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Some of the folks who were standing along the sidelines as the parade passed through the city wondered why there was an odd company. It just happens that the new unit is "R" company—the first reinforcements—under Company Sergeant-Major William Gillingham, a Stratford man. The unit includes some of the men who are recently members of the pride of Perth.

When official orders come out they are likely to say that Captain A. F. Hunter is in command of the company. That's fair enough.

The man we have known for a long time as Platoon Sergeant-Major Jimmy Armstrong has blossomed forth as a company sergeant-major and Wednesday we spotted him taking the place of Chas. S. White, who has joined the Royal Canadian Air Force.

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Ruined. The remains of a convent in the district were destroyed by a Molotov breadbasket.

—Beacon-Herald Photo and Engraving of officers and men of the Perth Regiment, M.G., C.A.-S.F., at the home of Mayor Thos. E. Henry and County Warden J. H. G. The unit was virtually home again. Part of the large spot where the troops left their given supper. At the top of the the troops over a loudspeaker.

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hand to greet them. —Beacon-Herald Photo and Engraving serving of the boys to do a little dance as the Boys' Band played the Beer Barrel Polka. The centre photo was taken as the troops left their transports on Erie street and began the march. Warden of Perth A. J. Bradshaw, Mayor Thos. E. Henry and Lt.-Col. S. H. McComb, former commander of the Perth's, were among those on the welcoming committee at the city hall. This group is shown at the lower left. Mayor Henry is in a little less serious mood as he eats and chats with Lt.-Col. George W. Little, officer commanding the unit, at the fair grounds.

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City Extends Hearty Welcome Says Proud Farewell To Perth

With the cheers of an admiring populace still ringing in their ears, and the words of welcome extended to them yesterday fresh in their memories, the Perth Regiment, M.G., C.A.S.F., nearly 700 strong, moved out of Stratford today, en route to Camp Borden, where the unit is stationed.

Their brief, but happy visit to the city ended at noon today, as the officers and men of the machine gun unit paraded through crowded streets to the eastern outskirts of the city from where they set out on the motor journey to camp.

The Perth, under command of Lieut.-Col. George W. Little, M.V.O., M.C., arrived in the city on Wednesday afternoon, after traveling from Camp Borden by motor transport. They had been on the road since shortly before noon.

Presenting a smart appearance as they paraded through the streets the officers and men paid homage to the memory of men who fell in the last war, as they passed the cenotaph on Ontario street, where a salute was taken by Major-General J. M. Ross of London, former officer commanding Military District No. 1.

Expresses Thanks.
Before leaving the city this morning, Lieut.-Col. Little, speaking for all ranks, expressed appreciation of the manner in which the unit was received and for the entertainment provided by the city and scores of citizens, who gave the soldiers billets overnight.

"I cannot say too much about Stratford," Lieut.-Col. Little said. "While I do not come from this district, I realize that the men appreciate all that has been done for them. Now I understand why the boys wanted to come back to Stratford. The citizens certainly went out of their way to make the city really feel like home even to those who do not live here."

Bronzed by wind and sun, and hardened by months of rigid army training, the Perth came back "home" to Stratford Wednesday afternoon where they were officially received by Mayor Thos. E. Henry, on behalf of the city, and by Warden A. J. Bradshaw, on behalf of the County of Perth.

The agricultural grounds were

Big Crowd Sees Departure of Unit For Camp Borden After Night Here

made temporary headquarters for the unit, and after the men had spent the night with their families or relatives, and attended the street dance in front of the city hall last night, they returned to the fair grounds this morning. At 11.50 the unit moved off from the grounds, paraded along Britannia Mornington, Huron and Ontario streets to the east end of the city where they climbed into their motor transports and moved away to camp.

Marched Through Kitchener

The motor column slowed down while passing through Shakespear, New Hamburg and Baden. At Kitchener, the troops marched from Victoria Park to the Guelph highway, where they once again took to their trucks. They spent 10 minutes going through Guelph before taking their final departure for camp.

The rear party left Stratford at 12.30 today to return to camp via Arthur, while Capt. (Maj.) F. S. Walker, Quartermaster, and the company quartermaster sergeants

left for Paris at the same time. The party going to Paris will conduct a reconnaissance in that district preparatory to the manoeuvres to take place on Oct. 1, 2 and 3, in which the Perth Regiment will participate.

The unit was scheduled to arrive in the city at 5.10 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. And it did that very thing, coming in almost to the second. Long before the time set for arrival citizens, representative of every walk of life, started to line the parade route and seek other points of vantage. A number of cars sailed out the highway to meet the home-comers, while still others waited at the entrance gates to the city and waved and cheered as the transports passed.

Move Quickly Into City

The troops moved into the city along No. 7 highway from St. Marys, in a cavalcade of about fifty vehicles which took about five minutes to pass a given point. The vanguard of the motorized column reached the city about three minutes ahead of the main body.

Arriving at the intersection of Erie and St. David streets, the cavalcade halted, officers and men emerged from their transports, walked smartly to their various posts and within a few minutes the regiment, in command of Lieutenant Colonel George W. Little, M.V.O., M.C., and

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headed by their own band, in charge of Staff Sergeant R. V. Greenfield, moved off. Turning right on St. Patrick street the unit moved through George street to Downie, then left to the city hall. About midway in the column was the Stratford Boys' Band, in command of Bandmaster Marshall Brett. The Boys' Band had met the Perth at the St. David street corner and played a rousing welcome. The motor transports, complete with ambulance and service truck, brought up the rear.

Receive Welcome

The troops, assembled at the city hall, were officially welcomed by

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Mayor Thos. E. Henry, on behalf of the city and by Warden A. J. Bradshaw, on behalf of the county of Perth.

Speaking to the entire unit over a loudspeaker system, Mayor Thos. E. Henry told Lieut.-Col. Little, his officers and men, that it was a great honor to Stratford to have the unit in the city once more. "It was an honor to have you quartered here and we are pleased to have you back with us again. Today you presented an appearance comparable to any regiment I have ever seen. Whenever you go I'm sure you will give a good account of yourselves and uphold the name of the City of Stratford, the County of Perth and the Dominion of Canada. I hope you carry fond memories of Stratford with you and have ever in mind that I personally will always be glad to hear from any of you."

Have Hearts of People.

Warden A. J. Bradshaw, bringing greetings from the county said: "A year ago you answered your country's call. We were proud of you then and still more proud of you now. Remember this, that the hearts of the people will be with you always."

The regiment stood rigidly at attention during the few minutes that the mayor and warden delivered their addresses and then moved off to the agricultural grounds, via Albert, Waterloo and Ontario streets. Despite the cold weather there was hardly a vacant space along the downtown streets covered by the parade, and office windows had their quota of watchers. Lusty cheers went up from sections of the crowds while others gave vent to their enthusiasm by hearty applause as the troops passed. But everyone was happy to see "their boys" home again even though for a short time.

Upon arrival at the fair grounds the troops were dismissed until 10 o'clock this morning. For those who wished to remain the members of the Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary served supper. A great many of the men left the grounds immediately upon dismissal to go to their homes, to billets, or to the homes of friends where they had supper.

Stratford Men In Service



—Beacon-Herald Photo-Engraving

Army life is nothing new to Capt. R. B. Gage, officer commanding A Company, Perth Regiment (M.G.) N.P.A.M. The 46-year-old captain was just a lad when he entered a non-permanent unit in the days before the Great War. He enlisted as a private with the 38th Dufferin Rifles of Canada at Brantford and had risen to the rank of sergeant before war broke out. It was as sergeant that he offered his services to his country, enlisting in the 4th Battalion at Brantford. He was sergeant-major of that unit and while serving overseas held a class A certificate as instructor at the small arms school at Hythe, England. After the war he was a member of the Brantford city police force from 1921 to 1924 and on June 1, 1924, joined the investigation department of the C.N.R. He came to Stratford on March 1, 1927, as special agent and was in charge of this division from 1933 until he was called up when the non-permanent Perth were organized. Prior to this present war he kept up his military training. He joined the Perth in 1935 as a second lieutenant and in August of 1939 obtained his captaincy. Captain Gage is an expert marksman and has held trophies for both rifle and revolver shooting. His wife and daughter, Patricia, aged nine years, live at 303 Cambria street.

Dance In Evening.

The highlight of the entertainment for the troops was in the evening when, despite the cold weather, a large crowd attended the open air street dance on the square in front of the city hall.

The buildings around the square protected the dancers from the cold wind but about 11.30 o'clock the air became too cool for comfortable dancing so the dance ended.

The C. N. R. band played for the dance which started shortly after nine o'clock.

Enroute to Stratford the Battalion passed through Orangeville, Palmerston, Listowel, Atwood, Monkton, Mitchell, Fullarton and St. Marys. At Mitchell they left their transports and paraded to the fair grounds where they were accorded a warm reception. The troops also paraded the main street of St. Marys where an admiring throng was on hand to greet them.

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BRITISH PROTEST FINNISH ACTION

LONDON, Sept. 26 (CP)—G. G. M. Vereker, British Minister to Finland, has been instructed to protest strongly to the Finnish Government against its "action in agreeing to allow German troops to pass through Finland on their way to Northern Norway," informed sources said tonight.

In circles close to the foreign office it was said that the Finnish-German agreement, disclosed yesterday in Helsinki, "constitutes a clear breach of neutrality and international law."

BERLIN, Sept. 26 (AP)—German sources claimed yesterday that the Finnish-German treaty for the transit and transport of German troops through Finland to Norway is of a sort customary in international law.

According to these sources "all details are laid down in advance before the transport train moves. The soldiers, whose exact number is stipulated, enter the cars unarmed and the arms are shipped separately. The train is sealed during transit."

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Ontario Capital Agog As Mechanized Army Of 5,000 Goes Through Toward Borden

TORONTO, Oct. 3 (CP)—Toronto was agog today as a fully mechanized army of 5,000 men and their 400 motor vehicles entered the city shortly after the lunch hour on the last lap of their three-day manoeuvre from Camp Borden through southern Ontario and, now, back to Camp Borden.

The miles-long column entered Toronto at the Humber river to the welcoming cheers of crowds who lined their route. The column proceeded along the lakeshore eastward almost until it reached the central business area, then moved north via University avenue and Queen's Park, turning to the northwest at Davenport road and so out of the city back towards camp.

The great column moved through the city in an unbroken parade, after halting for lunch east of Oakville on their day's "march" from Hamilton where they spent the night.

Column Leaves Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Oct. 3 (CP)—While thousands of children and grown-ups lined the streets, the great army of mechanized troops which swept down on Hamilton from central Ontario yesterday moved out on its way to capture Toronto today.

The troops spent the night here. After the lines had been marshalled, they proceeded south to Main street and passed through long lines of cheering citizens.

The Board of Education released all children from city schools so that about 30,000 young people lined the way to shriek their approval of the fighting forces.

The troops, comprising the Perth Regiment, the Irish Regiment of Canada and the Grey-Simcoe Foresters as well as the Second Cavalry Motorcycle Regiment (formerly the Governor-General's Horse Guard), left Camp Borden Tuesday and advanced on Hamilton in three columns.

They were billeted Tuesday night in Kitchener, Paris, Preston and Brantford and yesterday arrived here. The men were quartered here last night in the Hamilton Armouries and Stanley Barracks.

Received with loud acclaim by thousands of citizens when they arrived here, the soldiers left to the accompaniment of the cheers of some 30,000 school children who were released from classes to watch the final parade.

Military officials were pleased generally with the conduct of the mass operations but many officers and men still were smarting today (Continued On Page Sixteen)

PERTH REGIMENT PARTICIPATES IN BIG MANOEUVRES



The Perth Regiment, M.G., C.A.S.F., is playing its part in the manoeuvres now being conducted in Western Ontario by some 5,000 troops from Camp Borden. Commencing Tuesday the exercises, designed to test the efficiency of Canada's armed forces, will conclude tonight. The troops are divided into three forces known as the Red army, the F... , the Perth's being the Blue

army. Above at the left is shown a section of the Perth Regiment getting their dinner from the field kitchen. On the right the Perth's are shown marching into Arthur, where they set up their messes for lunch. They are saluted by Major-General R. O. Alexander, district officer commanding, standing at the right.

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from the reprimands they had received for errors committed during the first two days of the manoeuvres.

Check Bad Points.

Col. S. A. Lee, officer commanding the operations and commanding of Camp Borden, told the officers yesterday the purpose of the training movement was to check bad points and not to dwell on the good points in transporting a large body of troops.

He criticized a laxity of some of the troops when the columns passed through some western Ontario towns. He said the shouting, hand-waving and general merriment of the men had been "scandalous," and the officers must share the blame for their men's conduct.

"I don't expect the men to be rigid in their seats like a lot of dead ducks but there must be a reasonable amount of march discipline when parading through these towns."

After Col. Lee had registered his disapproval of mistakes, others were to follow. It happened in Hamilton where the troops left their army transports and marched through the streets. Their route took them past the city hall steps where Mayor William Morrison, Col. Lee and several staff officers were taking the salute. One company commander at the head of a smart, efficient looking unit was distracted by the huge crowd of on-lookers and passed the saluting base without even noticing it. Because the leading officer had made the slip, the whole 400 officers and men also ignored the saluting base.

MEN OF PERTH REGIMENT MARCH INTO STANDARD BARRACKS HERE

Eight Hundred Soldiers Take Up Winter Quarters in Hamilton—Settle Down in New Home at Once

With the regimental brass band playing lustily and with the men marching in perfect style—perfection which is the result of long training—approximately 800 men and officers of the Perth Regiment (M.G.), C.A.S.F., marched into the Standard barracks on Sherman avenue north at noon to-day for an indefinite stay. The men, under command of Lieut.-Col. G. W. Little, M.V.O., M.C., and with Major E. C. Shelley second in command, arrived by C.N.R. at 12.20 from Camp Borden and detrained at the Standard barracks siding, from which point they marched into their new quarters. Preparation for their arrival had been made, but this afternoon the barracks will present a busy scene as the men set about the task of making their quarters a little less bare.

Settle Down At Once

An advance unit of the regiment arrived earlier in the day and 15 minutes after the men had arrived they were sitting down for their noon-day meal—heaping platters of stew, especially welcome on a cold, raw day. Heat in the barracks had been turned on some time previously but the heavy uniforms of the men were indubitably needed to make them comfortable.

Mascot on the Job

Aside from the officers who were engaged in looking after the seating arrangements in the mess—not enough tables had been set up for the 800 men—the most active member of the regiment was Star, the mascot. The small terrier was running from one corner of the quarters to another inspecting the place which will be home for some time to come.

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HAMILTON CANADA TUESDAY NOVEMBER

Not Imminent—No Na

SWARM



NEW ARRIVALS—Lieut.-Col. G. W. Little, M.V.O., M.C. (right), officer commanding the Perth Regiment (M.G.), C.A.S.F., which arrived in the Standard barracks at noon to-day from Camp Borden. They came by C.N.R. for an indefinite period. At left is Lieut. J. E. Tipler, adjutant. The dog, called Star, is the mascot of the regiment.

Lieut. W. J. McCabe New Paymaster Of Perth

Two staff changes affecting personnel of the Perth Regiment, M.G., (A.F.) at Standard barracks at Hamilton were announced today by Lieutenant-Colonel George W. Little, M.V.O., M.C., commanding officer.

Captain William Charters, formerly of the Stratford branch of the Bank of Montreal and for some months paymaster of the Perth, has been appointed assistant to the field cashier of the Third Canadian Division which is being assembled in eastern Canada.

Lieutenant William J. McCabe, an officer on the staff of the Perth Regiment Wing of No. 1 District Depot, London, Ont., and a resident of Stratford, succeeds Captain Charters as paymaster of the first battalion.

The appointments have been approved by authorities of Military District No. 2 at Toronto and Military District No. 1, London, Ont. Lieutenant McCabe reports at Hamilton on Wednesday.

So far as Lieutenant-Colonel Little could say there will be no other staff changes at present and he said he had no information as regards a successor to Lieutenant McCabe at the Perth's Depot.

Both Captain Charters and Lieutenant McCabe will work under the Royal Canadian Army Pay Corps which is now handling all pay and allowance matters for the Canadian Army, both in Canada and overseas.

Distinct Promotion.

The transfer of Captain Charters to the field pay office is a distinct promotion for him as well as for Lieutenant McCabe.

Captain Charters has had many years of military experience. A banker in civilian life he was second-in-command of "A" Company following mobilization of the battalion and until his appointment as paymaster in succession to Captain R. J. Stevenson, now paymaster at the Depot in London. A native of Toronto and a son of Mrs. Mary Charters and the late Thomas Charters, Captain Charters received his education in the public and high schools of Meaford where his parents took up residence when he was a child. Upon graduation from the high school he entered the former Merchants Bank which later was merged with the Bank of Montreal. Captain Charters enlisted in Toronto with the Canadian Field Artillery and proceeded overseas in the spring of 1918 and continued on the demobilization staff of the Canadian Expeditionary Force until March of 1919 when he was discharged. Returning to Meaford Captain Charters re-entered the bank's employ and held positions in Toronto, Windsor, Simcoe, Meaford, Tavistock and in February of 1933 he was transferred to Stratford where he was continuously employed until mobilization in September of 1939. Captain Charters first became identified with the non-permanent active militia in Meaford in 1929 attaining his commission first in the Grey Regi-

ment with headquarters at Owen Sound. He was attached to the Perth from 1933 to 1935 and in 1936 he qualified for his captaincy, an appointment that did not come until his transfer to the local battalion and its mobilization.

Mrs. Charters and her daughter, Mary Elizabeth, are now residing in Meaford.

Lieutenant William J. McCabe is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCabe, 34 Centre street. He was born near Stratford and received his education in local schools and at the Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute. In civilian life he was an inspector for the Perth Mutual Fire Insurance Company and enlisted for active service on June 18, 1940. Appointed to the depot staff of the Perth Regiment, M.G., (A.F.) Lieutenant McCabe was stationed in Stratford armories until October 1 when the depots of district units were centralized at London, Ont. as No. 1 District Depot.

A married man, Lieutenant McCabe's home is at 106 Centre street where Mrs. McCabe and their daughter Janet reside.

THE STRA TWO PERTH REGIMENT PROMOTIONS



LIEUT. W. J. McCABE

CAPT. WM. CHARTERS

Shown above are Lieutenant W. J. McCabe who becomes the new paymaster of the Perth Regiment, M.G. (A.F.) at Standard barracks in Hamilton and Captain William Charters who has been promoted to the position of assistant to the field cashier of the Third Canadian Division. He will be stationed in the Atlantic Command.

PERTHS SHOW WHY MECHANIZATION COSTS MONEY



During recent weeks officers and men of the Perth Regiment, M.G. (A.F.) at Standard Barracks in Hamilton, have been literally dazzling the citizens of Hamilton, Dundas and district by displays and manoeuvres in the interests of the War Savings Campaign. Recently the battalion, which is one of Canada's mechanized units, went on a motor trip throughout its district so that the war certificate buyers could actually see why the government needs money, impressing upon them that so many trucks—65 of them—are needed for a machine gun battalion. Here a cameraman caught the parade before it left the barracks ground. Inset is Sergeant Robert Marquis, who is in charge of one truck. (Photograph by courtesy of The Hamilton Spectator).

FOUR FROM RANKS GET COMMISSIONS



E. M. Hutchinson

T. J. Reith



F. G. Twist



A. Binnington

The promotion of four members of the Perth Regiment (Motors) active force, at Hamilton to the rank of lieutenants, pending their qualification, is announced in regimental orders issued by Lieutenant-Colonel George W. Little, M.V.O., M.C. In the top row are Lieutenant E. M. Hutchinson of Stratford and Lieutenant T. J. Reith of Grand Valley. In the lower row are two St. Marys men, Lieutenants F. G. Twist and A. Binnington. The photograph of Mr. Reith is by the Rogers Studio.

Commissions Are Given 4 Members Of Perth Regiment

Sergeant Majors Edmund M. Hutchinson, Andrew Binnington and Francis G. Twist and Lance-Corporal Thomas J. Reith Win Well Merited Promotions With Active Service Force Now Stationed at Hamilton

Pending their qualifying for the appointments, Company Sergeant Majors Edmund M. Hutchinson, Andrew Binnington, and Francis G. Twist and Lance Corporal Thomas J. Reith of the Perth Regiment (Motors) active force at Standard barracks, Hamilton, have been promoted to the rank of second lieutenants. Their commissions are retroactive to March 31.

Lieutenants Hutchinson and Reith are on command to the Canadian Officers' Training Centre at Brockville. The former has been company sergeant major of Headquarters Company and the latter has been on the non-commissioned officers strength of "C" Company. Lieutenants Binnington and Twist have been company sergeant majors of "D" and "A" Companies, respectively.

Promotions of the non-commissioned officer and the three warrant officers are the first of men from the ranks of the battalion, which was formed in September and October of 1939, to commissions and it is generally considered in military circles that the selections of Lieutenant-Colonel George W. Little, M.V.O., M.C., officer commanding, are worthy of their appointments. Each has rendered valuable service to the regiment and all are popular members.

Lieutenant Hutchinson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hutchinson, 121 Milton street, Stratford. He was born in Evanston, Novan, Rosshire, Scotland, on July 14, 1917, and after coming here as a child received his education in St. Joseph's school and at Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute, graduating from the commercial department in 1935. In civilian life he was employed by the Avalon Fabrics Limited. Lieutenant Hutchinson first joined the non-permanent active militia in 1931. In 1933 he qualified, as a member of the Perth's for his second-class paper in visual telegraphy and signalling. He was made a corporal the following year. In 1935 he secured his first-class paper in the same subjects and in June of that year was made a sergeant. The new officer qualified as an instructor in rifle, bayonet, light machine gun, pistol and section leading in July of 1936 by attending the Canadian Small Arms School at Connaught range in Ottawa and in January of 1937 he took a Provisional School course at the armories here. The same year he went back to Ottawa and qualified as an instructor in the Vickers machine gun. After his promotion to the rank of company sergeant major in April of 1938—three years ago—Lieutenant Hutchinson returned to the Canadian Small Arms School and qualified in infantry rangelanding. Lieutenant Hutchinson enlisted for active service in this war on September 5, 1939, being one of the first to volunteer. His father is a Great War veteran.

Two From St. Marys In the promotion of Mr. Twist and Mr. Binnington to lieutenantcies, St. Marys has two new officers on the Perth's staff. Lieutenant Francis G. Twist is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Twist of St. Marys. He was born in England on January 24, 1910, and came to Canada as a child, receiving his education in St. Marys. In civilian life he was an air mechanic. His military career dates to April 13, 1928, when he joined the 2nd Canadian Machine Gun Corps' third company at St. Marys. After serving as a private for a number of years he was made a full corporal in 1933, a sergeant in 1934 and that year attended the Canadian Small Arms School at Ottawa where he qualified in the "B" Wing. He also took a refresher course in that section in 1939 shortly before mobilization for active service. Mr. Twist joined the active force on September 4, 1939. It is of interest that his father is a veteran of the Great War.

A son of the late T. Binnington, a veteran of the Coldstream Guards of the Imperial Army, Lieutenant Binnington has had about 12 years army experience. He joined the 2nd Canadian Machine Gun Corps at St. Marys in May of 1929 and after remaining with it for seven and a half years, transferred to the Perth Regiment, reserve force, in the re-organization of the Canadian Militia in 1936. He qualified for the rank of sergeant in 1931, attending the Royal School at London, Ont., for six weeks. His machine gun qualification was registered after he had taken a month's course at the Canadian Small Arms School in Ottawa in 1933 and it was in 1938 that he qualified for his rank of company sergeant major. Lance Corporal Thomas Johnston Reith, the junior non-commissioned officer of the new appointees, is a young man who enlisted the latter part of September, 1939, as a private. He came to Stratford to volunteer from his home in Grand Valley, Ont. During his service in the ranks and as a non-commissioned officer, Lieutenant Reith has been active in regimental affairs, especially in sport. He was a member of the hockey club for the past two seasons.