters Company and Private R. D. Butler of A Company,

recently joined the ranks of the benedicts. The former's next of kin is posted as Mrs. Mary Louise Catharine Kurt of 111 Joseph street, Kitchener, and the next of kin of the latter is Mrs. Katharine Elizabeth Butler, 1616 Elm street, Niagara Falls, Ont. Private Butler's intimates are calling him "Mr. Private Butler," now.

Congratulations are due Provost Sergeant W. G. Fergusson. He has been promoted to the rank of a staff sergeant. The sergeant says, to credit his promotion, that he earned it "through hard work and clean living—my boy."

Many regiments are boasting three brothers, but the Perths can now go one better. They have four from one family serving with them. They are the Wilmore boys from St. Marys. Lance Corporal Ben and Private William of D Company were recently joined by Privates Fred and John. All were members of the "Old Perth."

The driver of an army truck must be fully qualified for his job and back up his knowledge in an examination. Headquarters Company recently had driving tests and ten of their men passed with honors. They are Privates H. Carter, S. J. Halliday, W. F. Howie, C. A. Heimler, F. H. Seigner, W. H. Thiel, J. H. Weir, A. W. Welch, J. C. McLeod and C. D. Winteringham.

No Non-Permanent Unit Planned For This City

Although the reason was not given, an authoritative source in military circles states that the Perth Regiment will not be called upon by the Department of National Defence to mobilize another non-permanent active militia battalion during the period of the war.

For some time—ever since the Perths became a unit in the Canadian Active Service Force—there have been hints that another N.P.A.M. battalion would be raised to act as a training depot and feeder to the regiment now on duty at Niagara Falls, Ont. and at Niagara-on-the-Lake. However, The Beacon-Herald learns that such is not the plan of the powers-that-be and Stratford district men desiring to get into the home units are obliged to go to Kitchener, Galt or St. Thomas for training.

In this section of the province a round-up of activities indicates that three units are mobilizing their non-permanent militia battalions up to full strength.

In Three Cities
Major E. G. Warnock at Galt has

started work on behalf of the Highland Light Infantry of Canada and it is being known as the Second Battalion, N.P.A.M.

In Kitchener, Lieut.-Col. Harold Ballantyne is building his unit up to war strength, both the H.L.I. of C. and the Scots Fusiliers having suffered strength decreases due to mobilization for the C.A.S.F.

At St. Thomas there is also militia activity and Lieut.-Col. H. C. Cameron, K.C. is mobilizing the Elgin Rifles' Second Battalion since the 1st is now in the C.A.S.F. training at Queen's Park in London.

One of the strange decisions—from a layman's point of view—is that men desiring to take an officers' training course are experiencing difficulty and they find they have to join a non-permanent militia regiment and take some training first or they must have an affiliation with a recognized university so that they can gain admission into the Canadian Officers' Training Corps, all of which involves considerable traveling for Stratford men three nights per week.

—Beacon-Herald Photo-Engraving

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Pte. Arthur Phillips Of Carlingford Dead W.E. Moulton Is Held

Stratford Man, Also a Member of the Unit,
Will Face Murder Charge As Result of
Fatal Shooting At Victoria Park Camp
In Niagara Falls Early Sunday Morning;
Transfusions Fail To Save Victim

(Special to The Beacon-Herald)

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., July 15.—Private Arthur Phillips, 27, of Carlingford, Ontario, member of the Perth Regiment is dead as a result of a shooting that occurred in the camp of the regiment in Queen Victoria Park early Sunday morning.



Private William E. Moulton, 32, of 380 Brunswick street, Stratford, a member of "D" Company of the Perth Regiment, is being held by provincial police at city police headquarters as a result of the shooting.

Sergt. E. L. Priest of the provincial police stated that Crown Attorney Harry W. Maccoomb, K.C., of Welland, came here Sunday afternoon and advised that a charge of murder be laid against Moulton. He will be arraigned before Magistrate John B. Hopkins today, Sergt. Priest said. A remand will be requested by the police, it is understood.

Bullet Pierces Body

A .303 steel rifle bullet pierced Phillips' body, entering the right side of the abdomen and leaving his back through the left side, travelling a distance of twelve feet before it lodged in the ground.

The rifle apparently was fired at close range and the bullet shattered Phillips' internal organs. An emergency operation was performed by Dr. Harry A. Wrong early Sunday morning at the general hospital immediately after Phillips was admitted. Blood transfusions were given by Privates Malcolm McDougall, A. J. Bevington and another member of the regiment in an effort to save the young man's life, but he failed to rally and died at 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

Chief Coroner Dr. E. T. Kellam conducted an investigation and stated that he would not hold an inquest unless ordered to do so by the attorney-general.

Dr. Wrong performed an autopsy and reported to the chief coroner that Phillips died of a perforated liver, bowel and kidney.

Phillips is survived by a brother, Jack Phillips, of Tottenham, Ont., who came here Sunday to make arrangements for the funeral.

Pair Had Had Dispute

Details of the shooting are meagre, Moulton and Phillips and other members of their company

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Provincial Police In Charge

The first news of the shooting reached the city police station at 2:30 Sunday morning and Patrol Sergeant Norman Byers and Constables Donald C. Vicary and William Peoples were dispatched to Queen Victoria Park. Upon arrival at the barricaded area in the power house zone, where the regiment has been on guard duty for several months, they were escorted to the encampment, where Sergeant Byers arrested Moulton. Phillips had been removed to the general hospital in an ambulance. It was later determined that the camp is located in Stamford Township and therefore the whole case was turned over to the provincial police. Constables W. A. Gibson, Fred Foden and J. Hanson were assigned to the investigation. Later on Sunday Inspector E. C. Gurnett, of the criminal investigation department, arrived to take charge of the probe.

Victim of Tragedy



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had been at Niagara Camp until Friday when they returned to the Queen Victoria Park Camp to go on duty guarding the Queenston power house. It is reported that Moulton and Phillips met in Niagara Falls early Saturday evening and that the two had some disagreement. It is said that at about 1:30 Sunday morning, when the men were back in camp, the altercation was revived and the discharge of the rifle followed. Corporal Richard Anderson, St. Marys, and Corporal Jim Redfern, Stratford, it is believed, were eye-witnesses of the tragedy.

Employer Praises Phillips

A thorough Britisher who often discussed the possibilities of war last summer with his friends, Arthur Phillips vowed then that if war broke out he would enlist immediately. He did so, signing up at the recruiting office in St. Marys on September 3, the day on which Britain declared war.

Phillips had made his home for some years in the Carlingford area and the people considered him one of their own.

Fred Willows, Carlingford farmer, by whom Phillips was employed for five years, told a Beacon-Herald reporter last evening: "He carried our standard, and his death removes our only representative in the service. Arthur was a splendid chap and a hustler to work. I was always pleased with him. He neither smoked nor drank and he loved horses and farm work."

From Mr. Willows it was also learned that last winter Private Phillips motored in his own car from barracks in Stratford to play for the Carlingford hockey team, which used the Fullerton ice.

"He always took his army work seriously," Mr. Willows claimed. "He would often come into the house and sit with me to discuss affairs, and when the subject of soldiers came up he had only the highest praise for his officers. The sun shone, in his view, on Colonel McComb. Arthur worshipped him."

Was "Barnardo Boy"

It was Fred Willows who was responsible for Private Phillips' coming to this part of Ontario. Mr. Willows needed a youth to do odd chores around his farm and wrote to the Barnardo Home Foundation, Toronto, in 1929. Officials of that organization recommended Arthur Phillips, then a lad of 16, and he was acceptable to Mr. Willows. He had come out from England in 1921 and had attended school and worked for a farmer in Beaumaris, Muskoka, under the Barnardo supervision.

After a year and a half with Fred Willows he went to work for Sidney Smith, of Carlingford. Although he had been back at the Willows farm in succeeding years, he had worked for several years at Motherwell for William Rogers, being employed there when he enlisted.

That Private Phillips liked horses, as Mr. Willows said, was borne out by the fact that he owned one for several years, disposing of it after he joined the Perth Regiment.

When the Perth Regiment commenced training in Stratford last September Private Phillips was billeted by the regiment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Justason, 154 Elizabeth street.

Went To Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Justason went to Niagara Falls yesterday immediately they were advised of the tragedy. Speaking to The Beacon-Herald today Mrs. Justason recalled that Private Phillips had been billeted at her home for three months.

"He was just like a brother to us and after he went into barracks and later when the soldiers went to camp he visited at every opportunity," Mrs. Justason said.

Private Gordon Moore, an Orangeville recruit and Mrs. Justason's brother, Floyd Phillips of Sebringville, who has since returned to civilian life were also billeted at

the Justason home and as Private Phillips was older than the other two Mrs. Justason said he was "always trying to help the younger fellows. He took their part in troubles of any kind. He was a grand kid."

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Details on Any
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The Service

Soldier Slain in Camp; Companion Is Arrested

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 14 (Special).—Private Andrew Phillips, 28, who was to have been married to a girl from his home town of Carlingford this summer, was shot to death early this morning. Police are holding Private William E. Moulton, 32.

The shooting occurred at the Perth Regiment camp at Queen Victoria Park. Moulton, a member of "D" Company of the regiment, gave his home address as Brunswick Street, Stratford.

No motive for the shooting was

Your Morning Smile

Wife—Please match this piece of silk for me before you come home.

Husband—At the counter where the sweet little blonde works? The one with the soulful eyes and—

Wife—No, you're too tired to shop for me when your day's work is done, dear. On second thought, I won't bother you.

assigned by Provincial Police called in to investigate the first case of its kind in a Canadian military camp since outbreak of war. Phillips was shot through the abdomen with a .303 steel bullet from an army rifle. Three pints of blood were donated by soldier friends of the victim but the transfusions failed to take effect and Phillips died without regaining consciousness. An emergency operation was performed by Dr. H. A. Wrong who later held an autopsy.

Private Moulton, who has a wife in Stratford, is said by eyewitnesses to the shooting to have cursed Phillips in a burst of profanity before pressing the trigger. The bullet passed completely through Phillips' body, entering on the right side of the abdomen and passing out through his back on the left side, continuing for a distance of twelve feet to lodge in the earth.

SOLDIER SLAIN.

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SOLDIER SLAIN BY ARMY RIFLE

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His internal organs were shattered by the bullet.

Corporal Richard Anderson, St. Marys, and Corporal Jim Redfern, Stratford, were horrified eyewitnesses. The former succeeded in felling Moulton and wresting the gun away from him. Moulton is alleged to have used a gun owned by Private Norman Lee, Vancouver Island, and ammunition from the supply issued to Private H. Jones, Tavistock. Five shells were loaded in the gun, but only one was used.

It is alleged that Moulton had threatened to shoot Phillips earlier in the day when the pair met at Niagara Falls. On returning to camp, Moulton is said to have entered the tent he had formerly occupied and removed the gun from the rack and the ammunition from Jones' supply. Soldiers in the camp said he was intoxicated.

Private Malcolm McDougal, St. Marys, buddy and pal of Phillips, was the first to give blood when transfusions were decided upon. A brother, Jack Phillips of Tottenham, is the only known member of the family.

Inspector E. C. Gurnett of the C.I.D. arrived this afternoon to take charge of the investigation. Moulton was arrested by Patrol Sergeant Byers of the Niagara Falls city police, but when it was learned the shooting occurred in Stamford Township, the case was turned over to Provincial Police. The story of the eyewitnesses will be obtained by the authorities tomorrow. Inspector Gurnett said a murder charge would be laid and Moulton would be remanded when he appeared in court tomorrow.

Crown Attorney H. W. MacComb, K.C., of Welland arrived in the city this afternoon and conferred with Inspector Gurnett and military authorities. Dr. E. T. Kellam, chief coroner, conducted an investigation. He said no inquest would be held unless ordered by the Attorney-General.

Phillips was to have married Miss Eileen M. Willows of Carlingford. He was born in England twenty-eight years ago and came to Canada at the age of 7. Popular in his home town, he was a member of Carlingford United Church and sang in the choir. Phillips played hockey and baseball on village teams. The funeral will be held from the home of John Phillips, no relation, at Sebringville. No date has yet been set.

Stratford Men In Service



—Beacon-Herald Photo-Engraving

A son of Sergeant W. H. Gardner of the Perth Regiment, and Mrs. Gardner, 24 McKenzie street, Private Donald Gardner recently left the city for Niagara-on-the-Lake as a recruit for his father's unit. Born in Stratford on December 31, 1919, Private Gardner received his education in Shakespeare public school and later worked in his father's shoe repair shop. He is a member of St. James' Church. His regimental number is A11756.

Stratford Men In Service



—Beacon-Herald Photo-Engraving

Private Robert Joseph Rosso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rosso, 93 Nelson street, was a recent recruit with the Perth Regiment and is now at Niagara Falls. He was born here and received his education in Hamlet public school. At the time of his enlistment Private Rosso was employed at the United Shoe Shine Parlor. The youth Perth is a member of St. James' Anglican Church. He has four brothers, Albert, Roy, Harvey and Donald, and three sisters, Mrs. James Hannigan, whose husband is also in the Perth Regiment, Joan and Shirley. They all reside at home.

SOLDIERS PASS COMRADE'S BIER

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 15 (Special).—Sorrowful members of the Perth Regiment tonight filed past the bier of their comrade, Private Arthur Phillips, 28, who was shot and killed in Queen Victoria Camp Sunday.

Today his alleged murderer, Private William E. Moulton, 22, of the same regiment, stood stiffly at attention before Magistrate John B. Hopkins and heard the murder charge read. He was remanded one week. The accused appeared haggard and was unshaven. He mumbled replies to questions, and as he left the courtroom in custody, he asked: "What now?"



W. E. Moulton.

"I can't understand it. I don't know why it happened," was all that Phillips' grief-stricken fiancée, Eileen Willows of Carlingford, could say. "He wasn't the kind of boy to get into trouble."

The body of Phillips will be sent to Sebringville for funeral services at the home of John Phillips, no relation.

IN LETTER-WRITING MOOD



Little did anyone think a few weeks ago when the above photograph was taken at the base camp of the Perth Regiment at Niagara-on-the-Lake that tragedy would overcome Private Arthur Phillips, the soldier appearing at the left of Corporal G. Guymer. Both were in a particularly happy mood that day and they decided to write letters.

A popular officer who is temporarily attached to the Highland Light Infantry of Canada in Perth barracks here is Captain the Rev. Norman MacKay. He is chaplain at present but will shortly assume the padre's post with the Perth Regiment.



Capt. N. MacKay

Prior to volunteering for the Canadian Active Service Force, Capt. the Rev. Norman MacKay was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Mitchell. He has been granted leave of absence from his charge for the duration of the war.

Born in Crowlist, Uig, Lewis, Scotland, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacKay, Captain MacKay came to Canada after the Great War and received his education at the University of Western Ontario at London and later at Knox Presbyterian College in Toronto.

During 1918 and 1919 Captain MacKay was on active service with the R.N.R.T. and was stationed in the Mediterranean Sea. His duties were those of a deckhand. Captain MacKay is a married man and the father of three fine children. They are, Ian Donald, Catharine Ann and Kenneth Angus. They make their home at the Presbyterian Manse in Mitchell.

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Slain Soldier's Remains Taken To Sebringville

Accompanied by a detail of three men in charge of Staff Sergeant W. G. Fergusson, provost officer, the remains of Private Arthur Phillips, who was allegedly slain by a fellow soldier at Queen Victoria Park Camp of the Perth Regiment in Niagara Falls, early Sunday morning reached Stratford yesterday and were later taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips at Sebringville. The funeral will be held from here on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock and interment will follow in the Sebringville Cemetery.

Wreaths from the officers and men of the Perth Regiment covered the case containing the casket when it was carried from the 10:25 a.m. train, after its arrival at the C.N.R. depot here.

There were a few friends of the dead soldier, who was well-known throughout the Sebringville-Carlingford area where he had lived for some years prior to enlisting with the Perths last Fall.

Members of the regiment paid their last respects to their departed comrade Monday evening when they filed past Private Phillips' bier.

A few others will come to the city, it is understood, to attend the funeral. Members of the unit who reached the city said the tragic death of Private Phillips—one of the best soldiers in the ranks—has cast a gloom over the camps of the Perths, both at Niagara-on-the-Lake and at Niagara Falls, Ont.

The remains were removed from

a Mitchell undertaker's parlor about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and were taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, no relation, at Sebringville where they will rest until the funeral.

Private Phillips' only relative in Canada, a brother John of Tottenham, is supervising funeral arrangements.

Changes Coming In Perths

**Commanding Officer
McComb And Major
D. M. Ross To
Report In London**

Changes which will affect the command of the Perth Regiment will be announced shortly, it became known in Stratford late Tuesday.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer of the unit which was mobilized here at the outbreak of war, and Major D. M. Ross, M.M., commanding officer of Headquarters Company, have been instructed to report to headquarters of Military District No. 1 at London and in the meantime Major E. C. Shelley, commanding officer of "A" company, has been placed in temporary command of the regiment, since there is no second-in-command of the unit.

Although the Perth Regiment is at present stationed in territory which comes under the jurisdiction of Brigadier R. O. Alexander in Military District No. 2, Toronto, the unit still continues under the executive control of Brigadier D. J. Macdonald, Military District No. 1, London, and it is said that it will be up to him to make the changes on the recommendations of Brigadier Alexander.

No Official Statement.

Brigadier Macdonald has no official statement to make at this time and when spoken to by telephone at Camp Borden today Brigadier Alexander, who visited the headquarters of the Perth Regiment on Tuesday, declared that he has made his recommendations and any further action, if he chooses to abide by the recommendations, must come from Brigadier Macdonald.

Credence to the report that the changes are to come about was lent by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, who told The Beacon-Herald that he has been asked to report to London "in a day or two" and Major D. M. Ross was in the city Tuesday night en route to London, where he will report today. Neither cared to make a statement until they learn officially at headquarters of Military District No. 1 what changes are to be made.

News of the proposed change in senior officers was brought into Stratford late Tuesday by troops returning on leave from their base camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake. They reported that Brigadier Alexander had visited their headquarters earlier in the day and had relieved their commanding officer and that Major Ross had also been ordered to report to London.

There has been no second-in-command of the Perth Regiment since the departure of Major John S. H. Lind for England, where he has since been named a staff captain of the Second Division, Canadian Active Service Force. With the three senior officers absent from the unit the temporary command, therefore, fell on the shoulders of Major E. C. Shelley.

Efforts to communicate with Brigadier Alexander Tuesday night were futile and The Beacon-Herald was informed officially, pending confirmation from him, that "anything that has transpired has not transpired as a result of a recent incident." It is presumed the "recent incident" was the tragic death of Private Arthur Phillips and the subsequent arrest of Private William E. Moulton on a charge of murder.

Stratford Men In Service



—Beacon-Herald Photo-Engraving

A son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cross, 405 Romeo street, city, Private Alastair T. Cross of the Perth Regiment was born at Washington, Ont., on August 24, 1914. He attended Juliet public school and later was employed at G. L. Griffith and Sons, Ltd., and the Grosch Felt Shoe Co. Ltd. but at the time of his enlistment he was working on a farm at West Zorra. Private Cross has five sisters and a brother. They are Mrs. E. Bateman, 55 Norfolk street; Mrs. W. Herlich, 112 Perth street; Dorothy, Bernice, Shirley and Kenneth at home. It is of interest that Private Cross' father served with the R.G.A. for eight years in India and in the Great War with the 110th Battalion. Six uncles also served in the Great War.

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MILITARY RITES FOR SOLDIER



The first military funeral in this district since the war began last September was held yesterday at Carlingford when full military rites were accorded Private Arthur Phillips, a popular member of the Perth Regiment, who died at Niagara Camp last Sunday. The services were attended by an exceptionally large throng of persons, including a number of Private Phillips' buddies in the Perth Regiment. The pipe band of the Highland Light Infantry of Canada participated and a firing squad was supplied also by the H.L.I. The picture above shows the casket, draped with the Union Jack, being carried into the church at Carlingford just prior to the service there.

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HUNDREDS ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICE OF PTE. PHILLIPS

**Military Honors
Accorded Slain
Soldier, Member
Of Perth Regiment**

CARLINGFORD, July 19.—(Special)—Private Arthur Phillips, a member of the Perth Regiment who met death under tragic circumstances at Niagara Camp last Sunday, was buried here yesterday afternoon with full military honors. Hundreds of residents of the community in which Arthur had lived for ten years and a large number of his associates in the Perth Regiment, were in attendance at the church and at the graveside, testifying to the high esteem in which he was held throughout the district.

A brief service was held at 1:30 o'clock at the home of John Phillips in Sebringville, and from there the funeral cortege proceeded to the United Church here where a public service was held. Loudspeakers carried the service to the large throng that could not be accommodated inside the church.

The casket, draped with the Union Jack, was carried into the church by six members of Private Phillips' Company in the Perth Regiment. They were Privates A. H. Bindle, A. J. Bevington, W. D. Thompson, C. A. Lloyd, M. R. Marshall and C. S. Near. The public service in the church was in charge of Rev. W. L. Leitch and the sermon was delivered by Rev. H. W. Hagelstein of Bright, a former pastor of the church, who took his text from John 13:7: "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter."

Led by the Pipe Band of the Highland Light Infantry of Canada, under Pipe Major Arthur Corstorphin, the cortege proceeded then to the Carlingford cemetery where full military honors were accorded the departed soldier. The service at the graveside was conducted by Rev. Capt. N. MacKay, padre of the Highland Light Infantry and a firing squad of 14 soldiers, provided by the H.L.I., fired three volleys as the casket was lowered into the grave. Last Post was sounded by Bugler Alex McCulloch.

Flower-bearers were members of the Perth Regiment under command of Capt. H. G. Clark, and included C.S.M. A. Binnington, Provost Sergeant William Fergusson, Sgt. R. O. Marquis, Cpl. A. W. Williams, L. Cpl. B. C. Willmore, Pte. M. L. Near, Pte. J. A. Fulcher, Pte. J. Turnbull, Pte. M. H. Bauer and Pte. M. McDougall.

Sergt. W. F. Dopp was in charge of the funeral party and firing squad provided by the Highland Light Infantry, other members of which were Cpl. Gimmer, Cpl. W. J. Whitelaw, Cpl. Davidson, Acting Cpl. C. H. Heron, Acting Cpl. P. Shilling, Acting Cpl. H. Taylor-Munro, Privates J. S. Foster, J. L. Paris, J. A. Moon, W. Heidrich, H. J. Willis and Bugler Alex McCulloch.

Floral tributes for Private Phillips were many and beautiful and were testimony to the many friends he had throughout the district. Mayor Thos. E. Henry represented the City of Stratford at the services.

Stratford Men In Service



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One of the early members of the Perth Regiment to enlist was Private Victor Albert Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, 104 Nelson street. He volunteered on September 12, 1939, and was assigned regimental number A1141.

Born in Stratford, Private Smith received his education at Hamlet public school. In civilian life he was employed by the Swift Canadian Company, Limited, and also at the Imperial Rattan Limited.

Private Smith has five brothers. They are Private A. Smith of the Perth Regiment, Frederick, William and Harry of Stratford, and George of Windsor and three sisters, Elizabeth, Louisa and Lily, all of this city.

It is of interest that Private Smith's father is a veteran of the Great War. He served overseas with the 18th Battalion

With Perth Regiment On The Niagara Front

BY P. D. DEMPSEY

Promotions come fast in the army and if you don't believe it just ask Private Mullis of Headquarters Company. He knows. Recently the young soldier was working in the Sergeants' Canteen when he was addressed as "sergeant" and then on another occasion while he was drilling a squad in P.T. an officer leaned out of a tent and called "Sergeant-Major, dismiss that squad." Private Mullis expects to become a Colonel any day.

The rumor about love entering the life of Private J. H. Jones of D Company has come true. Permission has been granted him to marry, the bride-to-be being Miss Irene Gatenby of Stratford.

Private C. S. Near of D Company returned from leave with definite ideas about fishing. He was armed with a chalk line as thick as a tent rope, a weight equalling half a pound and an anchor sized hook. Could it be deep sea fishing Lefty?

Lance Corporal W. S. "Mailman" Bell of Headquarters Company, is heart-broken. He recently had to forsake his mailbag in favor of web equipment and a rifle for a night route march. When he heard the news he exclaimed "There just ain't no justice."

Promotions have come to two men in D Company, Privates P. D. Dempsey and S. L. Howe have been made acting lancecorporals.

B Company lads are also showing their stuff these days according to promotions that have been announced in orders. Corporal Gunn has been made a sergeant; Lance Corporal W. Downie, Lance Corporal H. Wilson and Lance Corporal H. C. F. Blohm are now Corporals. Private R. Samuel and Private C. Brown have been made Lance Corporals.

Probably the only barber in the world whose customers follow him around is Private Frank Nadjiwan.

With Perth Regiment On The Niagara Front

BY P. D. DEMPSEY

With "B" Company taking over its duties at the base Camp in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the officers and men of "C" Company are now stationed at Queen Victoria Park in Niagara Falls.

Members of "C" Company are sorry to hear of the illness of Private McFarlane's wife, Mrs. McFarlane recently underwent an operation in Stratford General Hospital.

Private F. J. Ellis has been granted permission to marry. The name of his bride-to-be has not been placed in orders.

"C" Company is rather proud of its softball team so if Sergeant Major White and his "B" Company club return to Niagara Falls the "C" team will be glad to challenge its boast of being regimental champions.

Corporal Williams is used to drinking his coffee every morning from a pint-sized mug but hereafter he will be using a "thimble-sized doll cup" sent him by his one and only.

Private George "Cookie" Haines received the shock of his life the other day when he glanced at the sleeve of his tunic. He discovered three brand new stripes hanging there. One of the practical jokers raised the cook's rank during his absence. Now his nickname is "Sarg" among the boys of his tent.

The rifle ranges are tops, according to Corporal W. H. Dickey of "C" Company. Members of his unit recently had their first practice on them. Platoon Sergeant Major F. Smith had charge of the men during their shooting at "the butts."

He left the Men's Canteen the other day with five men trailing after him. They wanted haircuts and realized that Private Nadjiwan's "shop" is in any shady spot. Seventy haircuts in one day is a record for any barber whose only equipment is a bench and a pair of clippers.

Claims of being the only undefeated softball champs come from the tent of Sergeant Major White of B Company. His club has beaten D Company twice. A Company twice and when B Company looked around for opposition C Company had packed its luggage and beat it—for Niagara Falls. They could not help it. Orders are orders in the army.

Sergeant Major White cannot understand why B Company men are remaining so quiet the past few days. He predicts they are saving their money for an anticipated week-end leave. The only trouble that has involved the Company is that half the men were crimed the other day for having dirty brass. One of the fellows created a laugh when he explained it was easily understood. "Why," he said, "Major Kemp was wearing smoked glasses when he inspected the Company."

If word should get out that Queen Victoria Park Camp is being invaded by jitterbugs don't get alarmed. It is only Private Izzie Smith giving vent to his emotions on a "hot" trumpet.

Speaking of jitterbugs, Corporal W. W. "Tex" Carrick and Mrs. Carrick, who is living in Niagara, literally cleared the floor at a dine and dance the other night when they showed the customers how "folks dance in Texas" where they used to live. The crowd roundly applauded their exhibition.

Corporal J. J. Irwin of the medical officers' staff reports that the health of the men is good. Complaints are only minor and the fellows are apparently enjoying their life here.

He ranks as leading shot in the company.

Captain A. F. Hunter received a hearty welcome from his associate officers and men on returning to "C" Company after doing special duties for some months at London, Ont. Corporal Levie has also come back after being on sick leave.

Corporal Bud Brooks of "D" Company, has lost his voice as a result of weeks of training recruits. Giving the new troops the ins and outs of the army calls for plenty of lung power.

Recruits have been receiving their inoculations lately and naturally a few complaints of slight fevers and sore arms have been registered. One of the men, Private L. M. O'Donnell, has had two injections too many. Every time Captain J. G. Jose issued a call for recruits Private O'Donnell reported and the result is that he's had so many injections he'd never catch a train.

Transfer To Camp Borden Seen For Perth Regiment

Reports from Niagara Falls, Ont., where the Perth Regiment is engaged in anti-sabotage duties, state that the unit, which has its base camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake, may be transferred next week to Camp Borden.

The Perth Regiment will be succeeded in its duties at Niagara Falls by the Lincoln and Welland Regiment which is nearing the completion of its mobilization and which is now stationed for training at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

It was at midnight on May 25 that the Perth Regiment, mobilized in Stratford last September and October, left this city for the camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake. During its first week there the unit was ordered assume duties at Niagara Falls, Queenston and Chippawa, the soldiers replacing Ontario Provincial Police veterans as guards over strategic points.

While the local troops have been in the Niagara district the companies have alternated in their training program, several units working at Niagara Falls while the other men trained.

The move to Camp Borden, it is said, will permit the officers and men to concentrate on advanced training which will prepare them for service in a more active war arena at a later date. One of the oldest Canadian Active Service units at present in the Dominion, the Perth Regiment has been under mobilization for nearly 11 months.

While the regimental depot is still being maintained at the Stratford

Armory on Waterloo street, Captain C. A. Bryan, who is in command here, stated that he had no knowledge of when the staff will be moved to London, where it is expected the depot will be operated while the troops are on duty elsewhere. It is understood that quarters are being prepared for the depot in London.

Major Rice Commands 2nd Battalion Perths

Was Second-In-Command
Of 1st Battalion
Non-Permanent

Major G. D. L. Rice, second-in-command of the 1st Battalion of the Perth Regiment, prior to its mobilization as a Canadian Active Service Force, has been named to command the 2nd Battalion of the Perth Regiment which will be formed here as a member of the Canadian Non-Permanent Active Militia.

It is understood that Major Rice was authorized at headquarters of Military District No. 1 in London, Ont., yesterday afternoon to establish a small force of permanent officers to assume charge of the establishment of the new battalion. He will require an adjutant, a quartermaster, three instructors and several clerks. They will be on full-time duty.

Officers will also be placed in charge of outlying units which will be affiliated with the regiment here and while it is not known officially where all the attached companies will be formed, one will be located in St. Marys as was the case with the 1st Battalion.

Start Recruiting Soon.

What the strength of the battalion will be has not been announced but recruiting will be opened in Stratford and the various other centres of the district as soon as arrangements can be made by Major Rice.

Formation of the 2nd Battalion of the Perth Regiment is being authorized by the Department of National Defence.

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MAJOR G. D. L. RICE, Registrar of Perth County, who was today authorized to command the 2nd Battalion of the Perth Regiment, a unit which will operate under the Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada. Major Rice, a veteran of the Great War, was second in command of the 1st Battalion of the Perth Regiment before it mobilized as a member of the Canadian Active Service Force.

MOULTON HEARING SET FOR AUGUST 5

The preliminary hearing for Private William E. Moulton of the Perth Regiment on a charge of murder was set today for August 5.

Arrangements for the hearing were made by counsel, and the soldier, whose wife and family reside at 380 Brunswick street, Stratford, was not required to appear in court. He is being held under close guard in Welland County jail where, it is understood, the arrangements for the trial were made.

Moulton is alleged to have killed Private Arthur Phillips of Carlingford in an early morning shooting at Queen Victoria Park in Niagara Falls on July 14. It is alleged that he was under the influence of liquor at the time.

During the past week, investigation of the murder has been going on with provincial and military authorities participating. The latter also are said to be conducting an official military court of inquiry to determine matters relative to how the soldier obtained the rifle and ammunition with which he is alleged by the Crown to have fatally wounded Private Phillips.

No official statement concerning the shooting has been made by the authorities, although it is reliably learned that many of the soldiers who were in the camp when the tragedy occurred are being questioned.

Major Rice

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tional Defence for duties in Canada in the event that its services are required. It is understood that the attestation of the men—who will be limited to A, B and C physical categories—does not call for duty outside of the Dominion.

The new commanding officer is well known through Perth County in provincial military circles. As "Link" Rice he is the senior major in the district at present not called for duty with the Canadian Active Service Force.

Born In St. Marys

A native of St. Marys Major Rice was born in 1892. He is a son of Mrs. Charlotte Rice of St. Marys and the late H. L. Rice. Literally "flying" through public school

Major Rice passed his entrance when nine years of age and was one of the youngest pupils to ever attend St. Marys Collegiate Institute. From 1910 to 1914 he attended Victoria College in Toronto, the Alma Mater of his father and sister.

Enlisted in 1914.

But a few weeks out of college, Major Rice enlisted with the Queen's Own Rifles on August 10, 1914, but in the fall of 1915 he was invalided back to England from France and after about a year in military hospitals he was returned to Canada. He secured his discharge in 1917.

Major Rice rejoined the Canadian militia in 1920 on the reorganization of the St. Marys company of the 2nd Machine Gun Battalion. He came to the Perth Regiment after the reorganization of the Canadian militia in 1936 when the Perths absorbed the St. Marys company, and has been active in district military circles ever since.

When mobilization of the 1st Battalion as a C.A.S.F. force was ordered Major Rice assisted and was active through the recruiting days of September and October. His appointment to command the 2nd Battalion does not come as any surprise to local military men.

Camp Borden, Here We Come



Members of the Perth Regiment (M.G.) of Stratford are here pictured disembarking from the S.S. Cayuga at Toronto yesterday on their way to Camp Borden. They came from Niagara Camp. They marched behind a brass band to the railway station for the final stage of the journey.—Staff Photo.

TORONTO IRISH, STRATFORD UNIT GO TO BORDEN

Perth Regiment Looks Smart in Transferring From Boat to Train

SEASONED TROOPS

Sweltering heat yesterday failed to make any impression on the spirits and pep of two more large units of active service troops that rolled happily, albeit perspiring, out of Toronto to Camp Borden and out of Toronto to Camp Borden and out of Toronto to Camp Borden. One intensive summer training. One unit was the first battalion of the Irish Regiment of Canada (M.G.); the other was the Perth Regiment (M.G.) of Stratford, which transferred here from boat to train, en route from Niagara Camp to Camp Borden.

Few Torontonians saw the Irish leave Exhibition Park Camp early in the morning, but many citizens forgot their heat woes while thrilling to the sight of the bronzed and well-seasoned Perths swinging smartly through the streets, with full kit, arms and equipment, from the Canada Steamships Line dock to the Union Station.

Toronto's Irish machine gunners, undoubtedly, were tickled to get out of the Horse Palace in Exhibition Park, but they had been cooped up there only since July 1 and their joy at getting a move was obviously not as great as that of Stratford's Emma-Gees. The Perths were mobilized last September, and, instead of going to Camp Borden late in May, got switched off to Niagara Camp for special guard duty at vulnerable points.

Training Tells.

It's been a long wait for the Perths, but also one that has done them no harm. Yesterday, they looked like the proverbial million dollars while moving through part of downtown Toronto. The Lincoln and Welland Regiment, recently recruited to strength, has taken the Perths' place at Niagara.

It was a colorful picture at the dock as the S.S. Cayuga came in with the hundreds of cheering and singing Perths lining her rails. Major E. C. Shelley was acting officer commanding the unit. Benefit of the troops' week of work in the open was quickly demonstrated by the very snappy parade behind their brass band. Colonel S. A. Lee, A.A. and Q.M.G. of Military District No. 2 and Niagara Camp Commandant, made the voyage here with the Perth Regiment.

Before going to summer concentration at Camp Borden, the first battalion of the Irish Regiment, commanded by Lieut.-Col. H. Bruce Duthie, handed over their colors in care of the regiment's second battalion, non-permanent active militia, now being recruited at Fort York Armories.

The colors, escorted by a picked color guard, were piped over from Exhibition Park and placed on display in the officers' mess of the regiment.

The Kilted Irish, travelling on a long train, reached Camp Borden before noon and were soon making themselves at home in lines prepared by their advance party on the previous day.



Major Shelley.

Major Ross To Assist In Forming 2nd Battalion

Capt. C. A. Bryan And
Lieut. W. J. McCabe
Also To Play Part

Major D. M. Ross, M.M. of the 1st Battalion of the Perth Regiment has been temporarily attached to the 2nd Battalion here to assist in recruiting and organization, it was announced yesterday by Major G. D. L. Rice, whose appointment as commanding officer of the non-permanent active militia unit was announced on Monday afternoon.

Major Rice will also be assisted for the present by Captain C. A. Bryan and Lieutenant W. J. McCabe, commanding officer and adjutant, respectively of the 1st Battalion's depot which has been located in the Stratford armories for some weeks.

Together with Major Ross, Captain Bryan and Lieutenant McCabe have been loaned to the new unit under orders from headquarters of Military District No. 1, London.

Returning from London late Monday night after hours of conference with district staff officers, Major Rice spent the night at his home in St. Marys and yesterday morning he was busy making initial plans for the establishment of a full battalion of officers and men whose duties will be to train for the defence of Canada.

Start Recruiting Soon.

Recruiting will start just as soon as headquarters authorizes the formation of a medical officer to examine the recruits. In the main class "A" men will be enlisted though under special classifications a number of "B" and "C" category men will be acceptable. The date of recruiting will be announced in the press.

Who will form the permanent staff of officers Major Rice is unable to say at this early date. The set-up of the battalion will likely include, in addition to the battalion's staff of a commanding officer, an adjutant, quartermaster, three sergeant instructors and several clerks, permanent positions for companies and will possibly involve the employment of a training officer, a company quartermaster sergeant, a sergeant instructor and a clerk.

Form Detached Units.

Emphasizing that organization will take some time, Major Rice told The Beacon-Herald that the tentative proposal is to establish detached units in Listowel, Walkerton, Kincardine and possibly St. Marys though the last mentioned community may provide men for the company or companies from Stratford.

Speedy recruiting is essential in order that the men may go to camp for two weeks' training in August and to this end training of the men in the rudiments of army life will be started just as soon as a sufficient number of men are medically examined.

Plans for training call for the men to put in two evenings per week until the camp opens. Men who volunteer will be paid the equivalent of \$1.20 per day which in the case of the local unit training a few hours each night will amount to 60 cents per night. It is hoped to start training next week.

Major Rice proposes that should it be impossible for some men to train at night because of their employment courses for them will be available in the daytime. This plan, however, is not to be construed as optional on the part of the recruit. As Major Rice remarked: "We don't want a fellow going to a ball game on parade night expecting that he can turn up some morning or afternoon for training." He explained that the training must be systematic and the recruit working nights in a factory or an office, with daytime off will be considered as a man eligible for a few hours daytime training.

Opportunity To Advance.

There is plenty of scope for advancement in the non-permanent active militia being formed here. Most young non-commissioned officers of the former N.P.A.M. unit have volunteered for duty with the 1st Battalion of the regiment and consequently the start now must be virtually made from scratch.

"I have no friends in this job as commanding officer," Major Rice pointed out, "and promotions will be given to men on their merits." It is emphasized that the appointments to all ranks are not of the "cut and dried" variety and all men between 18 and 45 have an equal chance.

During the day Stratford armories on Waterloo street, where the headquarters of the 2nd Battalion is being established, has been the gathering place of many interested in getting details of the proposal.

Major Rice interviewed some men as did Captain Bryan and Lieutenant McCabe. Names and addresses are being taken pending receipt of proper forms and the appointment of a medical officer. Just as soon as these are available the call for recruits will be formally issued.

Stratford Men In Service



—Photo by Roger's Studio

Private Ruthven Wilton of the Perth Regiment is a son of E. W. Wilton, 102 Dufferin street. He was born in this city 25 years ago and received his education in Shakespeare public school. For ten years, prior to enlisting for active service Private Wilton was employed by the Whyte Packing Company, Ltd. He was also a member of the local non-permanent unit for some years being a member of the band. He is a bass player. As a bandsman he served in the stretcher-bearer section in which he is also located with the C.A.S.F. force. A married man, Private Wilton is the father of two children, James and Ruth Anne who live with their mother in Guelph. Private Wilton has two brothers, George in the West and David at home. A member of St. John's church Private Wilton enlisted in September and his regimental number is A11577.

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2nd Battalion Perths Open Recruiting Fund

Unit Is Without Money To Carry On Organization

Financing the recruiting of the 2nd Battalion of the Perth Regiment must be borne by voluntary contributions from patriotic persons residing in the communities from which the unit is drawing men, Major G. D. L. Rice, commanding officer, said today as he launched an appeal for contributions.

Just what amount will be required Major Rice could not say definitely but he suggested that all told \$1,000 should be sufficient. He said that a recruiting fund will be opened in the regimental books and monies subscribed will be used exclusively for the purpose for which it is sought.

Major Rice pointed out, as was the case last fall when the 1st Battalion organized as a Canadian Active Service Force, that there is no government assistance given towards the establishment of battalions insofar as recruiting is concerned.

In referring to the many expenses involved in the recruiting of a battalion the size of which has just been ordered by the Department of National Defence, Major Rice states that trips into Listowel, Walkerton, Kincardine and St. Marys must be made by the officers and public-spirited citizens who will assist in the work. Meetings must be launched and will require publicity of various kinds.

"I hate begging money," Major Rice said, "but goodness knows the job must be done and it requires some money." He said that the 2nd Battalion is starting from "scratch" without a copper in its treasury;

without even Mess funds. He asks that anyone having donations to make send them to "Major G. D. L. Rice, commanding officer, 2nd Battalion, Perth Regiment, Stratford Armouries, Waterloo Street, Stratford," or they may be delivered to his office in the armouries by the donor.

Start Tonight

Recruiting for the Stratford company will open at the Stratford Armoury at 7 o'clock tonight, and judging by the number of inquiries that have been made at the office, little difficulty will be experienced in getting sufficient men to go through the medical officer's hands tonight.

Appointment of Major H. B. Kenner as examiner of the recruits was announced Tuesday night. He will act temporarily, pending the selection of a battalion medical officer.

Officers in charge of the armoury state that ever since the announcement was made a day or so ago that a 2nd Battalion of the Perths

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would be recruited as a non-permanent active militia unit there have been many prospective applicants. They will be out again tonight. Among them is a fine class of young man, including many holding white collar jobs in civil life.

Major G. D. L. Rice, commanding officer, and his chief assistant, Major D. M. Ross, M.M., on loan from the 1st Battalion were in Listowel today making arrangements for the formation of a company in that community. Subsequently they will visit Kincardine, Walkerton and St. Marys for organization purposes.

Asserts Perths Looked Like Million Dollars

When the 1st Battalion of the Perth Regiment traveled from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Camp Borden Wednesday, it made the first lap of the journey from the camp to Toronto over Lake Ontario on the S. S. Cayuga.

They were a happy lot of soldiers under command of Major E. C. Shelley of Stratford, acting commanding officer. Also accompanying the troops to Toronto was Colonel S. A. Lee, assistant-adjutant and quartermaster-general of Military District No. 2, Toronto.

The Perths had a wonderful trip on the lake and docked at the Canada Steamship Company's wharf in Toronto. Forming up there

they swung smartly along Toronto streets to Union Station where they boarded a troop train for Camp Borden.

A Toronto dispatch says that: "It's been a long wait for the Perths, but also one that has done them no harm. Wednesday, they looked like the proverbial million dollars while moving through part of downtown Toronto.

It was a colorful picture at the dock as the S.S. Cayuga came in with the hundreds of cheering and singing Perths lining her rails. Benefit of the troops' long period of training was quickly demonstrated by the very snappy parade behind their brass band."

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13 Recruits Accepted For Perth Battalion

24 Men Received Medical Examination On Opening Night

Thirteen recruits were accepted into the 2nd Battalion of the Perth Regiment last night when recruiting opened for the local non-permanent active militia unit. Twenty-four men were medically examined and while some cases were held over pending further consideration the results were generally accepted as satisfactory.

Recruiting will continue at the Stratford armouries on Waterloo street tonight, commencing at 7 o'clock, and they will continue indefinitely until the strength of the local companies is attained.

Major G. D. L. Rice, commanding officer of the new battalion, was present to supervise activities and he was assisted by Major D. M. Ross, M.M., loaned to the battalion from the 1st Battalion, now at Camp Borden and by Captain C. A. Bryan, Lieut. W. C. McCabe and their staff of the 1st Battalion's regimental depot located here.

While Major H. B. Kenner examined the applicants as a one-man medical board, the examinations were nevertheless stiff and regular army medical categories were assigned to each man whether or not he was successful.

Expected to Go to Camp

When the recruits appeared at the armouries they were greeted

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by Captain C. A. Bryan who acted as the interviewing officer. He explained the facts regarding organization of the battalion and emphasized that the men would be expected to attend the camp.

Recruits did not hesitate to question Captain Bryan and consequently they gained first hand information which they otherwise might not have gained in the rush of entering Canada's home defense unit.

After leaving Captain Bryan the men went in to the clerical staff where the attestation cards were typed out. The document, which also includes a certificate completed by the medical officer, denotes the recruit's name, address, telephone number, employer's name, address, birth date, country, nationality, whether single, married or a widower, trade or calling, religion, previous military, naval or air force training and name, relationship and next of kin. The recruit also takes an affidavit declaring that the statements which he has made are true to the best of his knowledge. He also takes an oath of allegiance to His Majesty the King. The final form is a certificate by the attesting officer.

Following medical examination and attestation the enlistees were given a number. Those who were signed up follow: P.R. 1, Joseph I. Dolan, 75 Bay street; P.R. 2, Thomas H. White, 104 Ballantyne avenue; P.R. 3, Robertson Marshall, 37 McKenzie street; P.R. 4, Edward Harold Buck, 610 Downie street; P.R. 5, Edwin Frank Col-

lins, 75 Birmingham street; P.R. 6, Stanley Frederick Press, 23 Guelph street; P.R. 7, Oliver Mogk, 251 Huron street; P.R. 8, Maurice Edward Brown, 168 Elizabeth street; P.R. 9, Edward Robert Barrett, 199 William street; P.R. 10, Roy E. Wildgust, 383 Ontario street; P.R. 11, Bruce Arthur, 19 McNab street; P.R. 12, Irvine Williams, 253 Douro street; P.R. 13, Harvey W. Hewitt, 310 Douro street.

Undergoes Operation



LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ARTHUR GARROD, M.C., E.D., shown above, officer commanding the Perth Regiment during the early days of its entry into the Canadian Active Service Force, and former commanding officer of the non-permanent force, on Tuesday underwent a major operation at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal. Word received by his family Thursday night stated that the popular officer is making splendid progress. A veteran of the Great War, Lieutenant-Colonel Garrod served from 1914 until 1919 with the 18th Battalion. In 1921 he re-enlisted in the local militia and remained actively connected with the Perths until his retirement the latter part of September last year.

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THOSE REJECTED MAY GET LETTERS

While it is not known immediately what form of acknowledgement will be given by the Department of National Defence to men who fail to qualify for enlistment in the non-permanent active militia in Canada as members of second battalions now being established, Major G. D. L. Rice, commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion of the Perth Regiment, recruiting at Stratford armouries on Waterloo street, today said he is giving the matter some thought.

Major Rice said that if no definite form is adopted by the department he will be pleased to issue letters to all the men who undergo the medical examination and do not make the grade because of a physical impairment. "It is only right that those who have shown the true spirit and tried to get in have something to show," the commander said. "In any event the letter will serve as a good recommendation to the bearer."

Names and addresses of all applicants are being recorded by interviewing officers.

Members of the Perth Regiment of previous non-permanent militia days will have to be re-attested if they desire to serve in the 2nd Battalion, Major Rice states. There have been many inquiring about this point and the ruling is that they were formally struck off the strength of the 1st Battalion N.P. A.M. last Spring and thus are free to enlist again.

JUL 27 1940

15 More Men Join Perth Regiment Here

Fifteen more men enlisted in the 2nd Battalion of the Perth Regiment last night bringing the local strength in two nights' effort to 28.

It was announced that recruiting will continue at the Stratford armouries on Waterloo street Monday night when Major H. B. Kenner, medical examiner, will again pass on recruits.

Men who have enlisted since the recruiting started on Thursday night will report to the armouries Monday night at 8 o'clock for their

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first training. Major G. D. L. Rice, commanding officer, states that the first night's work will be light, consisting of a talk on military discipline, instruction in saluting and right and left turning. During the course of next week, as the strength of the unit increases, serious training in preparation for camp will be the order.

Major Rice said that he has been highly impressed by the type of men who are presenting themselves for enlistment in the non-permanent militia. Those attested last night are:

P.R. 14, Arnold Joseph Morris, R.R. 1, St. Pauls; P.R. 15, Edward Kelly Charles, R.R. 1, St. Pauls; P.R. 16, Kenneth Andrew Klein, 101 Douglas street; P.R. 17, Clarence Harvey Gibson, 205 Nile street; P.R. 18, Robert John Harvey, 186 Albert street; P.R. 19, Kenneth Spencer Harrison, 95 Norman street; P.R. 20, William Francis Napier, 218 Douro street; P.R. 21, Kenneth Ernest Smith, 8 Shakespeare street; P.R. 22, Charles Edwin Osborne, 298 Nelson street; P.R. 23, Maurice Frank Carey, 201 Front street; P.R. 24, Frederick Moffat James Smith, St. Marys; P.R. 25, William Eugene Holman, St. Marys; P.R. 26, Reginald Henry Doupe, St. Marys; P.R. 27, William Robert Pickering, St. Marys, and P.R. 28, John Richard Curry, St. Marys.

When the St. Marys platoons are organized men from that town will train together. In the meantime Major Rice said he is pleased to note that they are coming over here.

Appeals to Employers

The biggest assistance that can be given recruiting efforts at present, he said, is that employers of labor discuss with their help the question of attending camp from August 18 to September 2, inclusive. It would be appreciated, the commanding officer said, if arrangements can be made to permit the men absence from their employment so that they can take the training.

Acknowledgement of the first subscription towards the recruiting fund of the regiment was also made by Major Rice. The gift was \$10 from an anonymous donor. Further subscriptions will be welcomed and they may be sent to Major Rice at Stratford Armouries.

During Friday morning and afternoon Major Rice and Major D. M. Ross, M.M., visited Kincardine and Walkerton and there found considerable interest in the formation of the companies which are planned for those communities. In each place public spirited citizens, such as civic, club and Crown officials expressed the desire to assist and in both Walkerton and Kincardine training facilities will be made available. Good material for officers was lined up and just as soon as their appointments have been considered by headquarters officials at London their identity will be announced.

Lt. Col. G.W. Little Lt. Col. To Take Charge

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Since intimation was received a week ago that staff changes were to take place in the Perths the names of two distinguished soldiers were mentioned as Lieutenant-Colonel McComb's successor. They were Lieutenant-Colonel Little and Colonel O. M. Martin. However little credence was lent the report concerning the latter as he is from out of the jurisdiction of Military District No. 1 and is in command of the 13th Infantry Brigade now training at Niagara-on-the-Lake as a non-permanent militia unit.

Veteran of Great War.

Lieutenant-Colonel Little is no stranger in military circles of Western Ontario and he is also well known among the military men of Canada as a veteran of the Great War who served with distinction.

He brings a brilliant military career to the Perth Regiment. Active in militia activities before the Great War, Lieutenant-Colonel Little has had many years of experience.

It was in the Great War that he became known as a fearless soldier. He served with the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry for three years—1916, 1917 and 1918. He was in command of his famous regiment when it engaged in Cambria and Mons. Early in 1918 he was awarded the M.V.O. and in September the same year for distinguished service on the field of action he was awarded the M.C.

Returned from the front for only a short time Lieutenant-Colonel Little re-entered the militia and was appointed second-in-command of the Canadian Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) under Lieutenant-Colonel G. E. Reid, D.S.O. He succeeded Colonel Reid in 1923 and commanded the regiment until 1928 when he retired to the reserve of officers.

Last September when war broke out activities of officers' training corps became pronounced and Brigadier D. J. Macdonald, commanding officer of No. 1 District called upon Lieutenant-Colonel Little to assume charge of the University of Western Ontario Contingent of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps. It is in this position he has been engaged until this weekend when he was transferred to the command of the Perths.

A member of a prominent London family, Lieutenant-Colonel Little was born in that city. In civilian life he is well known in financial circles being district agent for the London Life Insurance Company at London. He is a married man and the father of three daughters.



Lieut.-Col. George W. Little

**Officer Who Served With Distinction
In Great War Will Assume New Duties
At Camp Borden Monday; Twice
Decorated For Service On Field of
Action; Other Staff Changes Pending**

Lieutenant-Colonel George W. Little, M.V.O., M.C., of London, Ont., assumes command of the 1st Battalion of the Perth Regiment at Camp Borden on Monday, it was learned today.

His appointment will be officially announced by the Department of National Defence shortly through its regular channel, The Canada Gazette. He succeeds Lieutenant-Colonel S. H. McComb of Stratford who, it is understood, will assume other duties, the nature of which have not been divulged.

Other changes in the staff of the regiment, which reached Camp Borden Wednesday after being at Niagara district camps for some eight weeks, will not likely come until Lieutenant-Colonel Little has had an opportunity to get acquainted with his officers and make his recommendations to his superiors.

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Resume Recruiting For 2nd Battalion Tonight

Recruiting for the 2nd Battalion of the Perth Regiment, non-permanent active militia, will be resumed at Stratford Armories on Waterloo street tonight, it was announced today by Major G. D. L. Rice, commanding officer.

Applicants are asked to report before eight o'clock so that required data may be recorded before they pass on to Major H. B. Kenner, acting medical officer. He plans to start examining the men about eight o'clock.

Major Rice anticipates that there will be a large number of men applying for admission to the local company of the battalion which will also have units stationed in Walkerton, Elstowel and Kincardine as well as several platoons in St. Marys. The need for an immediate response of recruits is necessitated by the fact, Major Rice states, that recruiting of all second battalion units in the Dominion will cease on August 15.

Camp Opens Aug. 18.

Officer commanding the Perths' Major Rice made it emphatic that the local non-permanent active militia will definitely go to camp on August 18 and will remain there until September 2. He said that an earlier camp for second battalions is also opening August 2 but it will not be for the Perths. The location of the camp has not been definitely announced but it is generally understood it will be at the Thames Valley Golf Club near London.

Twenty-eight men who enlisted last Thursday and Friday nights will report at the armories tonight at 8 o'clock for their first instruction. Because it will be the initial night of training, activities will be light. The program simply calls for the men to learn how to salute,

when to salute, how to recognize officers and how to make a proper right and left turn.

Men who enlist tonight will report on Tuesday night for their first instruction and those who sign up Tuesday night will report on Wednesday night and so on. In this manner it is hoped to have everyone on an even basis so that the whole battalion will be able to get down to a uniform training schedule possibly next Monday. No time can be lost in the preliminary training as the men must be able to go through the rudiments of drill work before they go to camp.

Officers Kept Busy.

While recruiting for the 2nd Battalion of the Perths goes on in the evenings at the armories, those quarters are a busy place in the day time. Major Rice, Major D. M. Ross, M.M., Captain C. A. Bryan and Lieutenant W. C. McCabe are all occupied with organization plans.

Captain Bryan and Lieutenant McCabe are also busy attending to regular duties of the 1st Battalion's regimental depot and with interviewing men seeking to enter the Canadian Active Service Force. For instance before noon today they had discussed enlistment possibilities with six men. The prospects were sent to London where the medical board is functioning every day. It works in conjunction with the district recruiting office directed by Major Russell Beattie, M.C., chief recruiting officer in M. D. 1.

NAMED FOR RAID

IPSWICH, England — (CP) — While bombs were exploding about a Suffolk village near here a baby girl was born to Mrs. R. Berry. The infant has been named Bombastine.

Stratford Men In Service



—Beacon-Herald Engraving

Private John William Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Murray, 107 Perth street, is a member of the Perth Regiment now stationed in Camp Borden. He was born in this city on July 28—his birthday being Sunday—and received his education at Anne Hathaway and Shakespeare public schools. Private Murray, who enlisted on June 18, has six sisters and two brothers. They are Madeline, Shirley, Grace, Audrey, Yvonne, Betty Jean, Ronald and Robert. His regimental number is A11772. The son of a man who is well known in regimental circles, Private Murray's father was active in the unit during its non-permanent militia days. He had charge of the bugle band.

Perth's New Commander Takes Refresher Course

(Special to The Beacon-Herald)
CAMP BORDEN, July 30—Lieutenant-Colonel George W. Little, M.V.O., M.C., new commanding officer of the Perth Regiment, which is in training here, will not assume active control of the battalion until he completes a refresher course for senior officers at the Royal Military College in Kingston, it was learned here today. Originally it was planned to have the O.C. take over his post on Monday.

Captain C. B. Arrel, commander of "D" company, has also left for Kingston, where he will join Lieutenant-Colonel Little in taking the officers' course. Reports are current that Captain Arrel, who is the senior captain on the Perth's staff, will shortly receive a promotion to the rank of major. This, along with other promotions, is reported to be coming in the staff promotions necessitated by recent changes in the personnel of senior officers.

The Perth's are now quartered in long frame dormitory buildings capable of housing 64 men. They sleep and pile their equipment in a long row along the walls. Each man has a straw-filled palliase for a bed, which is like sleeping on a cloud in comparison to the cement floors of Niagara power houses which the troops have often used prior to moving into Camp Borden last week.

Fresh air is something the Perth's have not enjoyed with the intense heat wave prevailing, but as the buildings are still doorless and windowless, they get a bit of night breeze in that miniature Sahara that Borden is these days.

A Real Reception.

Last Wednesday night the men got a royal welcome during the storm. They were rudely awakened

in time to make a desperate grab for their blankets which were literally "gone with the wind."

Lightning flashed, sand blew and the boys clung to their equipment, while one bright lad sang, "With the Wind and the Rain in Your Hair."

Camp Borden is a factory. Its raw materials are young, eager boys. It produces tall, bronzed with the sun soldiers, who because of its ample equipment are well trained, clear eyed and efficient. Ranges for all guns, trenches, battle fields, decontamination stations and parade grounds are all to be found in this training centre for Canada's fighting forces.

The camp kitchens are well equipped and spotlessly clean, with a large mess hall on each side. These are separated from the kitchen proper by serving counters where the troops get their food in cafeteria style. All the mess halls and kitchens are well constructed, permanent wooden buildings.

The Salvation Army canteen provides a mecca for the lads on their off-parade hours, while boxing and "talkies" at the camp theatre all help to lighten the monotony of evenings.

Electricity, hot and cold running water and many more conveniences give life at Camp Borden a high standard.

The Perth's wasted little time getting down to business on their arrival, the first day being taken up in the issuing of new equipment, summer drill, etc., and getting acquainted with their new surroundings, while the second morning found the soldiers starting the training schedule bright and early. Even the recruits are well settled and working hard to make the Perth Regiment "tops" in Canada.

2nd Battalion Officers To Be Announced Soon

Presentation of the staff of officers for the 2nd Battalion of the Perth Regiment, N.P.A.M. for official ratification of Brigadier D. J. Macdonald, commanding officer of Military District No. 1, London, will be made in a day or so by Major G. D. L. Rice, commanding officer, and once approval has been received the personnel will be made public.

Major Rice and Major D. M. Ross, M.M., were in London Monday afternoon and evening discussing the personnel with officers in charge of administration throughout the district and they were instructed to officially submit the slate. In the meantime "red tape" is being eliminated and progress in the formation of the battalion is being noted.

"Things are much farther advanced today and we hope that within a few days the whole unit will be well under way," Major Ross said.

Major H. B. Kenner, acting medical officer and Lieutenant W. C. McCabe, acting adjutant are visiting Kincardine, Listowel and Walkerton today advising those who will assist in the recruiting of companies in those towns exactly what is required. Major Kenner is also arranging to have recruits in the three centres medically examined.

Getting Behind Unit

Reports received at the armories are to the effect that public spirited citizens in Listowel, Walkerton and Kincardine are getting behind the Perth's and are assisting those who will lead the units. In each place training centres are being made

available, the weeds, for instance, on a lot adjacent to the Listowel armories being trimmed and plans are also underway for the lighting of the field so that night training will be possible. It is understood that the Listowel Public Utilities Commission is cooperating with the militia in this undertaking.

A drive for recruits is being organized in Kincardine and it is expected that by the end of the week the Walkerton company will also have made a start.

Men who are interested in officering the outside companies are making arrangements for medical examinations at the office of the district medical officer in London and just as soon as they get the approval they will officially embark on their work. In the meantime they are carrying on quietly.

Pleased With Reports

"The reports I have received of Monday night's training of the first recruits pleases me considerably," Major Rice told a reporter. "They will pick up sufficient routine to be able to make a good showing when they go to camp," the commanding officer said confidently.

Training of new recruits will continue this evening and Wednesday night at the armories at 8 o'clock and on Thursday the officers will go to St. Marys for training and examinations of recruits. Then on Friday night the whole local company will assemble at the armories for further instruction.

Major Rice said he wishes to publicly thank those manufacturers who have volunteered the use of their equipment, such as motor trucks, for any use to which they may be put by the military authorities. He said also that a fine spirit of cooperation is existing between the employers of labor and the militia especially in regard to camp arrangements. Major Rice said that employers are not opposed to the camp plans but they are worried to some extent as to how they can best arrange the two weeks' leave for their employees. It requires considerable juggling of staffs and holidays, he said, and production must be maintained. Despite these problems the employers are cooperating wholeheartedly.

Appointment Announced.

Major J. S. H. Lind, formerly second-in-command of the Perth Regiment, is associated with Brigadier C. B. Topp, D.S.O., M.C., commander of the 4th Infantry Brigade, according to The Canada Gazette, which lists his appointment this week. Selection of Major Lind as a staff captain is retroactive to May 20, the official government notice says. Major Lind is overseas completing a course at a military staff college.

22 Recruits Enrolled For 2nd Battalion

Total For New
Perth Unit Is
Swelled To 50

Twenty-two recruits were enlisted in the 2nd Battalion of the Perth Regiment last night bringing the Stratford and St. Marys strength up to 50, there being a total of eight from the latter town.

There was considerable activity at the Stratford armories for while new men were being enrolled those who signed up on Thursday and Friday of last week were undergoing initial training. It was their first parade and to quote Ross Gage they did "exceptionally well."

With Major G. D. L. Rice, commanding officer, and Major D. M. Ross, M.M., his chief assistant, in London consulting headquarters staff of Military District No. 1 as to officer appointments, the armories was in charge of Captain C. A. Bryan, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion's regimental depot who, with Lieutenant W. C. McCabe, adjutant, has been loaned for recruiting purposes to the 2nd Battalion. They had their regular staff engaged during the evening, the men assisting their officers and Major H. B. Kenner, acting medical officer.

29 Men Examined

Twenty-nine men presented themselves as applicants and only seven were rejected because of physical impairments. It was con-

22 Recruits

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Norman Charles Root, 265 St. David street; P.R. 49, William George Brooks, 37 Inverness street; P.R. 50, William Jeffrey Brooks, 113 Caledonia street; P.R. 51, Jay McCauley, St. Marys.

Lieutenant Gage was assisted in giving the men their first training by Lance-Corporal W. S. Hopps of the regimental depot. The training consisted chiefly of a brief lecture on military discipline by Mr. Gage and later the recruits were shown the proper manner in which to do some of the turns. Because of the heat of the night and the fact that it was the initial rehearsal, the training period was somewhat reduced. Later the regular drill period will be two hours.

It was a perfect attendance that greeted Mr. Gage as he took the roll call. Thursday and Friday nights 28 men enlisted including five from St. Marys. There were 23 in the class last night and the five St. Marys men will train with recruits from that community just as soon as a sufficient number enrolls there.

considered a high standing, the best in the three nights' recruiting effort. Those accepted were: P.R. 29, Thomas Edward Kellett, 59 Church street; P.R. 30, Maxwell James Good, 553 Ontario street; P.R. 31, Carl A. Dannacker, 215 Douro street; P.R. 32, Guy Raymond Adams, St. Marys; P.R. 33, Frank B. Kennedy, 16 Shrewsbury street; P.R. 34, Charles Edward Boyd, 98 Grange street; P.R. 35, William John Yeandle, 227 Hibernia street; P.R. 36, Fred William Scott, 237 Brunswick street; P.R. 37, Albert James Brown, 157 Erie street; P.R. 38, Verdun F. J. DuCharme, 54 Trinity street; P.R. 39, John Alfred Grainger, 192 Nile street; P.R. 40, William Fred John Bucken, 67 Douro street; P.R. 41, John Forbes Green, R.R. 1, St. Pauls; P.R. 42, Solomon Gerofsky, 309 Huron street; P.R. 43, John Thompson Davis, 109 Hibernia street; P.R. 44, Raymond F. Cook, 216 Norman street; P.R. 45, Alva Willis Dickson, St. Marys; P.R. 46, Gordon W. Prange, 103 Nelson street; P.R. 47,

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PERTH REGIMENT GETS BIG WELCOME FROM ST. MARYS

Citizens Jam Main
Thoroughfare To Cheer
Soldiers On March;
Mitchell Also Enthusiastic

(By Our Own Correspondent)

ST. MARYS, Sept. 26—Yesterday afternoon crowds of St. Marys citizens jammed the main thoroughfare as the scheduled time for the "Perth's" to put in an appearance approached. The flag-lined streets, the boys perched on telephone poles, the crush of residents eager to see friends or relatives among the ranks, the public school children down to the smallest waving the red, white and blue—all were part of a picture reminiscent of similar scenes twenty years ago during the last war.

Right on time the long line of brown army trucks appeared at four o'clock from Mitchell, slowly coming to a stop at the west end of the town beside the fair grounds. No official welcome was given them, but the soldiers, in full battle dress, piled out and assembled quickly, allowing the 48 transports, preceded by their motorcycle escort, to drive off and flash quickly by the expectant crowds down town.

From a down-town standpoint, spectators then watched three colorfully decorated cars approach, bearing the town councillors, while the strains of "There'll Always Be An England" could be heard faintly as the Perth band which led the procession drew nearer. Then the full parade swung into sight and bursts of spontaneous cheering and applause broke from the huge throng as the brown-clad figures marched briskly through the narrow aisle that was all an over-enthusiastic public allowed them. A special cheer and tiger arose as the St. Marys contingent were recognized and proud comments such as "Don't they look well in their uniforms?" "Look at the snappy marching," and "Say, isn't that so-and-so?" could be heard on all sides.

The long line went by all too quickly as lieutenants of the five patrols of Girl Guides who were lining one section of the street saluted, and a barrage of camera enthusiasts went into action. The parade passed under the large banner—"Good Luck, Perth's"—which was stretched over the street at the upper end of the business blocks of the town. Climbing into the trucks waiting at the east end of St. Marys the regiment set out again for Stratford where they spent the night.

Cheered at Mitchell.

MITCHELL, Sept. 26 (Special)—Highlight of the fall fair held here yesterday afternoon was the visit of the Perth Regiment, M.G., C.A. S.F., which in full kit marched around the half-mile track, headed by Lieut. Col George W. Little, officer commanding the unit, and the regimental band. The Perth's, who march smartly, won a loud applause from the many fair visitors.

A large number in the regiment are from Mitchell and district. Mayor George Ronnenberg said, in extending the welcome. He then presented a cheque for \$100 on behalf of the town to Lieut. Col. G. W. Little, O.C., for recreational facilities for the regiment.