

Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

Orderly Sergeant for the day at Perth Barracks is Sergeant Lionel Nadon, a young man who calls Kitchener his home but who hails from Ottawa.

He was born in the Canadian capital, a son of Mrs. Louis Nadon and the late Mr. Nadon. He was educated in the public schools of Ottawa and later took a two year course at the Ottawa Technical School. Following this he was employed in the house furnishings department of Bryson, Graham and Company at Ottawa, a large departmental store. He went to Kitchener in 1935 where he was with Goudies Limited for some time and later joined the Canadian Department Stores staff in Kitchener.

Sergeant Nadon is a married man with two children, Jean and Robert, both of whom live with their mother at 26 Simeon street, Kitchener.

Believe it or not—but Perth Barracks was one of the quietest places in Stratford on New Year's Eve. That is what officers who were on duty say. When the factory whistles and church bells were ushering in 1940, a small group of some 20 men in the recreation room on the top floor merely wished one another the compliments of the season, drank a toast to the New Year and then retired for the night.

The reason for the quiet was that the main forces were in various parts of the city celebrating with their friends. Through the courtesy of Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, himself visiting in Toronto, the men had late leave until 12:30 a.m. Despite the occasion this column learns there few who abused the privilege. Not much was said to those who did because it was New Year's.

The Liquor Control Board of Ontario has announced that canteens in barracks throughout this province must operate under the same regulations as hotels. Word to this effect reached Perth Barracks over the holiday and is now in effect.

New Year's brought joy to some of the N.C.O.'s. According to the announcements contained in orders the appointments and promotions of C.Q.M.S. Carl Weir, Sergeant J. Armstrong, Sergeant W. P. Ewart and Sergeant P. J. Tyers have been confirmed. Heretofore these men have been acting in their respective positions.

Private W. J. Kerr, a Warton member of the unit, has been appointed to the staff of Provost Sergeant W. G. Ferguson and is now a full-fledged military policeman.

According to the orders, the congratulations of the regiment are due Private R. Turner. He was married recently to Miss Kathleen Lillian Moses of Hamilton.

Names are being recorded on the various bulletin boards of the companies listing Perths who desire to participate with company clubs to be entered in competition of regimental leagues. Volleyball, hockey

and basketball are to be played.

Shuffleboard proved a popular game in the men's recreation room over the week-end and holiday. Dozens of games were in progress and there is some talk of a league being organized. It would operate evenings when a great many of the men find time on their hands.

Sergeant A. Adams is figuring on getting a team of bowlers from "A" Company. In fact at present he says that his group can beat any team of alley bowlers in the regiment. The Adams lads got in some good practice Monday.

Major D. M. Ross, president of the Officers' Mess and his associate officers, were at home Monday afternoon on the occasion of the officers' reception. It was quite an informal affair with many of the officers' wives and a few friends dropping into the quarters for the afternoon.

Some of the wives and lady friends of the N.C.O.'s also visited Perth Barracks during the afternoon and were guests of the Sergeants' Mess.

Corporal Steve Cordell's father, George Cordell of London, has sent an interesting "letter" from Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany addressed to Premier Chamberlain of Great Britain. The letter, which is a comically worded document, is being placed on the Headquarter's Company bulletin board.

Regimental hockey clubs are going to get in some practicing during the next two days. Arrangements have been completed for the river to be cleared off for afternoon workouts today and tomorrow and on Wednesday a group will also go to the fairgrounds for a two hour and a half practice for company teams. The rink at the fairgrounds is covered.

Regular training will commence again Wednesday morning when the regiment will be up to full strength as the men on leave for the New Year holiday will all be back on duty. Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb states that the usual muster parade will be held on Friday.

Toby, the regimental mascot, has received the new royal blue blanket. The pup's name and regimental name have been emblazoned on each side of the blanket in gold lettering. Now all the troops want is an occasion on which to show their pal to the public.

Lance Corporal Wallace agrees that the "gin" which Lance Corporal John Chesney serves on New Year occasions lacks strength. No wonder, it was aqua pura.

We walked through company dormitories on the way back to the orderly room. The men were all in bed—those who were supposed to be—and those who were not on duty in their respective places. The rooms were clean and neat but one struck the eye of the orderly officer. "Look at this one," he pointed out. "It's neat as a whip. Look at those great coats, all hung in a perfect line," he said observing that each man used a coat hanger. So they were in smart appearing shape. We were prompted to inquire which company should get credit for such a fine showing. That is what the officer was waiting for and he got the opportunity to give his reply.

"This company," he replied, "why it's the best one in the regiment and it gets the least publicity for neatness etcetera in your column. It's hardly ever mentioned," he went on. "Which one is it?" the scribe persisted. "Oh, yea, it's D Company commanded by Captain Bert Arrell with Capt. H. G. Clark (temporarily in London) as second-in-command and with Lieut. H. A. Snelgrove, also on the staff. It's Perth County Company."

That was fine, but we noticed today that Major D. M. Ross' Headquarter's Company has also installed coat hangers for the convenience of the troops forming that unit. That dormitory is also pretty fussy when it comes to neatness.

Private W. J. Bannerman of "D" Company is deeply grateful to the good people of the Belton district, where his home is located. On his recent visit there the neighbors gathered and made him the

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A native of Tavistock and a resident of Stratford who holds a responsible position as an N.C.O. in the Perth Regiment is Lance Corporal Wilfrid Stewart Bell. He is the regimental postman and as such has just completed a heavy period of work. Soldiers, like other people at this time of the season, receive hundreds of Christmas and New Year letters, cards and parcels. They have all passed through the hands of Lance Corporal Bell.

Lance Corporal Bell is a son of Mrs. Matilda Bell of Tavistock and the late W. Bell. He was educated in Tavistock public and continuation school and upon graduation from the latter institution followed various occupations. Interested in music, the lance corporal became a member of the Tavistock Musical Society's band.

Lance Corporal Bell came to Stratford about three years ago and joined the sales force of a nationally known brush company. He later became supply man for the Stratford Post Office staff and at the time of enlistment with the Perth Regiment on September 10 had qualified for appointment to the permanent postal staff here.

It was in 1937 that Lance Corporal Bell first became interested in the Perth Regiment. He enlisted in the non-permanent unit as a private and was a member of the regimental band. He received his promotion upon joining the Canadian Active Service Force.

A married man, Lance Corporal Bell's home is at 189 William street, Stratford.

Hunting in an area south of Sebringville on Wednesday afternoon Perth soldiers bagged 26 rabbits. It was an ideal day for hunting, the newly fallen snow providing many tracks.

Sergeant Adams will probably never forget the rabbit hunt of Wednesday for he had a peculiar experience. Being strange to the area he wandered away from the rest of the party and ended up in a store in Sebringville. Realizing that his pals had left for the barracks, he commenced to hitch-hike his way back to Stratford. Luck brought him an early ride and the man who picked him up was none other than a Calgary friend the sergeant had not talked to for seven years.

If any of the readers of this column think that at night duty in Perth Barracks ceases let us show you otherwise. There is something doing 24 hours of the day within the confines of the four storey structure, even in the dead of night, as a walk through the building with an orderly officer revealed to this writer.

Accompanied by the orderly sergeant, the writer made the rounds in the wee sma' hours of the morning. With flashlight in hand the officer went downstairs into the kitchen where he found men on duty preparing the next morning's breakfast. He checked the personnel on duty and finding it correct went into the guard room. It was lunch time. "How's the coffee?" he inquired and assured that it was good, proceeded to sign necessary documents presented for his signature by the sergeant of the guard.

Even Toby, the big St. Bernard mascot was roused from sleep and greeted the officer with a fond dog "smile" when patted on the head. Then the pup snuggled into the bed of straw provided by kind-hearted friends of the unit.

"How many patients tonight?" the officer inquired as he met the orderly on duty in the hospital. "Six, sir," came the reply. "Everything under control?" was the next query. "Yes, sir," came the prompt reply and then the group moved out into the darkened dining room of one of the companies. A flash of light revealed the fire picket. He was on the job, just like a dozen or two other fire sentries who keep a constant watch on the safety of their fellow soldiers throughout the long hours of the night.

recipient of a handsome wrist watch and a cigarette lighter.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb told the writer today that he is certainly pleased with the manner in which the Perths have returned to duty following the Christmas and New Year holidays. Practically every man who was on New Year's leave reported back this morning in time for the first parade.

Several of the troops made long journeys over the New Year holiday. Private Frank Stoneman visited his old haunts around Sherbrooke, Que. Dropping in at the armories of the 75th Field Battery there he was surprised to find little activity. The unit is still a non-permanent militia regiment. But seven guards are doing full time work. Private Stoneman says he had a great weekend but was glad to get back to the Perths.

One of our friends also tells us that Private George Taylor went out to Winnipeg during his vacation. His home is out there and he is making the best of the trip this time.

A Kitchener man who would not let this column use his name, because he does not like publicity, says he had a trip down through the Niagara district. On the return trip he traveled to London via bus. When the coach neared St. Marys on its homeward trip Wednesday night the private, together with a major, several corporals and a few other passengers who were also journeying to this city, had to get out and push the big vehicle. It stalled.

There is some good news in another column of this issue for men who are under discharge orders. It has to do with allowances for clothing.

Major, the Rev. H. F. C. Cocks, M.C., who is senior Protestant chaplain for military district No. 1, with headquarters in London, has called a meeting to be held in Perth Barracks Thursday when the inter-regimental sports program will be drafted. In his capacity as secretary of the district sports committee Major Cocks has invited representatives of the 96th Field Battery, Guelph; 97th and 100th Field Batteries, Listowel and the Perth Regiment, this city, to attend the meeting.

It is also expected that Major Russell Beattie, M.C., chief recruiting officer for M.D. 1 will also be here for the sports meeting. Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, has invited the guests to luncheon at the barracks.

Corporal E. A. Cousins of the Royal Canadian Engineers, Toronto, and Sergeant A. J. Haden of the Royal Regiment of Canada, Toronto, have left to rejoin their units after spending the New Year holiday as the guests of Captain J. F. Skinner and Mrs. Skinner, R.R. 1, St. Pauls.

While Major-General E. C. Ashton, inspector of Canadian forces, was in Guelph Tuesday, accompanied by Brigadier D. J. Macdonald, commandant of military district No. 1, inspecting the field batteries which are in barracks there, Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commander of the Perths, states he has not received any word of the inspection of the local unit. It is presumed, however, that Major-General Ashton will also give the local troops the "once-over" before they proceed to another destination.

None of the troops in the Canadian Active Service Force will be typed as to their blood category, according to word from Ottawa. When the need arises for blood transfusions for soldiers it will be available from universal donors, the dispatch states. This is different in the case of Australian soldiers who are being typed and their category is being marked on their identification discs and in their pay books.

Monetary Assistance For Men On Discharge

Men who are discharged from Canadian Active Service Forces in future will receive monetary assistance from the Department of National Defence to assist them in clothing themselves for civilian life. Announcement to this effect is contained in military orders which have been approved by the Canadian high command at Ottawa, it is learned.

The department has stipulated various sums which will be given discharged men, the amounts varying according to the season of the year in which they are let out and also by the length of time recruits have been in the army.

The Beacon-Herald has not been made acquainted with the amounts of money available for the rehabilitation purpose but a reporter has been informed reliably that the money in most instances is enough to insure the men getting a suit of clothes or if he already owns one from his former civilian life, he will have enough to buy an overcoat if he needs one. A discharged soldier is permitted under the Canadian army regulations today, as

always has been the case, to retain possession of his underwear and socks upon getting his discharge. In Great War days it was customary for the discharges to retain shoes as well but whether this policy will continue in this war has not been ascertained.

It is also specified in the Ottawa order that men receiving their discharge, but who are properly outfitted in civilian attire, are eligible to receive the discharge allowance in the form of a pay issue.

According to an authoritative source there are many men throughout the C.A.S.F. being discharged because of poor health and other reasons who find themselves without proper clothing. These are men who were unemployed, in most instances, before offering their services. Others, men who had gainful occupations, kept most of their wearing apparel and will have it upon returning to civilian life.

No figures are available locally as to the number of discharges, the information being considered purely military and of a confidential nature.

Canadian Soldiers To Get Finest Of Medical Care

TORONTO, Jan. 3—(CP)—The wounded soldier's chances of recovery in this war are "infinitely greater" than in 1914-18, Dr. T. C. Routley, general secretary of the Canadian Medical Association, said today.

The C.M.A. itself is mobilized, 8,500 strong, to keep death at a distance for Canadian troops on active service. Canadian medicine is providing the finest medical talent in the world and the Dominion Government is providing the finest equipment.

All advances in medicine of the past 25 years are being utilized. According to Dr. Routley "marvellous improvements" in surgery, especially in post-operative care, will be practised at base hospitals and the methods of preventive medicine—keeping out the unfit before they go overseas—will save untold misery.

Thousands of Canadians lost limbs in the first Great War, but medical men believe amputations will be greatly reduced this time by prompt first-aid, blood transfusions and newly developed anti-infection serums.

Thousands of others died of pneumonia and other lung diseases and these casualties will undoubtedly be reduced by the use of sulfa-pyridine, the new drug developed in the past few years and used with remarkable results.

Preventive Measures Effective

Perhaps even more important have been the preventive measures taken by military authorities with C.M.A. cooperation. All ranks in the First Division now in England were X-rayed for chest trouble before they left Canada and the unfit were weeded out.

On advice of medical experts, the Defence Department also stood aside all youths under 19, keeping them in training rather than sending them overseas for active service. Doctors advised that the health of such youths is more likely to break down than that of older men.

Blood banks, made possible through refrigeration of blood for transfusion purposes, have been prepared, gallons of the vital fluid being donated by young Canadians, many of them university students.

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Private Alex McInnis is another of the men from Stratford who has volunteered his services with the Perth Regiment for duty in the Dominion or overseas in the European War.

Born in Springhill, Nova Scotia, a small coal mining community, Private McInnis was educated in the public and high school of his home community and came to Stratford in 1916 to learn his trade as a machinist at the Canadian National Railways shops.

The outbreak of the Great War caused a break in his connection with the railway for in 1917 he joined the Royal Air Force and while his duties did not take him out of the Dominion he was in His Majesty's service for 18 months. Upon receiving his discharge in 1918 he returned to his work here and continuously was employed until he again secured leave of absence to enlist with the Perth Regiment.

It is also of interest to readers of this column that Private McInnis' father, Winfield McInnis, still residing in Springhill, N.S., with his wife, is a veteran of the Great War, going overseas with the Nova Scotia Highlanders.

Private Alex McInnis is a married man with four children, Jean, Winfield, Kenneth and Darlene, who reside with their mother at 81 Louise street.

Some 50 employees of the tool room of the Canadian National Railways shops here gathered at five o'clock Wednesday afternoon to make a presentation to Private Alex McInnis in recognition of the step he has taken in joining the permanent force of the Perth Regiment. Private McInnis was presented with a handsome wrist watch and a box of cigarettes by his fellow workmen.

"The boys in the tool room wish you to accept this watch so that it will always be a reminder of the pleasant friendship in the past and trust that both you and the watch will come back to them, slightly older, we expect, but with the works as good as ever and going good," read the address given by Foreman Thomas Snitch to Private McInnis just before Foreman George Bexton made the presentation at the railway men's gathering Wednesday. This column hardly needs to mention that Private McInnis was taken by surprise and responded in a few well chosen words, expressing his appreciation to his former associates.

We hear on the best authority that Corporal Beckner holds the honor of having already received two proposals from blushing maidens in this young Leap Year of 1940. The corporal had two young ladies propose to him on New Year's night. It is natural that he reserved his decision during the immediate predicament, but time will tell—what say you, Corp?

Capt. R. A. MacDougall, commanding officer of B Company and his orderly room staff showed real co-operation in a matter of pictures Wednesday afternoon during this scribe's visit to Perth Barracks. "B Company is first again—first in everything—and we'll continue to be regardless of what the other companies say," Capt. MacDougall replied after receiving the writer's thanks for assistance.

Some of the Perth Regiment lads from up Parkhill way will probably be interested to know that Theodore McPhee of Galt has enlisted with the 29th Field Battery at Guelph. He went to Galt as a young fellow and received his education in the Galt separate school and at the Galt Collegiate Vocational Institute, later following his trade as a shoemaker.

In Halifax, where the Canadian Legion is helping to look after the

welfare of members of the navy, the sailors are showing a marked preference for "blood and thunder" stories of the Captain Hornblower type. They are cheering themselves up, one Legion officer reports, with such epics as "Death of a Hero," "Before the Bombardment," "Gun Cotton" and "Les Miserables."

Corporal Steve Cordell took time out during his rounds in Headquarters Company to inform this column that Headquarters Company has never had a black mark against it for uncleanness, the inference being that we suggested recently it had. Cannot recall the item, but if it did appear it was in error. Headquarters Company is always top-notch, not only in cleanliness but usually in everything else.

Private P. V. Phillips and Private E. J. Lesard headed the Perth sharpshooters during their Wednesday afternoon meet at Stratford Armories on Waterloo street. The former had a score of 46 and the latter 47.

Inter-company basketball got away to a flying start over at the Avalon Fabrics courts Wednesday afternoon. The scores are not available, for they were not turned into Major J. S. H. Lind's office.

A physical training course for two men from each company got underway on Wednesday afternoon. When the group graduates, the men qualified will be of assistance to their own company officers. Lieut. H. A. Snelgrove, who recently returned from taking the course at Ottawa, is in charge of the class.

There's a paragraph above which refers to the navy boys at Halifax liking the wild West type of magazines. They have nothing on some Perths when it comes to reading. A stroll through the barracks reveals that many of the local troops enjoy passing their time with similar hair-raising literature. It provides a diversion from a heavy day's routine.

Schneider, McRorie and Company, who take on Tavistock in the intermediate "B" O.H.A. game Friday night, are being held in reserve by Lieut. R. S. Reid, regimental hockey mentor. For tonight's Industrial Hockey League game at Stratford arena, the Perths will ice McGraw in goal, Lyons and Hendry on the defence, Gibbons at centre and McLeod and Beemer on the wings. The alternates will be Pendle, Spiegelberg, Martin and Emm. How about a few of the troops taking in the game to cheer the Perths along?

Sergeant A. J. Whitehead returned to duty today after a five-day leave of absence. "Oh, I went down to Toronto, visited all the troops and came back with the impression that our own regiment has them all beat," the sergeant said when asked where he went on his holiday. Sergeant Whitehead met several chaps he has not talked to for 20 years—fellows who served in the Great War with him. They're in khaki again.

Major J. G. Jose, medical officer, was having a swell time when this scribe spotted him in Perth Barracks. He had another needle in his hand. This time it's anti-tetanus inoculation. In common language the serum is a lock-jaw preventative. Headquarters Company got the shot today and the others will get their turn in order.

Major H. F. C. Cocks, senior Protestant chaplain throughout military district No. 1 and secretary of the district regimental sports committee, was an early arrival for today's meeting when the inter-regimental sports schedules will be drafted. Delegates from the batteries at Guelph and Listowel also arrived in time to be entertained at luncheon by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb.

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Corporal Robert Ferguson in "A" Company had seven years' military service with The Border Regiment in the Old Country before he came to Canada in 1928 to settle first at St. Marys and then in Kitchener.

While with The Border Regiment, Corporal Ferguson served in India and Arabia, in the former country at Waziristan on the Northwestern Frontier. He was also in Aden.

Born in Newcastle-on-Tyne, Corporal Ferguson is a son of Mrs. John Ferguson of Carlisle, Cumberland. He was educated in the public school of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

When the Motherland declared war against Germany Corporal Ferguson got leave of absence from the Bernardo Tile Company of Kitchener, where he had been employed for some six years, to enlist. His wife and four children, Alice, Arlene, Joan and Robert, make their home at 39 Joseph street, Kitchener.

There is a unique record existing in No. 6 Platoon of "A" Company that is worth mentioning. It boasts four men who have been in the service of the Imperial Army. This is more than any single company can show, this column understands. The men are Lance Corporal A. McKenzie, who was with The King's Own Scottish Borderers; Lance Corporal C. W. Dalgiesch who was with The Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders; Private James Byron, who was with The Machine Gun Corps, and Corporal Ferguson who served with The Border Regiment.

Things were rather quiet in Perth Barracks circles for a wandering scribe in search of enough news to fill this column. The reason was that it was Muster Parade and Kit Inspection. It was also an occasion upon which the M.O., Major J. G. Jose, found everything to his liking for he could follow the inspecting officers along the rows of bunks administering the anti-tetanus injections and performing other inspections which are familiar to soldiers, both of the old war and of this new scrap.

Kit Inspection provided the troops with an opportunity to lay out their issues and it must be said that every company dormitory, where the inspection took place, was spic and span, equipment clean and buttons bright. For the benefit of outsiders it might be stated that each item of a man's kit is checked by the officers and any shortage must be accounted for or charged against the soldier. While the Perths have not yet received every article they will carry on active service, they have enough to make a presentable appearance. There will be more than 70 articles when the allotment is complete.

The monthly meeting of the Sergeants' Mess is scheduled for tonight. Routine matters will chiefly engage the attention of the members.

Provost Sergeant William Ferguson and Private Kerr, the latter the new addition to the military police staff here, are in the Owen Sound and Warton district on business. It's a safe bet they will know what snow is by the time they return to this city.

According to a London dispatch recruiting for 367 reinforcements for units throughout military district No. 1 got underway today. Major Russell Beattie, M.C., well-

known in Perth Regiment circles, is in charge of the work. It is not known whether any of the new men will find their way into the Perths.

Sergeant Scotty Hamilton is convinced that someone got his wires crossed Thursday night when he received an order instructing him to be at the barracks with his covered truck to transport the Emma Gees to Tavistock for an intermediate O.H.A. game. The sergeant waited at the barracks until 8:30 (which is game time) and then had a feeling that the scribe was right when he said the game "is not tonight but Friday." Yep, the sergeant is all ready for the trip tonight.

Lieut. R. S. Reid, manager of the regimental hockey club, said he plans to use McGraw in goal; McRorie and Habbirk on the defence; Schneider in centre; Brooks and Reith on the defence and Lyons, Hendry, Ashley, Aikzenie and Spiegelberg as alternates against the Tavistock club.

Perth hockeyists, including Lieut. Reid, who witnessed the Industrial Hockey League fixture against Imperial Rattan Thursday night, contended the game should have ended in a 1-1 draw. They claim that McLeod tallied a counter at the west end of the arena in the third period which was not allowed. The Perths put up a good game and it was tough for them to lose on a 1-0 score.

Private Spiegelberg, who is one of the alternates on the Emma Gees, has a nickname. It's "Machine Gun," taken from his initials which are M. G.

If there is another soldier, who is not ill, in the Canadian Active Service Force, First Division, or otherwise, who can equal Sergeant Michael's record, he's good. Sergeant Michael had the honor of having two other sergeants in the Perth Regiment serve his breakfast to him while he was in bed. What's more the sergeants cleared away the dirty dishes for him. This column heard that Regimental Sergeant Major Tom Soper literally turned pink when he heard of the incident.

An interesting gathering took place Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Walsh, Gore of Downie, when friends and neighbors gathered to honor Private Vincent Walsh, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Walsh. The evening was spent in games and dancing and at an appropriate time Arnold Coonan read an address and presentations were made to Private Walsh by Louis Hourigan, Joseph Coonan and Albert Herman. Chairman for the evening was Wilfrid Murray. Among the gifts which Private Walsh received were a gold wrist watch and a signet ring.

Everything is set for the Perth boxers and wrestlers to go to London tonight where a district assault-at-arms is planned. The local teams will be in charge of Major J. S. H. Lind and some fellow officers. The trip will be made in four private cars.

Wrestlers entered in the different classes include A. Woodcock and A. Baird in the 145 pound competition, R. Scammell in the 140 pound class and W. Binkle in the 170 pound heavyweight division. The boxers are R. Melville, 126 pounds; L. Bailey, 145 pounds; O. K. Johnson, 165 pounds, F. A. Jones, 170 pounds, and B. F. Bryson, 116 pounds, who will box in the 110-115 pound class.

While it was originally intended that the assault-at-arms at Queen's Park in London would be limited to Perths, as far as outside competition was concerned, the Londoners have now changed the plans and the different London units will match men from both Stratford and Windsor.

Lance Corporal Cliff Bricker who represented Canada in Olympic games as a marathoner at Los Angeles and Amsterdam, had his photograph published in the Gall Reporter recently. As usual Lance Corporal Bricker had a big smile on his face.

A new fad has hit Perth Barracks. With the arrival of Toby, the regimental mascot, the troops got the idea of having individual photographs taken with the big St. Bernard. Now a local photographer is doing a landoffice business down at the rear of the headquarters.

The outside regiments—the 26th Field Battery of Guelph and 100th and 97th Field Batteries of Listowel—set up a little kick during Thursday's sports committee meeting when the hockey question was discussed. They argued that with nearly 800 men in Stratford from which to select a team, the competition would be unfair when it is considered their batteries have less than 200 men enrolled. That is why the Perths must play a company

schedule with the best team going into the district playoffs.

There is one consolation for the Perths, however, and that is in the event that the locals win this district they will be permitted to ice their best team in the Western Ontario playoffs against teams from London, Windsor and other places if additional entries are received. Needless to say that team would probably be composed of the men now playing in the O.H.A. competition.

Major H. F. C. Cocks, London, Lieut. Claxton, 26th Field Battery, Guelph; Major J. S. MacDonald, 97th Field Battery, Listowel, and Lieut. Hemsworth, 100th Field Battery, Listowel, were the outsiders present at the meeting in Perth Barracks. The local unit had three delegates, Lieut. R. S. Reid, Major J. S. H. Lind and Lieut. J. S. Whyte present. Prior to the meeting the visitors were guests of Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb at luncheon. A story giving details of the proposed games and the dates will be found on the sport page.

Soldier Volleyball Teams To Hold Competition Here

Arrangements Made For Sports Program Among Army Units

Competitive volleyball between the 26th Field Battery of Guelph, the 100th and 97th Field Batteries of Listowel and the Perth Regiment will be played here on January 24 at the Waterloo Street armories, it was announced following a meeting of representatives of the district regiments held at Perth Barracks on Thursday afternoon.

The games will be but a part of the sports program which will be played in January and February, bringing the different army teams together in basketball, hockey, boxing and wrestling.

The volleyball here on the 24th will be in the form of an elimination series, with the teams playing in a three-out-of-five games series. The semi-finals will be played in the afternoon and the finals in the evening.

While the volleyball tournament is progressing, the Perth basketball team will play with the 26th Field Battery the same day in Guelph and the winner will go to Listowel for the district final on February 7. In the meantime, teams from the 97th and the 100th Batteries will declare a winner to play the victor of the Guelph-Stratford series.

The boxing and wrestling matches will be staged in Guelph, in the form of a circus with two rings going throughout the day. While there will be a boxing bout in one ring, the mat enthusiasts will be able to witness the wrestlers' work at the same time. Entries for the bouts must be in the hands of the boxing and wrestling secretary by January 24.

Hockey matters occupied the major portion of the meeting and it was agreed that the Perth Regiment will play inter-company games, with the winner meeting the 26th Battery team. The victor will then play against the winner of the 97th and 100th Battery game. The local district hockey champion must be ready to play the winners of the London-Windsor district by February 14.

Secretaries for the different sports were named as follows: volleyball, Lieut. John Whyte of the Perth Regiment; boxing and wrestling, Lieut. Claxton of the 26th Field Battery, Guelph; basketball, Lieut. Hemsworth, 100th Field Battery Listowel. The hockey committee is Lieut. R. S. Reid, Major J. S. H. Lind and Lieut. John S. Whyte of the Perths.

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Perth Regiment's Colonel and Adjutant



STRATFORD'S respected brakeman-colonel is entering the Second Great War in command of the Perth Regiment, (Machine Gun), now quartered in barracks in Stratford. He is Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, O.C., the Perth Regiment, shown at the left above with Lieutenant-Adjutant J. E. Tipler, Lieut.-Col. McComb left his C.N.R. job early in the

Great War 25 years ago to serve as a private in the old 34th Battalion. He won his way from the ranks, and returned with a commission. Returning to his railway post after war ended, he also continued with the Militia, advancing to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and taking command of the Perth Regiment when it mobilized in September.

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Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

Company Quartermaster Sergeant Bertie Wilfrid Carder is a member of the Perth Regiment who has made either Stratford or Kitchener his home since coming to Canada in 1922 to become an employee in the maintenance department of the Canadian National Railways in this division.

Born in Harwich, Essex, England, the C.Q.M.S. of "C" Company, is a son of James Carder of Dovercourt, England and the late Mrs. Carder. He was educated in the schools of Harwich and Dovercourt and upon graduation joined the 9th Essex Regiment as a private in 1915.

Going to France with his regiment, C.Q.M.S. Carder was wounded in August of 1916 in the Battle of the Somme and again in October of 1917 at Inche in the Arras sector. He was demobilized in 1920, being in hospital when the war ended.

C.Q.M.S. Carder was employed by the Great Eastern Railway in England prior to coming to this country. From 1922 until 1937 he was a resident of this city and went to Kitchener via a transfer with the C.N.R. remaining there until he secured leave of absence to become identified with the Perths in the Canadian Active Service Force.

It was in 1925 that C.Q.M.S. Carder first became connected with the Canadian non-permanent militia. He joined the Perth Regiment in 1925 as a private; became a sergeant on September 9, 1929 and a company quartermaster sergeant in January, 1935, an appointment that he was permitted to retain when he transferred to the Scots Fusiliers of Canada at Kitchener on moving to that city where he lived until mobilization.

C.Q.M.S. Carder is married, his wife and daughter Jean living now at 129 Wellington street in Stratford. A son, Private Leslie Wilfrid Carder, is also a member of the Perth Regiment being posted to "A" Company.

There are dozens of interesting news items cropping up in company circles throughout the week that never find their way into this column simply because nobody ever gives the writer the tip on them. It is a coincidence that on Friday we mentioned about "A" Company boasting four Imperials. After reading it an N.C.O. in the same company was chatting with a group of his pals when it suddenly dawned upon the lot that "A" Company holds another distinction. He let us have it and we appreciate his co-operation.

The story is this: In "A" Company there are six men—all veterans of the Great War—one holding a Military Medal for courageousness on the field. Here's the list as detailed to us: Company Quartermaster Sergeant Carl Weir, who was with the Canadian Forestry Corps; Sergeant Ernie Hobson, a member of the Fourth Battalion, or the Old Mad Fourth, who was with his company pal, Lance Corporal C. W. Holmes of the same unit; Lance Corporal C. W. Beckerson of the 1st Brigade Motor Machine Gun Battalion and the winner of the Military Medal; Private McConn of the 4th C.M.R.'s and later with the Royal Air Force and Private Sayers who was in the Royal Engineers.

It's "dope" like that which makes this column interesting and anyone having anything that will contribute to the knowledge of the troops is invited to write it out and send it in, telephone it in or leave it at the orderly room in the barracks. If the news is bona fide it will be published.

speakers were His Honor Worshipful Brother Judge W. T. Robb of Orangeville. He spoke very feelingly of the capabilities which Bro. Hardy had shown as a leader and he stressed the fact that the newly installed master was not only a leader, but one who was willing to serve by offering himself to his King and Country in the capacity of a private.

Private Orville Hardy came to the Perth Regiment from the Ontario Department of Highways, giving up his home and connections to enlist. We may be wrong but this column has a hunch that Private Hardy is the only Worshipful Master of a Masonic lodge on active service at the present time. He is undoubtedly the only one in the local regiment.

The monthly meeting of the Sergeants' Mess, scheduled for Friday night, was postponed until Monday evening. The reason for the postponement was not given.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer of the Perth Regiment expressed much pleasure at the promotion of Sergeant Major Instructor H. M. Bevis, W.O. 1 of the R.C.R.'s at London, to the commission of a lieutenant. The new officer, who will be stationed at the C.A.S.F. infantry training centre in Toronto, is well-known to many of the Perth officers. He was here when officers from London headquarters conducted an examination of a number of local lieutenants shortly before the troops moved into Perth Barracks.

Another London dispatch relates that approximately 400 reinforcement recruits from Western Ontario will be sent to Toronto and other training centres for three months' training from January 15 to April 15. The Toronto training centre will be under command of Lieut.-Col. K. M. Holloway who was formerly in London.

General regret was expressed throughout Perth Regiment hockey circles at the fact that Private Herb Ebel, who has been undergoing observation at Westminster Hospital in London recently, will be unable to continue in the army. Herbie was one of the best players on the regimental hockey club when it was organized early this winter. However his physical condition will not permit him to continue soldiering and he is to retire into civilian life.

There will be no church parade for the troops on Sunday. On January 14, however, the Perths will attend divine service at St. James' Anglican church, it was announced by the commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. S. H. McCob.

Likewise there will be no visitors at the barracks on Sunday.

Permission to marry has been granted by the commanding officer to Privates J. F. McKnight and F. M. Watson. The names of the brides-elect are not announced.

Examinations for company quartermasters and clerks are being held in the Quartermaster's Stores today. The big room resembled a regular classroom with the "headmasters" Major F. S. Walker and Capt. A. F. Hunter in charge.

Company Sergeant Major J. R. McRobb is getting quite a ribbing from his associates in the Sergeants' Mess these days, this column learns. It appears that the C.S.M. hates going to the dentist, as most of us do, and it recently took two companions to get him into the chair. The work being done is said to be minor such as "part" of an extraction and several small "fillings."

We received a copy of the Grand Valley newspaper—The Star and Vidette—Friday which says in part: "On New Year's Day the annual ceremony of installing the officers of Scott Masonic Lodge, Grand Valley, was held, and it was a unique occasion when a private in His Majesty's Active Service Forces in the person of Private Orville Hardy of the Perth Regiment, Stratford, was duly installed as Worshipful Master of this old lodge."

Continuing the article about Private Hardy says that there were guests present from Orangeville, Fergus, Erin, Arthur and the London district where the new W.M. formerly resided. "Among the

"Just in case some of the boys think that I am the Gillingham who is in hospital at Lindsay with a fractured jaw, tell them in your column that I'm still on the job with the Perths—not the 45th Field Battery," C.S.M. Gillingham said today in reference to a Bexley township youth getting three months in jail for 'socking' the artillery man of the same name. There are few Gillinghams in Canada according to the local soldier.

Between 25 and 30 Perths, including a number of officers went to London Friday night for the assault-at-arms held at Queen's Park. Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb expressed his satisfaction today at the performance of the Perth boxers and wrestlers. "They showed up very well and we brought home our share of victories," the O.C. remarked. He added that the London garrison gave three hearty cheers for the Perths on two occasions. Lieut.-Col. McComb was one of the judges during the events.

Along the officers who made the trip to London were Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, Major J. S. H. Lind, Major M. W. Andrew, Capt. A. R. MacDougall, Capt. J. G. Jose, Lieut.

J. Bell. Others from this city included T. W. Orr and J. R. Mercer, the latter of the Y.M.C.A. where the Perths do much of their training in the mat games.

Perths who are doing their drilling out of doors these days are wearing the woollen caps which are a regular army issue. They are also being used by the guards as a protection against the snow and cold weather.

SERVICE FORCE RECRUITING OPENS

OTTAWA, Jan. 8 (CP)—Doors of recruiting offices swing open again today and the first of thousands of young Canadians who will don the King's uniform in 1940 will be enrolled.

Over the weekend the national defence department announced recruiting of reinforcements for units in the Canadian Active Service Force would start today and that the first of three initial training schools under the British Commonwealth training plan is being prepared for occupancy at Toronto.

As the C.A.S.F. is based on the non-permanent active militia and the units mobilized for it from the militia are to retain their identity, recruiting of reinforcements will be done through the depots left behind by each of the units now overseas.

We learned today that Mrs. Bertie Carder, wife of Quartermaster Sergeant Carder, whose story appeared in this column on Saturday, is also a veteran of the Great War. Like many other women of Great Britain, Mrs. Carder did duty during the conflict as a member of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps. The unit was commonly known as the "Waacs."

Private George Grant is back as big as life from Westminster Hospital at London where he was ill following an attack of appendicitis. He was also a patient in the Stratford General Hospital before being removed to the London institution.

There is one corporal in the barracks who took a ribbing from the boys in khaki recently. It appears that the shoe throwing epidemic had gotten under the corporal's skin to such an extent that he declared that anyone appearing without his shoes the next morning would be "up." The next morning arrived and the corporal was minus his shoes.

Major and Mrs. Frank Walker had their son and daughter, Lloyd Walker and Miss Margaret Walker, home from Toronto over the weekend.

Fur caps have arrived for the use of the guards at Stratford armories

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Private Cecil W. Beckerson, M.M., is a member of the Perth Regiment who was decorated for bravery during the Great War.

"Pop," as he is generally known to his associates in the unit, was born in Haldimand County, a son of Mrs. Richard Beckerson of Jarvis. He was educated in Hagersville public school and upon graduation adopted the vocation of his father, the late Richard Beckerson, and worked on the family farm. He stayed right on the land until 1915 when he enlisted with the battalion formed from Haldimand County men — Brock's Rangers — with which he went overseas.

Like many of the battalions that left Canada, Brock's Rangers were split up and Private Beckerson was transferred to the 3rd Reserve, later to the 2nd Battalion and finally to the 1st Motor Machine Gun Brigade with which he distinguished himself.

Private Beckerson, like most all men who are decorated for meritorious service on the field of action, did not care to discuss how he won the Military Medal, but finally admitted he received the honor for defending, along with one other man, a counter attack position of the Germans. Vickers machine guns were used, each man having charge of one. The incident happened near Canal du Nord, 1917.

Private Beckerson was gassed 11 days before the Armistice brought about a cessation of hostilities in November of 1918 and he spent the next two months in hospital. It was March 28, 1919, before Private Beckerson was demobilized.

Returning to his home in Haldimand he went back to the farm and worked there until 1927 when he got the urge to get into something else. He went north and worked around the lumber camps for a while and then went to Waterford where he was in the lumber business with his brother for 11 years, coming from that town to Stratford to become associated with the machine gun business for the duration of this war.

A married man, Private Beckerson has three daughters, Myrtle and Shirley living at home in Waterford with their mother, and Miss Helen Beckerson who is a school teacher at S.S. No. 1, Windham.

Brigadier D. J. Macdonald, district officer commanding from headquarters at London will be in Stratford Thursday morning to conduct an inspection of the troops, it was learned from Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb. The D.O.C. has not been in the city officially since he accompanied His Honor Albert Matthews, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, to inspect the Perths early in December.

While at Perth Barracks, Brigadier Macdonald will present the long service efficiency medal to Lieut.-Col. Arthur Garrod, former officer commanding the Perths, to Major D. M. Ross and to Sergeant A. J. Whitehead. The last mentioned gets the clasp.

The visit of the district officer commanding has no significance despite the many reports which are circulating throughout the community, this column hears on good authority.

A regimental band is being gathered to provide music during the inspection which will take place on the barracks' parade ground. The instrumentalists are being called to duty by Corporal Steve Cordell.

Mrs. T. W. Carrick and Mrs. Mamie Sutcliffe, both of Goderich, were in the city Sunday, the former to visit her husband, Corporal Carrick of the Perths. The party were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Landers, 302 Douro street, where some of the boys were billeted before going into barracks.

and at the barracks. They are of the Yukon type and will be a welcome piece of apparel especially during these cold nights and days.

A new Corporals' Mess is being prepared on the fourth floor of the barracks building, just off the men's recreation room. It is understood that the new quarters will be a lounge only for the convenience of the men with one and two stripes during their leisure hours. It is something that has been needed at the barracks for some time as all permanent force units have a Corporals' Mess.

While the corporals have not organized their club committee as yet, several of them asked this column to make an appeal on their behalf for some furniture. They would like a few easy chairs and tables to augment what might be issued to them from the furnishings already in barracks. The property may be delivered to the Corporals' Mess at Perth Barracks. There are some 40 corporals and lance-corporals in the unit.

With virtually every officer and man back on duty following the Christmas and New Year holidays, training started in a serious manner in circles today.

Classes in machine gun and light gun work are going right ahead while another large group is engaged in range work. The men who joined the ranks during the latter stages of recruiting are also doing plenty of drilling so that, all told there are few idle hands around the big structure. Not knowing when they may be called upon to leave for a new destination the men are taking to the intensified training with interest.

Some 200 of the troops braved the near zero weather today for route marches into the country and on their return to the warm barracks there were many red faces, noses and ears. The men found that the rural roads were heavy but open. It was generally agreed that the hikes are good conditioners.

Although the "No Visitors" sign was hung out at the barracks Sunday quite a number called to see the officers and the men. Many were from out-of-town centres who had not seen their soldier friends for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Coe, 497 Romeo street, entertained their soldier friends, Privates C. Winch, of Owen Sound, and G. R. White, of Moorefield, at dinner Sunday night. Before returning to the barracks the two Perths presented their host and hostess with a set of silverware.

Lieut. R. S. Reid, hockey mentor of the Perths, stated today that his club is all set for the game against Clinton at Stratford arena tonight. The same club that whipped Tavistock Friday night will swing into action against Clinton. As the Perths are now tied with New Hamburg for second place the local troops figure on gaining the two points to put them next to the first place Seaforth Lions.

According to a dispatch from London, Eng., Canadian soldier hockey teams over there with the first division, are arranging several games with teams of the English National Hockey League. The club of "A" Battery, First Field Brigade of the Royal Canadian Corps Artillery, Kingston, are planning games with the Wembley Monarchs on January 20 and 27. Perhaps when the Perths get over there the Emma Gees and the Gunners will bump into similar teams in the great arenas at Wembley and Harlingay.

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Corporal Waldo Earl Bellwood is a Stratford member of the Perth Regiment who was one of the first of the non-permanent militia to volunteer his services when the mobilization order came through on September 1, last year. He had previously been on guard duty at the Waterloo street Armouries. Born in Exeter, Corporal Bellwood is a son of David Neil Bellwood, 60 Simcoe street, this city, and the late Mrs. Bellwood. Corporal Bellwood came to Stratford with his parents when a lad and was educated at the Romeo school.

As a young man he entered the Canadian National Railways apprenticeship class and after serving his time became a machinist. He followed this trade in the United States for seven or eight years and then returned to Stratford and was with the B. and B. group of the C.N.R., being regularly employed in bridge building and bridge painting until he answered his country's call. He has the distinction of being the fourth Perth soldier to don the uniform for active service.

It was in 1931 that Corporal Bellwood first became a member of the unit. He enlisted as a private, retaining that rank until October 1 when he was promoted to his present position with "B" Company.

A married man, Corporal Bellwood's residence in civilian life is at 331 Queen street, Stratford.

Members of the Sergeants' Mess of the Perth Regiment, C.A.S.F., decided at their meeting Monday night to entertain those who formed the Mess during the days of the non-permanent regiment. It will be a gathering of good fellowship which will give the former members a chance to renew acquaintances with peace-time associates and will also provide them with an opportunity to meet the members of the present Mess who came from other centres throughout Canada.

The evening will take the form of a social commencing at 8 o'clock. Matters of general interest to the Mess were discussed at the meeting which was presided over by Company Sergeant Major Twist, the Mess president.

When "Hank" McGraw went into goal for the Perth Regiment on Monday night for an intermediate "B" O.H.A. game against Clinton at Stratford arena he completed his final game for the soldier pucksters. "Hank" is forced to retire into civilian life again. It is the second disappointment the Perths have received since the hockey club was formed, the team also losing Herbie Ebel, a Chesley lad recently via the discharge route.

It is unfortunate that "Hank" McGraw had to receive such a tough send-off from the hockey club. In the dying moments of the third period of the Clinton game, which the regiment team dropped 2 to 1, "Hank" took a puck on the jaw from the stick of "Punch" McEwan, Clinton forward. Today he is resting at the barracks and as soon as he recovers he will doff his khaki for his street clothes. Just who will replace "Hank" between the goal posts, hockey officials could not say.

Discharges are frequently occurring in regimental circles these days. That men must be dropped is no fault of the O.C. and his fellow officers. It is considered by the Canadian high command that it is in the interests of the men themselves that they not serve in the army knowingly having a bodily impairment. It is a case of the unbeatable x-ray bringing out troubles which many of the troops never knew they suffered.

day when to their surprise after inspection they had to do some marching. That was in the early morning when most of us are just thinking about marching—to work.

Arrival of another lot of big boxes in the Quartermaster Stores today again caused rumors that "the new uniforms have arrived." And again there was a surprise. The boxes contained, not uniforms, but rubbers. There will be practically enough rubber footwear for the whole outfit.

"The Government of Canada, 1917." That is the inscription on lead pencils which the men in the different offices of the barracks are using these days. It is quite evident that the pencils are not handed out in wholesale quantities for it takes quite a tussle to get "an issue." Maybe that's how the government conserved some of its 1917 supply.

A neat sign indicating the purpose of the building and the fact that it is the headquarters of the Perth Regiment M. G. has been placed outside the Trinity street door of Perth Barracks. It is but one of a few dozen neat appearing signs that are decorating the different departments of the barracks. The signs come under the duties of Pioneer Sergeant A. J. Whitehead who told us that they are the work of Lance Corporal Donald Youngs. "He is the official sign maker of the regiment just now," the sergeant remarked, "and he does a neat job."

According to a London dispatch headquarters' officers of military district No. 1 are not too well pleased with the attendance at church parades throughout the district. The London authorities have sent out word to the effect that all men, officers included, not required on barracks duty, must attend the service. There is an allowance made for men who are on leave with passes.

"Maybe they are drilling us for service in Finland or Russia," a burly, red faced soldier remarked today after coming into the barracks from the route march. "But then it is supposed to be 40 below over there. It's only 10 or 15 below in this country these night," and then he added: "I wonder when we will get our skis?" That is typical of the interest the local troops are taking in war events in Europe. They keep abreast of developments.

"You can say our Perth Regiment News will be out for sure this week," Private Vincent Smith, the editor, said today. "It's the colonel's orders so we are going to publish this week without fail." The regimental news has been sort of dormant ever since Christmas time because of special work which had to be rushed through ahead of everything else by the staff.

The Perth Regiment News, recently mentioned in an Ottawa dispatch from Dominion headquarters, is reported to be one of four regimental papers published in Canada and Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb is anxious that the sheet be published continuously while his unit is in Canada.

Notice in The Kitchener Record where the Canadian Legion branch in that city is seeking the names of all men from that district who are enlisted in the Canadian Active Service Force.

The Atwood Patriotic Society is staging a concert in the Music Hall there Friday night for the benefit of the men from that district who are in the army.

We hear that the Listowel Patriotic League ladies are doing a real service for the troops up at Bennett Barracks, their latest gift being to the 100th Field Battery. The donation is a set of woollen wristlets for every man in the unit.

Here is one example that was explained to this writer during the course of the past few days. One man went before all the usual medical boards and was thoroughly examined. He passed perfectly and developed into just as efficient a soldier as there is in the regiment. Along came the x-ray and detected that he had a hole in his ear drum. Now it is a fact that the ear might not give him any trouble in Canada but should the regiment get into the battle overseas there are liable to be repercussions of some sort that would destroy the hearing facilities of the organ permanently.

There is no recruiting going on at Perth Barracks this column was officially advised today. Consequently men who walk the long distance from downtown areas in the hope of getting into the unit are just wasting their time for they are doomed to disappointment when an orderly sergeant informs them that there are no vacancies on the strength at present. In the press dispatch from Ottawa recently it stated quite clearly that recruiting is proceeding in centres where the troops have already left for overseas destinations. The Perths are still here.

Cold weather does not halt military activities. One-third of the regiment discovered that today when it went out on a long route march. A country route was taken and the men found the weather cold but refreshing. They all had red faces on returning to barracks. Another group of men who have not been getting out very much—the boys in the orderly rooms—found their routine changed somewhat, too, to-

That reminds us that it is quite some time since there was an announcement forthcoming from the local barracks that anything has been donated to the Perths. Socks, wristlets, scarfs, sweaters, etc., are always welcomed by soldiers and might be taken up as a suggestion by any Stratford organization that has been pondering over the question of what to do for the boys.

Indications are that the new Corporals' Mess on the fourth floor of the barracks, adjacent to the big recreation room, will be completed, insofar as the carpenters are concerned, by Wednesday. The men are wondering now how they will furnish their lounge. Anyone having the odd table or chair that could be spared might communicate with the barracks and the furniture will be called for and trucked to the Mess.

THIS SHOULD SETTLE ALL ARGUMENTS



For more than 25 years, an argument has been raging, and is still unsettled, as to who fired the first shot in the Great War. The stage might have been set for a similar marathon controversy, except for this photograph, which has just been released. Walking down the gangplank at a British port is Sergt. Gregson, without question the first member of the C.A.S.F. to set foot on English soil. It was something in the nature of a homecoming for him, as he is English born.

Promotions were announced for another group of men in barracks today. Lance Corporal M. W. Campbell becomes an acting corporal; Lance Corporal G. Hogg becomes an acting corporal; Private B. C. Willmore becomes an acting lance corporal; Private R. Anderson becomes an acting lance corporal; Private R. Guymer becomes an acting corporal and Private J. Harvey, who has been steward in the Officers' Mess, becomes an acting sergeant. If those who are holding temporary rank at present justify their promotions, their ranks will be confirmed at the end of the required probationary period.

"A" Company's hockey team for inter-company competition was announced today as follows: goal, King; defence, Pendle, Welch, Minzen and Huras; forwards, Clark, Bailey and Lee; alternates, Beemer, Livingstone, Ashcroft and Hanley.

Among the men who retired to civilian life Tuesday who regretted to have to leave the Perth Regiment was Private R. C. Pennington, a Goderich volunteer. On being ready to leave barracks he penned a note to his "C" Company buddies. It read as follows: "Hear ye, hear ye—to all whom it may concern—I, R. C. Pennington, having left your bed and board am no more responsible for any debts or fatigue contracted by my fellow conspirators." And then in a serious vein he added: "No fooling, fellows, I regret having to leave. I have had a swell time and wish you all the best of luck." He signed himself "X-Pte. R. C. Pennington." Needless to say, the "C" Company men appreciated the message from Mr. Pennington and with the con-

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Lance Corporal Alexander McKenzie is a member of the Perth Regiment who has had much experience in the army. He is an old Imperial and an Old Contemptible. Now he's back in khaki ready to do what he can in this fight against Hitlerism.

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, Lance Corporal McKenzie is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward McKenzie. He was educated in the public school of his home city and upon graduation enlisted, when 15 years and six months old, in the 21st Royal Scots Fusiliers. That was on October 12, 1912. The following June he transferred to the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

When the Great War broke out Lance Corporal McKenzie went overseas with the British Expeditionary Force from Ireland. He was in the 5th Division and took part in the retreat from Mons in August of 1914. He was wounded three times, the first being in June of 1915 at St. Elloi; the second on the Somme in July of 1916 and the last time in April of 1917 on the Arras front. He later served on the Italian front—from midway through 1917 until 1918 when the Armistice was signed. Demobilization came to the Lance Corporal in January of 1919.

Coming to Canada that year, Lance Corporal McKenzie enlisted in the non-permanent militia in Toronto. He selected the 48th Highlanders of Canada and completed a three-year term with them. While in Toronto he was employed by the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Company, Limited, until coming to Stratford to enlist with the Perth in the Canadian Active Service Force on September 24, 1939.

There was a twinkle in the eye of Lance Corporal Alex McKenzie when the writer asked him how he came to enlist with the Perth Regiment when mobilization was so general—particularly with his old outfit, the 48th Highlanders of Canada. "Oh, you see," he explained, "I'm only five foot, four inches high, and the 48th insisted on men five foot seven inches. I could not stretch myself so I spoke to Captain McHugh. He told me to come to Stratford and see Major Lind. I did that and here I am."

And then in true Scottish fashion, Lance Corporal McKenzie wondered about getting a copy of The Beacon-Herald containing this. Breaking down our resistance he managed to get the necessary with which to greet the news boy when he makes his customary evening call at the barracks. You cannot beat the Scotch—not even in the Perth Regiment.

Regimental Sergeant Major Thomas Soper asked us to again draw attention of the former members of the non-permanent Sergeants' Mess, reminding them they are invited to attend an "At-Home" in the Sergeants' Mess at Perth Barracks next Monday night. The affair will start at 8 o'clock. This is official insofar as invitations are concerned so the C.A.S.F. sergeants will be expecting to see their former associates.

Headquarter's Company has set what the personnel considers a new record in regimental circles. It is claimed in authoritative circles that there are more returned men in that company than in any other unit of the regiment at Perth Barracks. There are more than 20 known veterans of the Great War, among them being the company commander, Major D. M. Ross, Lieut. J. Bell, C.Q.M.S.; George Mogg, R.Q.M.S. William Billings, Corporal C. W. Chessman, Sergeant P. J. Tyers, Corporal A. Trotter, Private Jock Beattie, Corporal H. Gardiner, Private R. Scott, Provost Sergeant W. G. Ferguson, Sergeant A. J. Whitehead, Sergeant W. P. Ewart, Acting Sergeant J. Harvey and Lance Corporal H. Wallace.

sent of Lieut-Col. S. H. McComb it is recorded here.

"We are having many calls every days from men who desire to enlist in the Perth Regiment," Lieut-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, told the writer today. "Just a few minutes ago there was an ex-sailor in here who begged us to take him on the strength. We cannot do it because we have not received any orders to recruit more men."

Sapper L. A. Charbonneau of the 1st Field Company, Royal Canadian Engineers, London, has been transferred to the Perth Regiment and has been assigned to "D" company.

Announcement was made today that the regimental choir will rehearse Friday at 4.30 p.m. in preparation for Sunday's church parade. The parade will be to St. James' church, where the acting padre, Hon. Major the Rev. F. Gwynne Lightbourn, is rector.

Slowly but surely the equipment for the Perths is finding its way into the barracks from the ordnance department at London. The latest arrivals include a safety razor set for each man. Packed in a neat khaki kit, the set includes a razor, a box of five blades and a metal mirror.

The troops were quite pleased to observe that the government is not issuing any cheap razor blades. An examination of the box reveals that each blade is of the five-cent value. Most of us civilians have reached the stage where we buy the five for a dime variety.

Rubbers were also issued to all the men Tuesday night. A smart appearing heavy rubber of Ontario make, the troops found little difficulty in getting the big sizes over their heavy army boots. The overshoes or goloshes which the guards were wearing have also been called in to the quartermaster stores and the men on patrol duty are also wearing rubbers.

The mops and scrub brushes were being worked overtime in barracks circles today as the troops prepared for the visit on Thursday of Brigadier D. J. Macdonald, officer commanding Military District No. 1, with headquarters at London.

"Look at those fellows work," a corporal said to the reporter. "Every man along that line is interested in his work. There's a reason for it. Our company has won the 'stick' for the past five days and we are going to do it again when the Brigadier comes. Just watch us." You guessed it. That's "B" Company.

Even the quartermaster stores, where things are generally almost spotless, under the watchful eyes of Major Frank Walker, the boys were busy scrubbing and cleaning. Every table was nearly snow white for it has reached the ears of the clerks that the D.O.C. always pays particular attention to the stores' departments whenever he visits a barracks.

Brigadier Macdonald was in Windsor Tuesday, according to a press dispatch. He termed his trip there, in company with Major H. H. Thomas, his general staff officer, "just a visit, not an inspection," but he took time out from his conversations with the Essex Scottish Regiment commander to tell the kilted troops that he is well pleased with the progress they have shown since mobilization.

The program here during the stay of Brigadier Macdonald and his staff includes a general salute, an inspection of the barracks and a luncheon with the commanding officer, Lieut-Col. S. H. McComb and his officers. It is not generally known how long the Brigadier will be in the city though he is due to arrive at 10 a.m.

A group of officers from Woodstock will be entertained on Thursday evening in the Officers' Mess.

Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

One of the youngest N.C.O.'s in the Perth Regiment is Lance Corporal Arthur Attawell Eglinton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Eglinton, 60 Cherry street, Stratford.

Lance Corporal Eglinton was born in Birmingham, England, about 21 years ago and came to Canada as a lad with his parents to locate in this city. He was educated in Shakespeare public school and later at the Stratford Collegiate Vocational Institute.

The young N.C.O. is well-known to many citizens of the city for he made many acquaintances while being employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in the ticket and telegraph office here. He was also working for a time, after leaving school, with Kist Canada Limited.

Eager to progress in the Perth Regiment when it was a non-permanent militia unit, Lance Corporal Eglinton took the infantry course at London and also completed part of the "K" course at the Stratford Armouries on Waterloo street. He had been a member of the Perths for about five years when he entered the Canadian Active Service Force on September 12, 1939.

Mrs. Eglinton resides at 60 Cherry street with her daughter, Leslie Patricia.

When Brigadier D. J. Macdonald, officer commanding Military District No. 1, gave Toby, The Perths' mascot, the "once over" today, the big St. Bernard was all dolled up in her finest—brass mounted harness and blanket. The harness and brass had been polished by a batman Wednesday in preparation for the review. It was the first occasion on which Brigadier Macdonald had met Toby.

An editorial in the St. Thomas Times-Journal under the heading "Stop Dog Mascots," says: "A dog which was given to a battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Winnipeg as a mascot before going overseas, got out on the platform at Kenora, and by some means or other returned to its original owners 134 miles back. They are now said to be planning to bestow it upon another regiment."

It continues: "The giving of dogs as regimental mascots should be prohibited. People on this side forget that dogs entering the British Isles are quarantined for six months. A Toronto battalion, which took over a dog was jolted by that reminder when their pet was taken away from them. Not even the Canadians are exempt from that rule. A dog gets attached to soldier friends for a few weeks, is impounded when it gets to the other side, and by the time it is free to go—where is the battalion?"

This column learned on unquestionable authority that contracts for the supply of food-stuffs to the Perth Regiment have been renewed for another month. That ought to be a reply to many of the rumors making the rounds of the barracks that the unit is about to move to an unnamed destination. The latest of these tales is that heated coaches are standing in readiness on the railway sidings awaiting the arrival of the troops.

chener youth who is attached to the depot company because of his tender years, the D.O.C. inquired as to the pup's name and age. After receiving Private Grant's reply, Brigadier Macdonald remarked that "it is a fine mascot and one that the men should be very proud to own."

During the inspection of the individual companies, the brigadier stopped and chatted with many of the men in the ranks. He was particularly interested in talking with men who wore service decorations from the Great War, among them Provost Sergeant W. G. Fergusson. He asked the head of the military police with what regiment he served in the last war and who Sergeant Fergusson's commanding officer was in England. Informed that it was Lord Shornley, Brigadier Macdonald commented that he knows him well. "He's a personal friend of mine."

The local members of the Canadian Dental Corps, Capt. C. W. Hamilton and Capt. N. J. Hiscox and their staff, who are attached to the Perth Regiment, also were out on parade for the inspection by the brigadier. It was the first parade for the dental officers and their men.

Further promotions announced at the barracks today give Privates E. O. Picott, G. S. Hakkirk and T. McFarlane the rank of acting lance corporals.

Lieut.-Col. Hersey of Woodstock will head a group of Woodstock officers to this city tonight to be guests of Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb and the officers of the Perth Regiment. The primary object of their visit is to make a tour of the barracks.

According to an Ottawa dispatch, Canadian soldiers of the Roman Catholic faith will receive Holy Communion next Sunday morning. Directions to this effect have been issued by Most Rev. J. L. Nelligan, Catholic Director of the Canadian Chaplain Services. Bishop Nelligan announced his intention to hold a general communion for Catholic troops on the second Sunday of each month.

Perth soldiers of the Roman Catholic faith have been attending Mass regularly at the Church of the Immaculate Conception where the Rev. W. T. Corcoran is rector. Father Corcoran has been acting as chaplain to the R.C. troops here. He told the writer he has not received the notice covering Bishop Nelligan's order but expects it will be passed on to him by Hon. Major the Rev. W. T. O'Rourke, senior Roman Catholic chaplain in M.D. 1.

We asked Brigadier Macdonald point blank today, following his inspection, when he generously granted a brief interview, if he has any knowledge of the future movements of the Perths. His reply was just as pointed. He said: "I know no more about it than you do. In fact you are aware that neither of us are allowed to make such matters public."

Music for the review of the troops was provided by a 20-piece band formed from among members of the unit. It was in charge of Corporal Steve Cordell. The music was lively and among the numbers that caught the ears of the writer and the little crowd of civilians who gathered to witness the proceedings from the King street fence, were the regimental march "John Peel" and "Roll Out the Barrel."

Three Given Decorations On District O.C.'s Visit

Lieut.-Col. Arthur Garrod, M.C., Major D. M. Ross, M.M., and Sergeant Arthur Whitehead were highly complimented by Brigadier D. J. Macdonald, commanding officer of Military District No. 1, when he presented them with long service efficiency decorations at Perth Barracks today during the course of an official inspection of the Regiment.

"It is men like yourselves who have contributed to the fine traditions of the Perth Regiment, making it what it is today and I might say that it is men with long years of service who have made it possible for Canada to contribute so generously in the matter of defence of the Empire in a time such as we are now facing," Brigadier Macdonald said in addressing the veterans.

Lieut.-Col. Garrod, M.C., former commanding officer of the Perth, and Major Ross, commanding officer of Headquarters Company, each received the long service efficiency medals of silver and gold for completing 20 years' soldiering in the Canadian army. Sergeant Whitehead received the clasp denoting 18 years' service, the clasp being an addition to his 12-year medal which he received six years ago. The decoration entitles the holders to use the letters E. D. following their names.

Brigadier Macdonald made the presentations in front of the regiment which was assembled by companies on the floor of the men's mess. Immediately after his brief address, which followed a general inspection of the unit and the barracks, Brigadier Macdonald was given three hearty cheers and a tiger at the request of the commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, who also gave the same order on behalf of the recipients of the awards.

Took General Salute.

Accompanied by the chief staff officer, Major H. H. Thomas, from headquarters at London, Brigadier Macdonald arrived in Stratford shortly before 10 a.m. today and

proceeded directly to Perth Barracks where he was met by Lieut. H. A. Snelgrove, orderly officer for the day. Proceeding to the parade ground at the rear of the barracks, Brigadier Macdonald took the general salute from the regiment headed by Lieut.-Col. McComb and then he inspected each company separately.

Returning to the interior of the barracks, Brigadier Macdonald, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. McComb and each of their staffs, the official party made a minute inspection of the different departments of the four-storey barracks. Brigadier Macdonald showed particular interest in the men's kitchen as he passed through, inquiring of Cook Sergt. Brown as to the day's menu. He looked over the equipment in the kitchen, even inspecting the cutlery used by the kitchen help.

From the dining rooms and the guard room, the party moved to the main floor of the barracks, where the quartermaster's stores were inspected, and then to the third floor for dormitory inspection and a visit to the Sergeants' Mess.

The quarters of the signallers and drill rooms on the fourth floor were also visited and then the party returned to the second floor where Brigadier Macdonald looked over the Orderly Room and company rooms. He spent some time in the "C" company Orderly Room which is under command of Major M. W. Andrew.

Pleased With Perths.

"I am very pleased with the progress the Perth Regiment has made and with the condition of the barracks," the brigadier told The Beacon-Herald following the inspection. He said that the situation as revealed during the inspection is a credit to Lieut.-Col. McComb, the officers, warrant officers and men of the unit.

Prior to returning to headquarters in London this afternoon Brigadier Macdonald was a luncheon guest of Lieut.-Col. McComb and officers of the regiment, Lieut.-Col. Arthur Garrod, M.C., E.D., also was present.

Some of the boys made some extra cash on Wednesday cleaning web equipment in preparation for the visit of Brigadier D. J. Macdonald today. One N.C.O. tells us he paid four bits to have his laid down nice and clean.

Lieut. D. M. Bricker had a large squad of troops at Stratford Armouries on Waterloo street Wednesday afternoon participating in the weekly sports activities. Bowling, volleyball and shooting were the features at the armouries throughout the afternoon. At the Y.M.C.A. the boxers and wrestlers had their exercise and at Avalon Fabrics the volleyball teams had another afternoon's recreation.

Perth Regiment troops acquitted themselves creditably in review before Brigadier D. J. Macdonald, officer commanding Military District No. 1, today, when he paid a routine visit to Perth Barracks. Officers contacted by the writer following the inspection were loud in their praise of the showing made by the men. It was generally conceded that the parade was the most outstanding, from a performance angle, since the mobilization of the unit back in September.

One of the first members of the regiment to catch the eye of Brigadier Macdonald was "Colonel Toby," the big St. Bernard dog, mascot of the regiment. Approaching her keeper, Private R. A. Grant, a Kit-

Probably the biggest surprise of the day in barracks came soon after the officers and men returned to the barracks following the outdoor parade. Troops were rushing here and there to return to their places, orderly clerks to their offices, cooks to their kitchens, guards and fire pickets to their posts and so on when the fire alarm sounded. The whole building was cleared in record time. The alarm was sounded at the brigadier's request, that he might observe the orderly manner in which the big building is cleared in fire drills.

Private W. Barker, a Goderich member of the unit, had the honor of being orderly to Lieut.-Col. McComb during the visit of Brigadier Macdonald. He was awarded the "stick" as being the finest appearing member of the guard. Each day the best groomed man in the guard gets the post. Private Barker is a member of "C" company.

Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

Another veteran of the Great War, who is back in khaki, ready to serve in this European War, is Sergeant James Harvey, steward of the Officers' Mess.

Sergeant Harvey, who is a rather quiet fellow, was born in Waterfoot, Rossendale, Scotland, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Harvey. He received his education in the public schools of his native city and upon graduation learned the shoe making trade. He worked at this in the Old Country and later in Kitchener where he took up residence on coming to Canada about 1928. When the shoe industry slackened down during the depression years he managed to get a position with the Kitchener Public Utilities Commission where he was employed when he came to this city.

It was with the Lancashire Fusiliers that Sergeant Harvey served during the Great War. He was with them for three years and eight months, the time being spent mostly on the western front. On taking up residence in Kitchener Sergeant Harvey got the urge for military life again and became a member of the Scots Fusiliers of Canada. He was with them until he enlisted in the Perths on September 28. It was natural that since Sergeant Harvey served in the Officers' Mess of the Waterloo county regiment that he should fill the same post at Perth Barracks. Courtous and obliging, Sergeant Harvey is very popular with members of the unit. He is unmarried.

Lieut-Col. W. F. Hersee, officer commanding the 1st Battalion of the Oxford Rifles, and his fellow officers, together with Lieut-Col. Wallace, former commander of the Dufferin Rifles, Woodstock, visited Perth Barracks Thursday night where they were guests of Lieut-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, and other Perth officers. About 40 were present including a few privileged and honorary members of the local Officers' Mess. The chief purpose of the trip made by the visiting officers was to see the barracks and to view the documentation procedure as followed in the permanent force.

After touring the barracks and participating in a social hour with the local officers, Lieut-Col. Hersee expressed the thanks of the guests, stating that everyone appreciated the courtesy shown by Lieut-Col. McComb and his staff in having them over and in explaining the documentation system which was highly educational and which may prove useful in the event the Oxford battalion is called upon to mobilize in the future.

The guests from the Oxford Rifles included: Lieut-Col. W. F. Hersee, commanding officer; Capt. F. E. Burgess, adjutant; Lieut. R. L. Algie, assistant adjutant; Major T. W. Ballantyne and Capt. C. A. Osborn, medical officers; Rev. Capt. J. Morris, chaplain; Capt. F. A. Tunaley, Major L. W. Lefler, Capt. R. V. Sawtell, 2nd Lieutenants N. Wilkins, G. M. Wilmot, J. S. Stratton, E. McCaffrey, Major R. E. Kirk, Capt. F. E. Harrington, Lieut. F. C. Karn, 2nd Lieutenants H. E. Barney, P. A. Cropp, H. C. Hosack, M. B. Kent, J. D. McAskile, Major A. Farmer, M.M., 2nd Lieutenants J. D. Darragh, H. McLeod, N. Dain, H. P. Deans, C. Beagley,

B. H. Lloyd, Major E. Elliott, M.C., Capt. R. E. Whitelaw, H. C. Baldwin, E. Bennett, E. Baldwin, P. Johnston, L. W. Taylor, A. Johnston, Major J. C. Herbert, Capt. H. B. Stevens, 2nd Lieutenants N. Meldrum, S. S. Carroll, M. Longworth and W. S. Johnston.

Lieut. Hug McLeod of the Oxford Rifles, who was at the barracks Thursday night, is shortly to leave his non-permanent unit to accept a commission with the Royal Canadian Regiment at London. A number of other visiting officers declared they would certainly like to take posts with the Perths. There are 41 officers on the Oxford Rifles' staff and 300 men.

Lieut. R. S. Reid announces that the hockey club personnel which will play in New Hamburg tonight will include Falkingham in goal; McRorie, Habkirk and Lyons on the defence and Spiegelberg, Ashley, Stepan, Brooks, Reith and Schneider on the forward line.

The balance of the sweaters presented to the Stratford men in the Perth Regiment by the Women's Auxiliary and the Stratford Branch of the Canadian Legion arrived at Perth Barracks today. They are being distributed to the men who did not receive them at Christmas time.

"Our men certainly did a splendid job Thursday," Lieut-Col. S. H. McComb, the Perths' commander said in reference to the general inspection carried out by Brigadier D. J. Macdonald, district officer commanding from London headquarters. "The Brigadier told me that he was well pleased with the showing of the officers and men," the local O.C. added.

Private Peter McRorie, who is a defenceman on the regimental hockey club was so keen on getting a good night's rest in preparation for tonight's game in New Hamburg that he turned down an invitation to "sit in" with the billet house rummy club. Privates Bob Boyes and Eldon Schneider dropped in for a while and did not fare so badly.

It was announced today that A company's hockey club challenged B company's team to a game at the fair grounds rink and got trimmed. The score was 13 to 1.

Lieut-Col. S. H. McComb states that the regiment will attend a church parade at St. James' church Sunday morning. The troops will fall in on the parade ground at 8.50 a.m. and move off at 9 a.m. so as to be in church at 9.30 a.m. The route of march will take the officers and men along King to Ontario streets and thence to the church.

Dr. W. M. Gilmore of the Stratford General Hospital medical staff took motion pictures of the general inspection conducted Thursday by Brigadier D. J. Macdonald of London headquarters. He is endeavoring to have them ready in time to show them at Monday night's social when the members of the Sergeants' mess will be hosts to their former associates in the Sergeants' Mess of the non-permanent days.

A ping pong tournament is being arranged among Headquarters Company and already six men have placed their names on the entry list which is on the bulletin board. Those eager to participate are R. R. Wilson, C. C. Nadjlwan, H. A. Stennett, R. B. Gresham, J. J. McCall and R. E. Gunn. Players are asked to attach their names to the list as soon as possible.

Another list calls for the names of all men in Headquarters company who would like to take up fencing. Already J. E. Bishop, R. Wilson, C. Salisbury and G. L. Evans have signified their intentions of entering the sport.

time, is in the city on leave of absence for a few days. He was also at the luncheon tendered Brigadier Macdonald in the Officers' Mess on Thursday following the general inspection.

Part of the course in German taught by the Education Branch of the Canadian Legion War Services includes a list of questions for interrogating prisoners. If a Canadian wants to know a Nazi's name he would say, "Wie heissen sie?" and if he wanted to get the prisoner's views of the war he would ask, "Was denken sie von der krieg?" which means "what do you think of the war?"

It is not improbable that many Canadian soldiers will offer cigarettes to prisoners of war if that commodity is as scarce in Germany as we are led to believe. "Would you like a cigarette?" is interpreted "Mochten sie eine zigarette haben?"

A number of commonly used military words in German are: U-boat, "Unterseeboot"; airplane, "dasflugzeug," contact, "kontakt," gas mask, "die gasmask"; general field marshal, "and one of the super tongue-twisters is machine gun. In German its "maschinen-gewehrechutze." Another is artillery support, "artillerieunterstutzung." Attention in the Nazi tongue is "achtung."

Private Leslie Bailey of the Perths, has a brother, Lawrence Bailey, in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. Both are Galt men, sons of Mrs. Harold Bailey and the late Mr. Bailey. They were born in Galt and attended St. Andrew's school in that city. Leslie later worked at the Sandiland's Valve Company while brother Lawrence, who originally enlisted with the 1st Hussars and was transferred to the R.C.A.S.C., was employed by the Canadian General Rubber Company in Galt. Their father and three uncles served in the Great War.

We hear that Lance Corporal Louis Arcand, who came down from Kirkland Lake to enlist with the Perths has been transferred to the Royal Canadian Engineers at London. Lance Corporal Arcand is one of the youngest veterans of the Great War to enlist in the Canadian Active Service Force. In his 39th year now he joined the colors for the last time when 15 years and five months old.

Commencing on Monday The Beacon-Herald is going to publish the pictures of the different companies which were taken recently on the parade ground. The photographs are the full eight column width of the newspaper and of excellent quality, it being possible to distinguish each man. The "cut lines" will carry the identity of each soldier in the company picture which will appear on the front page.

The first group to be printed will be that of Headquarters Company on Monday and then for the next four days the others will follow so that in the end it will be possible for a man to have a representative collection of the pictures of each unit forming the Perth Regiment. The photographs will be valuable from a personal and historical standpoint in future years.

Because of the demand that is likely to be made upon the earlier delivering The Beacon-Herald in Perth Barracks it might be advisable for the troops to place orders with the newsie for regular delivery to insure getting the complete issue. This will permit the carrier to make his arrangements for an adequate supply.

Company Sergeant Major J. E. McRobb, juck back from another visit to the dentist today, showed the writer a handsome wrist watch which was presented to him by the staff of C. Richardson and Co. Ltd. of St. Marys. C.S.M. McRobb was employed there before enlisting with the C.A.S.F. unit. The presentation was made at a social gathering held in St. Marys on Wednesday night.

Soldiers in the Perth Regiment who are members of the Loyal Orange Lodge have been invited to attend the annual meeting and social of the Stratford lodge which takes place tonight. If any of the Perths want information about the gathering they might speak to either Corporal Steve Cordell or Private G. Donaghy.

Lieut. J. C. Dent, who has been attached to the Essex Scottish Regiment at Windsor for some

Receives Promotion



PROMOTION of Lieut. R. J.

Stevenson, paymaster of the Perth Regiment to the rank of Captain is announced at Perth Barracks in orders approved by the Department of National Defence. The young officer is a Stratford man, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Stevenson, now residents of Toronto. He accepted his commission upon mobilization of the local regiment in September and since that time has qualified for his new rank.

Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

Corporal Vernon Heywood is an Exeter resident who has made splendid progress as a member of the Perth Regiment when it is considered that he has gained promotion to his present rank without any previous military experience, since enlisting on September 10.

Born in Exeter, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Heywood of that town, the young corporal was educated in the public and high schools of Exeter. Upon graduation he learned the carpentry trade which he followed in association with his father and an uncle.

Incidentally, he is one of the more popular N.C.O.'s, being unmarried. He got his stripes on October 23, 1939.

Promotion has come to Private H. Smith. Orders issued at Perth Barracks list him as an acting lance corporal.

Major E. C. Shelley, commander of "A" company, sprang a surprise on one group of his unit mid-way through the morning routine when he announced that an examination on fire instructions would take place immediately. It reminded us of how the school teacher used to pull those fast ones back in the good old days.

Sergeant James Harvey of the Officers' Mess says the Scotsmen of the regiment are burning up as a result of this column saying Friday that his home town, Waterfoot, Rossendale, is in Scotland. It's in England. "I'm pretty proud of the fact and I want to appease the Scots, too, so we better have a correction," the sergeant said.

Private Fred Baker, one of the Hespeler members of the unit, won the "stick" again today for "A" company and he is serving as orderly for Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb.

Smart khaki gloves have arrived for the Perths from the ordnance department at London and are being issued to the troops. They are part of the Canadian government's order of 80,000 pairs, some of which were made in Stratford.

Privates Charles King, H. Beaton and J. Carter have signed the list on "A" company's bulletin board signifying their desire to play ping-pong. Others are asked to get their names on the list so that the tournament may get started at an early date.

Attention is directed to all members of the Perth Regiment and the residents of this district to a front page story today which announces that pictures of the different companies forming the regiment will be run in The Beacon-Herald next week. Commencing with Monday the eight-column panoramic photograph of Headquarters Company will appear, and then on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, successively, the photographs of A, B, C and D companies at the business office of this newspaper.

There's something good coming up in the near future, according to Major J. S. H. Lind, second-in-command. He says that the sergeants have already issued a challenge to the officers for a game of hockey and the dare has been accepted. The game will be played as a preliminary to one of the regimental O.H.A. games and it will doubtless attract many citizens to the arena.

A game between the sergeants and the officers should prove interesting. Fancy a big fellow like Provost Sergeant Bill Fergusson on skates trying to get a puck away from a fast-moving player like Major Lind! But that game has all the touches of becoming a real pro affair for the officers have gained a promise from Lieut. Reg. Reid that he will don the blades and possibly an old St. Pat's sweater for the night just to show those sergeants a thing or two.

The health of the regiment is better now than it has ever been, according to an authoritative source. There is not one member of the unit in hospital. Most of the ailments are just touchy colds from

which many on the outside are also suffering at this time of the year.

Lieut. John S. Whyte, secretary of the Regimental Sports Committee, was a busy man when the writer called on him in his company office. He had a problem on his hands. The popular young officer was figuring out the best way to spend the \$25 cheque which the Daughters of the Empire gave to the troops some time ago, with the specific request that it be spent on equipment. Lieut. Whyte is ordering a variety of good games for use in the men's recreation room.

Arrangements are already under way for the assault-at-arms which will be staged in the Stratford armories on February 8 and 9. Consideration of the program of boxing and wrestling bouts, as well as other displays by the regiment, is being given by Major J. S. H. Lind, second-in-command and Major M. W. Andrew, president of the Regimental Sports Committee.

Major Andrew states that the assault-at-arms will be conducted in strictly military style the next time. There will be no applause, apart from hand clapping when a man deserves an ovation. But that does not mean there will not be fun for everyone for it is planned to give the troops plenty of occasions to do what they please.

Plans now being formulated call for Guelph, London, Listowel and possibly Windsor athletes to come to this city for the assault-at-arms. Further details will be announced just as soon as Major Lind and Major Andrew are in a position to make them public.

"That information your column carried in Friday's issue about the German language should prove beneficial and very handy to the troops," Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, declared today. "When the men get over there they will have plenty of opportunity to use German words and it is well that every man pick up as many as he can. I have already mastered a few German words," the O.C. said recalling his Great War days.

Major H. W. Howes and his associates in the Salvation Army here were at the barracks Friday night. The Army band gave the troops a good concert and the men joined in the singing of hymns. The men thoroughly enjoyed the program and today Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, voiced appreciation on behalf of the battalion to Major Howes and all the men of the Salvation Army for making the visit.

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(BY WES. DAVIS)

Orderly Corporal today is Herbert William Beckner, a Stratford man, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stanley Beckner, 244 Forman avenue.

Born in Regina, Corporal Beckner came to this city as a lad of about two years. He was educated in Shakespeare and Romeo schools and later in the Stratford Collegiate Vocational Institute.

A motor mechanic by trade, Corporal Beckner learned the business in this city. He was employed by Stratford Motor Service, Peters-Nash Company, and at the time of mobilization he was working in Fred Jones' garage at Port Elgin, coming back to his home town especially to enlist.

Corporal Beckner's interest in the militia really commenced three years ago when he enlisted as a private in the Perth Regiment as a non-permanent unit. He did not, however, gain his promotion to the corporalship until early in September last year, when the battalion became a unit of the Canadian Active Service Force.

Mervin and Lawrence Beckner of this city, Kenneth Beckner, of Sault Ste. Marie and Miss Jean Beckner of Stratford are the corporal's brothers and sister.

It's pay-day in barracks and everybody is happy. The yarns were flying thick and fast when the writer made a call in the different departments. We heard of a lance corporal who encountered a corporal Sunday night in a local rendezvous and relieved the latter of a blonde. It is said that the corporal is not any too well pleased over the deal. He got a redhead.

Then the boys are also telling one about Corporal W. H. Dickie and Corporal Tom Carrick. It appears that the pair made a resolution at New Year's, which they are keeping, we hope, not to drink anything stronger than cold coffee and water throughout this year.

Miss Grace Boegel of Kitchener was a weekend guest at the home of Private Vincent Smith and Mrs. Smith, 355 Romeo street.

Mrs. W. H. Dickie, wife of Corporal Dickie, also spent a few days in the city from her home at Elmville, near Exeter.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb received a call yesterday from Bruce Brown of Montreal, a pal of the commanding officer when they both served in the 18th Battalion during the Great War. Mr. Brown toured the building with the O.C. and later they recalled the draughty barracks at Queen's Park in London in which the 18th was stationed before going overseas for Great War duty.

Lieut. Herb Mason, intelligence officer of the Perths, was in London Saturday on official business and while he was there he called on Lieut. G. E. Carr, a Perth officer who is in Westminster hospital. He also paid his respects to Capt. H. G. Clark, another Perth officer who is doing special duty in London.

Sunday's church parade to St. James' Church was postponed by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, on the advice of Capt. J. G. Jose, medical officer. It was considered that the weather was too inclement to have the men march to the church, sit through the service with wet clothes and then return to barracks. The troops had lined up for the march when the decision was made.

"We certainly appreciate the thoughtfulness of Hon. Major the Rev. F. G. Lightbourn, Rev. Hugh Stewart and Rev. David Wren for coming out to the barracks to conduct the service in the men's recreation room," Lieut.-Col. McComb remarked today. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Lightbourn, Rev. Mr. Wren read the Scriptures and Rev. Mr. Stewart preached the sermon. Music was provided by the regimental band under the direction of M. Brett.

taste of real winter weather during the early morning hours today when they took their daily walk. Because of the elements the clerks only went around the block. It was a long enough march at that, for the ruts and snow made the walking bad.

Private W. O. Kaufman maintained the splendid record of "A" Company again today by winning the "stick." As a result he's got a nice job for the day as colonel's orderly.

Orders published at the barracks announce that five Perth Regiment officers, of the non-permanent force, have been "posted to the non-effective strength of the regimental depot." They are Lieut.-Col. Arthur Garrod, M.C., former commanding officer; Major G. D. L. Rice, former second-in-command; Major G. H. H. Fry, Captain and Paymaster E. L. Reis and Lieut. R. B. Gage. Capt. E. G. Thompson, Capt. N. Bullock, Capt. R. E. Sarvis, Lieut. W. B. E. Morlock and Lieut. W. C. Snider have been placed on the reserve corps of officers.

Promotions to some well-known members of "B" company were announced in the orders published over the weekend. Privates Eldon Schneider and Peter McRorie, who are members of the intermediate "B" O.H.A. club, have been made acting lance corporals along with Privates Wilfrid Schneider, W. Downing and T. R. W. Kydd.

Lance Corporals Gibson, Gunn and Mitchell, also of "B" company, have been promoted to the rank of acting corporals, thus entitling them to wear two stripes instead of the one which now adorns their tunics.

Some 25 friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Barclay, Jarvis street, Saturday night to honor Private Earle Muir of Chesley and Private George Peterson of Kincardine, both of whom are members of the Perths. They were presented with soldiers' money belts after Miss Dorothy Shultz had read an address. Miss H. Smith made the presentations.

In expressing thanks on behalf of Private Peterson and himself Private Muir told the gathering that a fellow never knows who his real friends are until he gets away from home. He thanked his new acquaintances in this city for opening their homes to him and also his aunt, Mrs. August Schultz, who has been very kind to him since coming to the city. Other numbers on the program included songs and dancing. Refreshments were served. The music was provided by John Barclay, Albert Bree, Gordon Cahill and Private Peterson.

Private J. G. Simpson of the Perths lost his silver wrist watch while in the downtown area of the city Saturday night. He says he values it as a keepsake and would certainly appreciate it if the finder returns it to him. His regimental number is A11679.

A panoramic photograph of Headquarters Company appears on the front page today. It is the first of a series of five pictures showing the personnel of the different companies. Members of the regiment, it is suggested, should make it a point to get a copy of each of the five pictures as they appear in The Beacon-Herald. They will make a fine keepsake for future years when many pleasant hours might be recalled of the days spent in barracks.

During the writer's contacts with old soldiers, especially since mobilization for this European War, he has come across dozens of newspaper clippings and pictures of Great War soldiers. The old sweats love to haul them out of trunks and bags and display them. In a similar manner many of the present-day soldiers will like to do that, too, after demobilization. The best way to protect the papers is to send them home so they will be there when you get back. The cost of mailing is trivial—a postage stamp.

Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

Lance Corporal Eugene Picott of "C" Company is one of the newer N.C.O.'s at Perth Barracks, having won his first promotion last Wednesday.

Born in London, Ont., Lance Corporal Picott was educated at Parkhill where he lived for several years prior to going to Goderich. There he was employed for some years by the Goderich Manufacturing Company. He says he also delivered bread "which was the most thankless job I ever had," because "you have to take a lot and can say nothing."

The young N.C.O. is an Anglican in religion and when at Parkhill was a member of St. James' church. He sang in the choir.

It was his previous military connections with the Middlesex and Huron Regiment that gave Lance Corporal Picott the desire to join a Canadian Active Service Force like the Perths. He was for five years a member of the Goderich Company and for two years previously a member of the Strathroy Company. When with the latter group Lance Corporal Picott used to make the 18-mile trip from Parkhill to Strathroy twice a week to attend parades.

A married man, Lance Corporal Picott has two sons, John and Ivan. They live with their mother at Arkona at present.

"The hardest thing I have ever done in my life was to change from khaki into my civies," Sergeant Johnny Murray told members of the Sergeants' Mess Monday night when he was tendered a farewell party upon his retirement from the Perths because of a physical defect. It is little wonder that Sergeant Murray found it difficult for he traveled some 4,000 miles—from Scotland where he was holidaying—to get into the regiment of which he has for some years been a member and a sergeant.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb paid Sergeant Murray a splendid tribute when addressing the members of the Sergeants' Mess and the former members who were guests. So did Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor R. B. Hughes of the R.C.R.'s who is attached to the Perths. Both lauded Sergeant Murray's work and said they hope he will some time be able to rejoin the regiment.

Speaking to the writer today, Lieut.-Col. McComb said he sincerely wishes Sergeant Murray the best. The O.C. added that he would like to see the young sergeant remain a citizen of Stratford. "He is a fine patriotic type of person, a faultless soldier and a man who will make the best of a job if he can get one. I certainly would like to see him get work in Stratford," the commanding officer said. If anyone has a position available for Sergeant Murray a call to the Sergeants' Mess will see the interview arranged.

Company Quartermaster Sergeants B. W. Carder, George A. Mogg, C. H. Weir, C. C. Roth, A. T. Kentish, Corporal C. S. Chessman and Privates F. L. Billings, J. J. MacDonald, C. T. Carter and G. Teather have been successful in passing their preliminary examinations for quartermasters and quartermaster sergeants. They were conducted at the barracks recently. The men are now eligible to continue the lectures which will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Permission to marry has been granted by the commanding officer to Private W. F. Young and Corporal A. A. Cameron who are both members of "B" Company.

every hour while the weather continues cold.

If anyone doubts whether it was cold out on the parade ground he might ask Regimental Sergeant Major Thomas Soper. His ear was as red as a beet and swollen from the cold. It had been frozen.

We had difficulty figuring out the transformation that has come over Provost Sergeant W. G. Ferguson in the last 24 hours. Finally a friend tipped us off. He's shaven off his moustache. No, the officer did not reveal the reason.

Louis Stewart, 22 Brant street, one of the guests at the Sergeants' Mess party Monday night, showed the writer a copy of The Stratford Herald of May 13, 1902. The old newspaper, in a splendid state of preservation, had been behind a picture frame all these years.

Edmund Skowby, 47 Britannia street, who has been employed at the Brewers' Warehouse in this city for the past seven years, has left for Toronto where he has enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Mr. Skowby will be in the wireless telegraphy division.

Five Ithaca, N.Y., men have formed the Share and Smoke Club, according to a press dispatch. Their aim is to provide tobacco and candy for the armed forces of Great Britain, France and Finland. They intend to raise money by monthly contributions from chapters of their club which they are organizing throughout New York State. The men are J. J. Dall Jr., a building contractor; Professor John MacDonald, of Cornell University Law School faculty; Sherman Peer, a lawyer; Harold Schaff, an educationist and Gilbert M. Weeks, a retired business man.

"I just told some of the men that were liable to get into difficulties that if they wanted to get tough, I could get tough too," Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer told the writer today when he reported that Monday's pay day passed over without too much trouble. A number of special policemen—a picket—were on the job overseeing the conduct of the troops.

It was the first time the men have had a pay day since before Christmas which is probably the reason some of them thought it was time to celebrate.

There's another group of three brothers in the Perth Regiment. They are New Hamburg boys whose names are Lance Corporal A. B. Baird, Private W. D. Baird and Private A. O. Baird. They are all members of "A" Company. It is of interest that their pictures are all on the front page of today's paper.

That reminds us that the troops will all want a copy of "A" Company's photograph which appears in The Beacon-Herald today. The majority of the men shown on the front page are from Waterloo County and are under command of a native of that county, Major E. C. Shelley.

The photograph of "B" Company, the men from Bruce, will appear in Wednesday's issue. The series of five pictures running this week will make a splendid collection and it will be worthwhile in future years for every member of the regiment to have a full set. The newspapers are on sale in the barracks every day, several newsies making regular calls at the Perth headquarters.

Private E. Akiwenzie, whose home is on R.R. 2, Warton, has been receiving the congratulations of his friends upon the arrival of a baby daughter. The word received at the barracks is that the stork arrived on January 5.

Members of "C" Company are taking a keen interest in the fencing activities that are to start at the barracks shortly. Already H. C. Wall, E. F. Karn, W. D. McKay, D. H. Klaasen, E. E. Weaver, G. A. Loucks, A. S. King, F. Mills, L. V. Collins, H. Stead, M. J. Hepburn, F. J. Ellis, K. C. Hepburn, N. G. Wheeler, G. L. Moore and L. Moore have signed their names on the bulletin signifying their intentions of participating.

Bert Kinkade and his younger brother, George, 560 Erie street, have left for Toronto where they have become members of the Royal Canadian Air Force. They are going to work in the sheet metal tradesmen's division. Bert, many will recall, was a member of the Perth Regiment band at one time, being a trombone player. He also did much of the sheet metal work around Perth Barracks when the building was being prepared for the troops.

Private E. "Lefty" Phillip won the "stick" today and is the colonel's orderly. Yes, "A" Company clicked again, the second occasion this week.

According to a Toronto dispatch the Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of Pensions and Health, is credited with the statement that there probably will be some change in the diet of soldiers in Canada. He said that at present there is a check being made on soldiers' food to determine whether or not the men are getting the right kind. He said that while the matter of food did not come directly under his department, the Department of National Defence had requested the survey.

Through the courtesy of the Beatty Washer Store here "C" Company has secured a new ironing board. It is the gift of the local store. This column was asked to publicly express the company's thanks for the donation which will come in mighty handy.

According to orders published today Major C. A. Bryan, Capt. T. W. Orr and Major W. H. MacPherson have been "posted to the non effective strength of the regimental depot."

Private J. G. Simpson, who lost his wrist watch on Saturday night told the writer Monday night that he has not been successful in locating it.

Lieut. J. E. Tipler indicated further today that he has the interest and comfort of the troops at heart. He happened to be out on the parade ground and on returning to the warm barracks issued orders that the guard be alternated

Leaving The Regiment Sergeant Is Honored

Former members and the present personnel of the Sergeants' Mess of the Perth Regiment gathered Monday night at Perth Barracks to honor Sergeant A. J. Murray upon the occasion of his retirement to civilian life. After some years' service he has been found medically unfit for further duty in the Canadian Active Service Force. About 75 persons were present. His friends made him the recipient of a purse of money, the presentation being made by R.S.M. Thos. Soper who acted as chairman throughout the evening.

Paying tribute to Sergeant Murray's work in the force, the regimental sergeant major declared that everyone in the unit is sorry to see Sergeant Murray leave the Perths. "We have tried our best to keep him in but the powers-that-be have ruled otherwise and there is little that we can do. We hope, however, that Sergeant Murray will be able to get the necessary treatment and that he will join us shortly," Mr. Soper said.

Just before Private Walker Hart and Private Aymer McDonald led in a sing-song for which Sergeant A. Adams presided at the piano, the gathering heard Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, predict that Canada will maintain the skeleton of a five division army the year around and that the Perths will form a portion thereof for many years to come so that its history, as now being formed, will add to that of the Royal Cameronians of Scotland, with which it is now affiliated.

Regrets Departure.

"I regret, like the rest of you that Sergeant Murray must leave the regiment. There is a possibility that he may yet catch up with us. He has done much for the progress of this regiment the same as others have done. Don't you think for one minute that I have missed your work. The 'old man,' as Sergeant Ferguson says, 'has eyes in the back of his head and sees all'."

Jock Beatty, one of the Kitchener veterans of the Great War, sang several solos, among them being

"God Bless Our Empire," and then when Sergeant Smith's song sheets were distributed the gathering sang "When This Blasted War Is Over," "Plum and Apple," and "Take Me Back to Dear Old Blighty," and a few other old favorites.

The adjutant, Lieut. J. E. Tipler, said he concurred in the remarks of the commanding officer and he had a few sidelights of his youthful days in the army to offer that proved interesting. Walker Hart's recitation—a French-Canadian number—went over the top and later when Q.M.S.I. Hughes rose to speak he was greeted with the song, "Old Soldiers Never Die," and at the end of his short address several regulars sang the R.C.R.'s regimental song.

Sergeant Charles Keller gave Sergeant Adams a hand with the piano work and after one or two numbers the party heard Major J. S. H. Lind praise the work of the sergeants. "I would also like to add that I am sorry to see Sergeant Murray leave the regiment. He has been a valuable man and we hope to have him back with us before long," Major Lind said.

One of the earlier presidents of the Sergeants' Mess, Captain R. J. Stevenson, spoke a few words referring to the good cooperation he has always secured from the men. After Dr. W. M. Gilmore's slides of the regimental review a week ago Monday, the Royal visits to Stratford and Woodstock and a review of regimental activities in the Y.M.C.A. here the men heard C.S.M. Sam Foster speak the regrets that all former members of the mess cannot belong to the regiment now. He wished them the best of luck and God speed.

After a splendid luncheon, served in buffet style, the gathering had a sing-song and then dispersed.

Those present from the former Sergeants' Mess included: L. Stewart, A. T. Parker, R. Pengelly, H. Roth, S. Redfern, R. Byatt, R. Emsley, J. Brear, Royal Canadian Dragoons, F. Dixon, A. Reaves, C. A. Keller, J. W. Walsh, William Neely, J. L. Morphy, K. W. Langford, S. K. Foster, Dr. W. M. Gilmore, E. Whittemore, Bandmaster D. A. Withrow, W.O. 1, G. F. Guse, D.C.M., A. R. Harmer, V. S. Ham, Q. McAndrew, A. Murray, M. Drake.

Members and other guests of the Sergeants' Mess, as at present constituted, include: Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, Major J. S. H. Lind, Capt. R. J. Stevenson, Lieut. J. E. Tipler, R.S.M. Thos. Soper, C.S.M. Hutchinson, C.S.M. Binnington, Staff Sergeant F. G. Billings, C.Q.M.S. George Mogg, Sergeant J. Armstrong, Pay Sergeant Harold Creasy, Platoon Sergeant Major W. A. Gillingham, Sergeant A. J. Whitehead, Sergeant D. W. Kay, C.Q.M.S. Bertie Carder, Dental Sergeant Patterson, C.S.M. McKay, C.Q.M.S. Clarence Roth, C.Q.M.S. Carl Weir, Sergeant James Harvey, Signal Sergeant W. P. Ewart, Provost Sergeant W. G. Ferguson, C.Q.M.S. P. Kentish, C.S.M. White, J. Tyers, Sergeant L. Naydon, C.S.M. Francis Twist, Sergeant F. Smith, Sergeant Ernie Hobson, Sergeant A. Adams, C.S.M. A. Binnington, Sergeant J. Sheardown, C.Q.M.S. P. Kentish, C.S.M. White, Sergeant F. Church, R.Q.M.S. William Billings, Medical Sergeant R. V. Greenfield, Sergeant Michael, Cook Sergeant Brown, Private W. J. McKay, Private W. J. Tyers, Private H. J. Naylor, Private J. Grainger, Private O. E. Smith, Private W. E. Acheson.

The committee in charge of the event was Sergeant E. A. Hobson, Sergeant F. Smith and Sergeant P. J. Tyers.

Introducing The Officers And Men Of The Perth Regiment C. A. S. F. Headquarters Compa



Bottom row, (left to right) Sergeant J. Armstrong, Pay Sergeant Harold Cheasy, Sergeant P. J. Tyers, Staff Sergeant Fred Billings, Company Sergeant Major Gillingham, Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant W. Billings, Regimental Sergeant Major Thomas Soper, Capt. J. G. Jose, medical officer; Major Frank Walker, Quartermaster; Major J. S. H. Lind, second-in-command; Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer of the Regiment; Lieut. J. E. Tipter, adjutant; Lieut. J. G. Bell, Lieut. Herb. Mason.

Intelligence officer: Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor R. B. Hughes, attached from the Royal Canadian Regiment, Company Sergeant Major E. M. Hutchinson, Sergeant W. P. Ewart, Quartermaster Sergeant F. Hamilton and Medical Sergeant R. V. Greenfield.

Second row (left to right) Privates H. Carder, S. L. Howe, Louis Gunney, L. J. Martin, W. J. Watt, W. Jantzi, A. Turnbull, C. Hartmire, J. Dempsey, F. Doxey, C. A. Wakeford, J. McCall, C. J. H. Near, George Naylor, J. R. Donovan, George Teather, W. S. Bell, S. W. Snider, and Corporal C. S. Chessman.

Third row (left to right) Privates W. E. J. Levi, W. F. Howey, C. D. Roulston, B. Maddess, F. Seigner, L. J. Lyons, J. J. Abram, L. R. Arand, J. McLean, Frank L. Billings, G. E. Manser, J. Weir, C. Hayes, C. T. Carder, F. Stoneham, Corporal H. Gardner, M. G. Spiegelberg, and E. G. Johnson.

Fourth row (left to right) Privates N. I. Blondell, C. D. Win- ington, L. E. Fournie, R. L. Hendry, J. J. Lyons, L. M. Dean, W. H. Gillard, J. E. Welch, Corporal B. C. Stone, Privates H. J. Hoy, L. Boltzki, O. U. Fallis, R. Stears, R. T. Barr, J. L. Tasher, M. H. Bailey, R. Wilton, Corporal A. Irwin and Corporal S. H. Cordell.

Top row (left to right) Privates T. H. Littlejohn, S. Jesson, J. W. Hart, H. B. Crosby, J. Stennett, K. McLeod, A. Fischer, W. H. Thiel, R. E. Gresham, J. H. Bishop, F. Stoneman, C. C. Nadiwan, H. S. Howe, J. C. McLeod, J. C. Napier, G. E. Mullis, J. F. Schwartz, J. A. Thompson, R. Morris, J. Hunter, E. M. Frey, E. Douglas and J. C. Beattie.

This is just a reminder to men who were members of the Sergeants' Mess in the days when the Perth were a non-permanent unit meeting regularly in the Stratford armories on Waterloo street. The former sergeants are invited to the social evening being sponsored by the sergeants of the present army tonight in the Sergeants' Mess at Perth Barracks. We have not been tipped off as to what the program is but all previous gatherings staged by the Sergeants' Mess have gone over the top and tonight's will be no exception.

Another group of three brothers has been uncovered within the ranks of the Perth Regiment. We recently mentioned in these columns the fact that there are three Foremans from Galt district—all in the regiment. The latest "discoveries" are Private John Welch of Headquarters Company, Private Charles Welch and Private Thomas Welch, both of "A" company. The men are sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Welch.

Private John Welch, who lives at 376 Church street, city, was formerly a truck driver before enlisting with the Perth and his brother, Private Charles, was a motor mechanic. Private Tom, also a mechanic, was in Colorado working when war was declared. He made a bee-line for Stratford and enlisted with his brother John on September 4. Tom and Charles live at 181 Brunswick street. Charles signed up first, on September 6.

The inclement weather and bad roads have brought about a curtailment of outdoor activities such as route marches, it was learned in barracks. The long hikes into the country have been postponed for a few days until the slush and ruts disappear. In the meantime training activities are going ahead full swing indoors.

Things have been busy in the different regimental offices ever since mobilization commenced the first few days of September and many officers have hardly had time to sleep. But with plenty of help available things are now getting down to a routine. This was evident today when one of the busiest officers in the unit announced that he is "caught up with his work for the first time since recruits started pouring into the barracks." The smile on his face indicated he felt relieved.

Well, here it is January 15 — and the Perth are still in barracks. All those predictions that the men would be "on their way" by this date have gone with the wind. We were just wondering if that sergeant who bet a pay that the big movement would be on by the 15th paid his wager.

If any of the readers of this column doubt that there was a heavy gale Sunday night they need only ask members of the regiment who were sleeping in barracks. The wind howled all night and frequently the troops were awakened by a crash of glass. A number of panes of glass in the windows were blown in. They were all replaced today.

"We would certainly appreciate the loan or the gift of a radio for the Corporals' Mess," Major Frank Walker, quartermaster, said today, remarking that the new room is rapidly nearing completion. "A few odd bits of furniture would also be welcomed," he said. Anyone caring to oblige in these matters might telephone Major Walker at 577 and the regimental truck will call for them.

The Orderly Room staff got a

Company Commander



MAJOR D. M. ROSS, M.M., E.D., commander of Headquarters Company, who was unavoidably absent from Perth Barracks when the photograph of his unit was taken recently. The group, of which Major Ross is head, appears in today's issue of The Beacon-Herald.

Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

Corporal Gordon Hanley is one of the older members, in point of service, in the Perth Regiment for it is just about 12 years ago that he joined the unit when it was a non-permanent force. He was among the early volunteers for the Canadian Active Service Force.

A native of Stratford, Corporal Hanley is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hanley, 183 William street, city. He was educated at the Shakespeare school and later took a vocational course at the Stratford Collegiate Vocational Institute. He is a welder by trade. Corporal Hanley is a member of St. John's United Church.

It was back in the early part of 1928 that Corporal Hanley first became identified with the Perth Regiment. He joined as a private and four years later received his promotion to the corporalship. Since the mobilization of the Perths, Corporal Hanley has been a familiar figure around the headquarters of the regiment, serving frequently as Orderly Corporal.

A married man, Corporal Hanley maintains his home at 187 Brunswick street. He has one son, Bruce.

The panoramic photograph which appears in today's edition of The Beacon-Herald, introduces some of the best known members of the unit at Perth Barracks. It is the picture of "B" Company, composed of men from Bruce County and the districts up that way. The company is under command of Major W. E. Kemp with Capt. R. A. MacDougall as second-in-command.

Many communities in the Bruce area are represented in "B" Company. Among them are Chesley, the home of the Cheesley Colts from which Lance Corporals Eldon Schneider and Peter McRorie, members of the regimental hockey club in the intermediate O.H.A. "B" series hail. Up on the Bruce peninsula are the homes of another interesting group of Perth soldiers—some 15 members of the Indian race—headed by Corporal Andy Akiwenzie who is seated in the front row of today's photograph.

That he has been "over the road before" is often brought home to the men in Perth Barracks by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, the commanding officer. He told the gathering in the Sergeants' Mess the other night that he was acting sergeant one time during the Great War but before his rank was confirmed he had his stripes taken away from him. Why? He was A.W.O.L. for a few days.

Private Roy Hansford, who is batman for Lieut.-Col. McComb, might enjoy this item which has come back from the British Expeditionary Force. Somewhere in France, it says: "One batman back at Aldershot must be a little worried about what his officer will say when he gets back from France. He packed the bag of Brigadier G. R. Pearkes, V.C., who came up France with Major-General McNaughton. Then he locked it and put the key in his pocket. The key probably still is in his pocket. What he doesn't know is that Brigadier Pearkes, after an embarrassing time aboard the transport, was helped by a fellow officer, who produced a bundle of keys, one of which opened his baggage."

Results of the recent examinations on fire test orders, conducted by Major E. C. Shelley, show that with 12 men competing, "A" Company led with 17.6 per cent. Other results were: "B" Company, 2 men entered, 16.1 per cent; "C" Company, 8 men entered, 8.2 per cent, and "D" Company, 17 men entered, 9.4 per cent.

... Through the mine chain across the Halifax harbor, a gateway just large enough to let a steamship through... After a few hours the land was out of sight and water: got rougher... We have had chicken three times so far and issued with 100 cigarettes apiece... Sleep about 16 hours out of the 24... We are now waiting for a flotilla from Britain... Airplanes have been buzzing around today... looking for mines... They must be close to us now... The old ship is heaving and rolling around. Just came out of a squall... Am writing a diary of all happenings, which I send to the girl friend... Boy, it would be a son-of-a-gun if you joined up and had to leave your girl... I tell you it's tough... But I'm a lot better than a lot of fellows, though... having my folks in England. Well I have a good opportunity to save a lot of that folding stuff. Write and tell me how dear old Windsor is getting along... Arrived safely in England December 17... Blimey, mates, if it taint England... Blackouts... Ooooooh!"

The above was clipped from an exchange and in view of the description and a reference about having chicken three times, the writer thought it might be rather interesting to some of the troops. Notice where the writer's name is Whitehead. Wonder if he is any relation to Sergeant A. J. Whitehead? He has a brother over there now with the Royal Montreal Regiment.

One of the fellows suggested that some convenience for letter writing and quiet reading might be made in one of the rooms on the top floor of Perth Barracks. He thought that if the matter was brought to the attention of the officers they might fall in line with the idea. "There is no place where we can sit down quietly and write letters. I would suggest that the room be the one adjacent to the men's recreation room," he explained. The lad mentioned that the dormitory rooms are too noisy for thoughtful writing and reading. There might be something in his idea.

Additional copies of The Beacon-Herald containing pictures of the different companies of Perth Regiment, which are running this week, are available at the business office of this newspaper. The carrier boys are also carrying extra copies on their nightly trips through the barracks for any soldiers who wish an extra copy to send home.

Mrs. M. Preter, 191 Water street entertained the soldiers who were formerly billeted at her home, to a duck dinner on Monday night, according to word reaching this column. After the dinner the troops presented their hostess with a silver cream and sugar set and a silver cake server. It was a gift in appreciation of the many kindnesses shown the boys before they entered barracks. Those who were billeted with Mrs. Preter were Lance Corporal C. W. Beckerson, Lance Corporal C. W. Holmes and Privates L. J. Lyons, G. A. Lyons, C. D. Winteringham, D. Rivett, M. Coulbert, W. E. J. Levi and W. Bowers.

Private G. A. Sayers set a record at the ranges of Stratford armories on Waterloo street Tuesday afternoon. Shooting with a rifle he established a perfect score—100 out of a possible 100. His feat drew much commendation from officers of the unit, especially Major E. C. Shelley, his company commander, and Major J. S. H. Lind, second-in-command.

Honored By Board



LIEUT. HERBERT MASON, secretary of the Stratford Board of Trade, whose members honored him at their annual meeting on Tuesday evening by presenting him with an easy chair. Lieut. Mason, Intelligence Officer of the Perth Regiment, has been granted leave of absence, effective with the date of the departure of the regiment from Stratford. He has been secretary of the Board for five years.

Members of the staff of the Stratford Public Utilities Commission gathered in the offices on Ontario street Tuesday afternoon at 5.30 o'clock to honor two of their number now in the Perth Regiment. They are Privates R. Butler and W. Snider. Harry Farmer read an address and made the presentation of 100 cigarettes and a diamond studded signet ring to each. Both Private Snider and Private Butler expressed their thanks to the gathering for remembering them.

Private Butler added that the boys in the Orderly Room also appreciate the generosity of his former associates in the P.U.C., for they have been making a regular "touch" for a cigarette ever since learning that he had received the two boxes of fifty.

"A" Company—while not boasting about it—got the "stick" again today and as a result Private J. N. Percival is acting orderly to Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, the commanding officer.

Corporal M. McCulloch, who came to Perth Barracks, attached to the local unit from the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps as non-commissioned officer in charge of supplies, has been transferred to the 100th Field Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, Listowel, it is learned in barracks circles. He has been succeeded here by Corporal A. Ballyntyne of the R.C.A.S.C.

"Left London on December 4," writes Pte. William D. Whitehead formerly of Windsor. "No one knew we were leaving. Took C.P.R.'s fastest engine with 10 coaches on her. Hit Montreal, Quebec, then through New Brunswick... Through Nova Scotia to Halifax

"We're going to start practising one of these days," Major Lind remarked in reference to the proposed hockey game the officers are going to have with the sergeants. "We are figuring on beating those sergeants and practising will be just a matter of going through the movements. We really do not need it," he added. The sergeants are still mum about their plans.

Indications are that the officers and sergeants will have their hockey tussle at the arena on February 5, just before the St. Agatha's Perth Regiment O.H.A. intermediate "B" game. The officers figure that their game will attract considerable attention, not only from the troops but from the sporting public of the city.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb noted with regret today the death at Palmerston of William King Burns, a former associate of the commanding officer in Great War days. The late Mr. Burns was a member of the 18th Battalion.

Privates Herson and Orville Iredale of the Perths were recently honored by their friends of West Nissouri Township who gathered at Cherry Grove, S.S. 10. The young soldiers each received a handsome wrist watch.

London members of the Perths who were formerly members of the Canadian Fusiliers (Machine Gun) in that city will learn with interest of the transfer of Lieut.-Col. M. M. Dillon, M.C., commanding officer, to the staff of the Saskatoon training centre. Major S. W. Archibald has been promoted to the command of the Canadian Fusiliers with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

The ping-pong tournament

schedule has been posted and announces that play will start at 6.30 p.m. on January 22 when games are to be played as follows: Pte. R. Wilson vs. Pte. C. P. King; Pte. H. A. Stennett vs. Pte. H. Beaton. On Wednesday, January 24, Pte. R. B. Gresham meets Pte. J. Carter and Pte. J. J. McCall opposes Pte. R. E. Gunn. On Friday night, January 26, the schedule is as follows: Pte. G. E. Mullis vs. Pte. R. O'Halloran; Pte. L. Admans vs. Pte. W. K. Gibb; Pte. L. V. Walsh vs. Pte. D. Fisher. The referees are to be Lieut. D. M. Bricker and Lieut. J. S. Whyte.

Major J. S. H. Lind, who is arranging the program for the assault-at-arms which will be held at Stratford armories on Waterloo street on the evenings of February 8 and 9 announces that the events will be open to the public. It will give the citizens an opportunity to witness a real demonstration of the athletic prowess of the troops.

The tentative program for the assault-at-arms calls for a ten-minute demonstration of army physical training; wrestling and boxing bouts; an inter-company competition in machine gun work with different company teams participating each night; a demonstration of Morse flag signalling and a demonstration of gymnastics. The last mentioned item will introduce horse work, balancing, displays on the parallel bars, quarter staff work, single stick fights and so on.

Names of the different participants in the assault-at-arms will be announced just as soon as the program is finally arranged. "There is one thing certain about the two-night offering," Major Lind said. "It will be the most comprehensive military gymnastic display ever put on in this city."

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Second row (left to right) Privates L. F. Hughes, A. V. Campbell, M. J. Ryan, G. K. Ross, L. H. Bailey, C. Jeffries, R. L. Freeman, R. A. Miller, K. E. Levitt, C. B. King, N. V. Evers, R. C. Huras, J. R. Spencer, F. Baker, A. W. Swaninger, C. L. Welch, W. Pendle, Lance Corporal P. Mertens, D. A. Sayers, G. E. Deacon, M. W. Sherwood, H. B. Mote, B. C. Solomon, W. J. Shean and A. N. Fleming.

Third row (left to right) Privates W. D. Baird, C. S. Bell, J. N. Percival, A. Agnew, Lance Corporal W. C. Dalgleish, Privates J. K. Ross, W. R. Henderson, A. Melville, C. E. Beemer, H. S. Large, J. S. McConnell, A. C. Scammel, H. Beaton, J. Frieson, T. L. Welch, W. J. Hansford, G. Griggs, A. J. Keeso, R. Turner, J. Cossey, L. W. Carder, R. Whale and Lance Corporal C. W. Holmes.

Fourth row (left to right) Corporal R. Fergusson, Lance Corporal A. McKenzie, Lance Corporal A. B. Baird, Privates B. R. Drown, E. A. Wright, C. R. Wheatley, K. Clarke, L. C. Hass, R. M. Livock, J. Carter, J. C. Bell, J. Lethbridge, R. I. Bell, J. G. Byron, J. A. Hanley, R. J. Stroud, B. Wakefield, W. R. Kempthorne, R. Foreman, J. Foreman, L. O. K. Delroy, L. A. Stevenson and H. Aldridge.

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Second row (left to right) Privates N. W. Spencer, S. J. Smith, A. Kohlmeier, J. R. Fraser, O. M. Westcott, W. A. Irwin, A. Smith, H. B. Gresham, G. J. Currie, W. M. McCreath, S. J. Harwood, J. Desjardine, O. Agnew, H. W. Weiss, R. C. Bartley, C. A. McCallum, L. Swinghammer, N. P. Haines, L. Desjardine, F. A. Jones, O. H. Johnston, L. C. Skuknecht, L. F. McLelland.

Third row (left to right) Privates J. R. Hahn, W. A. Belhose, W. Waltenburgh, W. S. Happs, H. E. Goodwin, M. A. Roane, W. W. Page, Lance Corporal E. W. Schneider, R. W. Metcalfe, E. C. Porter, J. W. Horsburgh, G. W. Dalzell, I. H. Woods, C. E. R. Cain, T. E. Jones, A. A. Harwood, W. A. Craig, C. M. Traynor, W. R. McAllister, J. E. Le Clair, G. O. Hillis.

Fourth row (left to right) Privates D. N. Graham, Q. Long, R. J. McCullough, R. B. Lang, Lance Corporal P. N. McRorie, K. E. Eidt, C. E. Brown, C. C. Isaac, A. Brough, W. D. Flint, J. Houston, W. F. Young, A. Martindale, F. McLean, C. Winch, V. A. Heathers, H. R. Young, E. R. Muir, W. Rhodes, A. J. McLeod, E. J. Robson and C. E. Carmichael.

Top row (left to right) Privates A. W. Read, J. A. Martindale, R. M. Boyes, J. R. Ashley, S. L. Falkingham, J. E. Akiwenzie, J. T. N. Carter, S. G. Ruse, W. A. Doyle, J. G. Simpson, G. A. Mitchell, J. A. G. Johnston, Lance Corporal T. R. W. Kydd, J. J. Jones, W. Smith, J. R. Nicholls, Lance Corporal W. Downing, A. E. John, A. B. Woolgar, J. W. Yeoman, F. E. S. Harding, F. D. Nadjivan, D. W. Ranney, E. A. Akiwenzie and H. C. F. Bisham.

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Second row (left to right) Privates J. G. Connor, L. N. Wardrop, L. E. Offler, T. Smith, A. Rouse, J. L. Foskett, H. C. Wall, J. Wood, J. Snider, L. Willis, G. L. Moore and V. W. English.

Third row (left to right) Privates M. W. Dale, M. J. Johnston, W. Ellis, H. Catley, W. D. McKay, N. A. Rhyness, E. W. McLeod, D. McAllister, T. McFarlane, G. S. Ford, J. W. Hardy, J. Hanegan, R. O. Stratton, J. J. Mero, Lance Corporal E. O. Pickett, T. G. West, N.

Warnock, A. G. Murray, W. Prior, W. J. Slark, J. P. Duncan, C. Whalley, W. J. Gray and W. Liddle.

Fourth row (left to right) Privates W. Ransall, V. Randall, I. L. Pettit, B. A. Charters, S. F. Holloway, A. G. Rivett, T. V. Collins, E. Weaver, G. W. Martin, S. Culbert, A. S. King, S. E. Windling, K. M. Rowe, J. E. Million, W. A. Bowers, H. M. Prentice, M. A. Daer, L. B. Rutledge, J. H. Klassen, G. A. Loucks, W. H. Lorey, D. E. Strasser and G. Robinson.

Top row (left to right) Privates H. W. Stead, T. A. Sutcliffe, N. W. Thomson, F. J. Manningale, Lance Corporal A. E. Thorn, Privates D. E. Matheson, R. E. Doennon, A. W. Heath, L. Barnes, A. Stokes, E. F. Duke, Stoneman J. A. McDonald, W. J. Howlett, G. E. Streeter, L. V. Nelson, G. R. White, W. Riddle, L. J. Westbrooke, C. M. Peterson, P. W. Phillips, G. S. Habkirk, M. J. Pickens, W. Barker and Corporal T. W. Carrick.

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Bottom row (left to right) Lance Corporal W. Wilmore, Corporal F. G. Thomas, Corporal R. A. Brooks, Corporal V. G. Hicks, Corporal R. Marquis, Sergeant D. Kay, Sergeant J. F. Michael, Regimental Sergeant Major Thomas Soper, Lieut. J. E. Tipler, adjutant; Capt. Bert Arrel, officer commanding D. Company; Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding the Regiment; Lieut. D. J. Gladman, Quartermaster Sergeant A. T. Kentish, Corporal V. Gross, Lance Corporal G. N. Hogg, Lance Corporal A. D. Newman, Lance Corp-

oral J. R. Jones, Lance Corporal H. C. White and Lance Corporal J. F. McKnight.

Second row (left to right) Privates F. Manson, A. J. Kirby, E. A. Wilde, L. J. Coulthard, J. Doig, H. S. Thompson, W. P. Elliott, E. H. O'Hallorhan, E. H. Binkley, E. Balls, S. M. Cameron, L. V. Walsh, C. S. Near, T. H. Appleton, J. B. McGraw, E. H. Baulk, T. J. Hoskins, D. L. Oliver, S. A. Milne, C. Brooks, W. T. M. Prendergast, W. Wilson and F. G. Durdin.

Third row (left to right) Privates A. D. Emm, J. Woodhouse, H. G. Maslen, J. A. McKay, L. A. Malcho, F. Hall, K. C. Pratt, E. Iredale, H. F. Locke, E. W. Binkle, W. P. Emm, A. Phillips, G. Sevan, M. Marshall, O. C. Iredale, C. A. Benner, J. E. Bailey, T. Muirhead, H. M. Partridge, E. R. Roelston, H. F. Thompson and J. Vere.

Fourth row (left to right) Privates C. A. Wolfe, L. V. Oliver, M. L. Near, J. Morgan, J. A. Fulcher, C. Oliver, A. T. Sapwell, W. J. Nichol, L. W. Adams, V. C. Wilmore, M. Elgie, A. D. Haldane, T.

Branston, F. V. Cosstick, G. W. Hewitt, W. H. Peckitt, A. R. Steeles, L. J. Dewey, J. W. Heinbuch, W. Gallagher, L. M. Palmer, J. L. W. Miller and W. E. Moulton.

Top row (left to right) Privates A. Bevington, W. O. Thompson, J. E. Brooks, P. D. Dempsey, H. G. Kirk, H. M. Partridge, I. Taylor, W. Bannerman, S. M. Atkinson, G. Taylor, J. H. Jones, D. Fisher, L. Southall, C. A. Gardner, F. H. Southam, K. Duley, O. C. Schellenberger, R. Guymer, S. A. Bailey, L. W. Gibbs, P. K. Pugh, R. Anderson, J. B. Aitchison and M. H. Bauer.

Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

A resident of Stratford for more than 21 years, Corporal Bernard Clement Stone is attached to Headquarters Company in the Perth Regiment.

Corporal Stone was born in London, Ont., a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stone, 111 Nile street, city. He took up residence with his parents in Kitchener about 1903 and was educated in Suddaby and Courtland Avenue public schools in that city, coming here in 1918.

In civilian life Corporal Stone is a grocer and followed this business throughout the greater part of his life before joining the army. He held managerial posts for the Dominion Stores at Warton and Preston and on returning to Stratford was a clerk and delivery man for a number of local merchants. For three years prior to joining the Perth Regiment on October 1, he was janitor at the Canadian Bank of Commerce here.

It was in 1927 that the urge for the army struck Corporal Stone and he joined the Royal Canadian Regiment at London, serving with that unit for two years. While an R.C.R. he took the "A" wing course at the royal school in Ottawa and qualified as an instructor in the gunnery section.

Promotion to the rank of corporal came to Mr. Stone on October 10 of 1939.

A married man, Corporal Stone maintains his home at 302 Mornington street where his sons, Bernard, Edward and Francis reside with their mother.

Had the pleasure of meeting Private Jack Cline and his wife up town on Wednesday night. They also had a chat with Hon. Major the Rev. F. Gwynne Lighthorn who officiated at their marriage just five months ago on Tuesday. Private Cline was the first soldier married by the acting padre of the regiment after mobilization.

The Perths took a trouncing Wednesday night in a City Basketball League game played at the Y.M.C.A. The victors were the Aces who won 54 to 22. Details of the game will be found on the sport page.

Troops will march to Central United Church Sunday morning for a special church parade at which Major the Rev. H. F. C. Cocks, senior Protestant chaplain for Military District No. 1 will be present, along with Rev. Walter Cleary, Toronto, of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The service will commence at 9.30.

One of the features of the church parade will be the presentation of Testaments to every officer and Protestant man by Rev. Mr. Cleary. The Testaments are of the military type and contain the special message of His Majesty King George VI. The volume is specially designed for use of the troops in active service.

J. S. Ford, secretary of the Stratford branch of the Canadian Legion, has been appointed local representative for the Canadian Legion War Services. In order that soldiers in the Perth Regiment may discuss any knotty personal and home problems with him Mr. Ford is arranging to be at Loghrin Memorial Home on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights from 8 to 9.30 o'clock, until further notice. The troops are invited to make use of this facility.

The writer was advised by Mr. Ford that such matters as allowances for single men's dependents, which are presented to him, will be turned over to Frank Furness of the Legion's London office for follow-up purposes with Ottawa authorities. It is said that while the married men's dependents' allowances are coming through all right now there are many cases involving single men's dependents in which the Legion will be pleased to assist.

armories on Waterloo street according to Major J. S. H. Lind, second-in-command. Officers have been assigned to supervise the different training the soldier-athletes will undergo in preparation for the public show.

Actual practising in the different events on the program started Wednesday afternoon during the course of the weekly athletic and sports afternoon. Lieut. H. A. Snelgrove had the physical drill squad out rehearsing the numbers that will feature the two-night program. J. H. Macqueen, physical director at the Stratford Y.M.C.A. is coaching the fencing, single stick and quarter stave sections, while Major M. W. Andrew is grooming the boxers and the wrestlers for their part in the show.

Major Lind states that the boxers and the wrestlers of the Perth Regiment will be pitted against outside competition, but as yet it has not been determined who will fight whom. An early announcement will be forthcoming.

Word from R.R. 3, Goderich, is to the effect that the stork has paid a visit to the home of Private C. C. Crawford of the Perth Regiment. The little lady is Cora Ann, her birthday being January 10.

Private R. I. Bell, Atwood, Ont., is also listed on orders as being a recent papa. His little daughter's name is Patricia Anne.

"It's a honey," commented Private Vincent Smith, editor of the Perth Regiment News, as he announced that the second edition will appear in barracks on Friday. The News this time is more versatile than the first copy in that it contains a section of sports, another of poetry, a column or two of humor, a message from Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb and some cartoons. One of the pictures is said to be a pip, centring chiefly around Provost Sergeant W. G. Fergusson.

Private W. Barker of "C" Company takes quite an interest in photography and gets much pleasure in tinting pictures. We learn that his work on the "C" company photograph, a copy of which appears in The Beacon-Herald today, is worth viewing. He has it in his company dormitory. Even the brass on the tunics stands out.

Mrs. F. H. Solomon, 324 Brunswick street, was a recent hostess to a group of the troops who were billeted at her home prior to the soldiers taking up residence in Perth Barracks. During the course of the evening, which was featured by a goose dinner with all the trimmings, Mrs. Solomon presented each of her soldier friends with a handsome pair of hand-knitted socks. Among the guests were Private H. Fisher, Private J. Greenshields, Private G. E. Grant and Private M. J. Pickens. Needless to say the lads thanked Mrs. Solomon for her kindness in having them to dinner at her home and for the gift.

Another shipment of woollen sweater coats has arrived from the ordnance department of military district No. 1 at London and are being distributed to the troops. The sweater coats are of khaki and appear to be of good quality.

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Pipe Major Frank Caddick, who piped in the Haggis for the St. Andrew's Night dinner at Perth Barracks, has arrived safely at Aldershot Camp in England, according to a letter received from him by Provost Sergeant W. G. Fergusson. Pipe Sergeant Caddick was a member of the Scots Fusiliers of Canada at Kitchener until he transferred to the Canadian Active Service Force with the Toronto Scottish Regiment.

Private D. W. Ranney of "E" Company won the "stick" today and is the colonel's orderly. However, with the commanding officer out-of-town for the day, Private Ranney's duties are rather light.

Tobey, the big St. Bernard mascot is enjoying the nippy weather, it would appear from reports emanating from the parade ground. Tobey gets out frequently to romp around among the troops and delights to roll around in the snow.

Private G. E. Grant, who is one of the lads who looks after Tobey, during his off-hours as orderly in the provost sergeant's office, says the mascot is beginning to recognize certain members of the battalion. "Whenever she sees me walking towards her she puts up a paw to shake hands," the young Waterloo boy remarked.

Things are commencing to take real shape for the assault-at-arms which will be held in the Stratford

Word from Major Russell Beaty, M.C., chief recruiting officer in Military District No. 1, at London, with offices in the Carling Block there, states that 200 more recruits are needed as replacements in the different training centres. If these men volunteer in time they will go to the training centres next week. Most of the recruits are for the Royal Canadian Regiment, although the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps and the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals can still take a few qualified recruits. Artificers are especially needed for the service corps.

Quartermaster Sergeant W. Horan of the Royal Canadian Engineers, who has been at the Perth Barracks looking over things in general, returned to headquarters at London today.

Speaking before a dinner gathering of London business men on Wednesday, Brigadier General Alex Ross, K.C., C.M.G., D.S.O., of Yorkton, Sask., who is acting chairman of the Canadian Legion campaign to raise funds for war activities, declared that rehabilitation of thousands of Canadian soldiers returning to civilian life following the war will be undertaken by the Canadian Legion War Services Inc. He said that will be one of the Legion's contributions to Canada's war effort and that it will form one of the biggest problems facing the Dominion.

Once again this column draws attention to members of the Perth Regiment to the company picture which appears on the front page of this issue. Today the photograph of "C" Company—boys who are chiefly from Huron County centres—appears. The company is under command of Major M. W. Andrew with Captain A. F. Hunter as second-in-command and with the junior officer being Lieut. John S. Whyte.

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Lance Corporal Donald Youngs is a Stratford man serving with the Perth Regiment. He is a son of Lieut.-Col. J. L. Youngs, M.C., and Mrs. Youngs of this city and a brother of Private Eddie Youngs of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps who is now with the Canadian forces somewhere in England.

Born in this city, Lance Corporal Youngs was educated at Hamlet school and later at the Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute. He has followed the building trade and after returning from Florida where he spent about four years, the young N.C.O. accepted a number of local contracts, doing this work until he enlisted with the Perths in the Canadian Active Service Force.

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company clerks. He evidently had a hard night and when he finished doing his daily dozen, took the wash basin, instead of his mirror, back to his bunk shelf. He left the looking glass hanging where the wash basin should remain when not in use.

The Order of the Eastern Star in Stratford is making a splendid donation of khaki handkerchiefs to the men in the regiment. Appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the ladies was expressed by the commanding officer.

"You have never had anything in your column about the boys from our town," Private Stan Falkingham, one of the Perth Regiment hockey team goalies told the writer today, so he volunteered some information. That's the type of co-operation we like.

There are seven men in the unit from Durham: Privates Stan Falkingham, Ross Cain, Goldie Long, Roy Locking, all of "B" company, Private Walter Neaves of "A" company and Privates William Bailey and William Levi of Headquarters company. They all joined up between September 25 and 30.

"We got together off and on and talked about enlisting," one of the fellows said and then added: "We considered it was the right thing to do and here we are. We all like it." That is one of the best recruiting testimonials we have heard in a long time for it came voluntarily and from the heart.

"D" company alone today in more ways than one. To start the day off right Private D. W. Binkie walked off with the "stick" and as a result held the coveted position of "colonel's orderly." Down in the dormitory room the quarters were also in tip-top shape after the scrubbing gang got finished. The boards were almost white, a contrast to what they were when the

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"As C.O. I am more than pleased with the advance of training, discipline, esprit-de-corps and general cooperation of all ranks; which had enabled us to advance to our present state of efficiency. We have also, in taking over our new barracks, started on real 'Army Life,' eating, sleeping, working together, and in recreation hours off the parade. Things that seem hard to do now will be fond memories in the days and years to come. When this job is done and we are having our get-togethers or reunions or even as we move to different camps, you will all be able to bring and talk of the times past. For instance: 'Bill had to peel onions in the Cook House Fatigue, the time Tom fell out of bed or Jack did two days in the clink, which of course he didn't deserve. I always thought that myself when I had to do my time in the clink or on defaulters' parade.

"All these little incidents are parts of Army Life and that is why the most of us, with a taste for adventure, joined the Army. If it was all 'arm chair, fire-side' work, where would you get the adventure and romance? Exposure to danger, hunger, thirst, climate—these are the things which made us read Robinson Crusoe when a boy, tales of the Mounties today, or adventures of the French Foreign Legion.

"There will be days later on when we will look back and think of the old Perth Barracks; steam heat, beds, roast beef and mashed potatoes and the good old Canteen.

"Before closing, I wish to extend my sincere thanks, through our paper, to all the officers, N.C.O.'s, men, all our good friends who have done so much for us, relatives and friends of all in the Regiment, and anyone who may read our paper. I hope and trust that we may all remember our duty to our Country and Empire, no matter how hard our task or sacrifices may be."

One of the best pictures the writer has viewed in Perth Barracks in some time is on the bulletin board in "D" company's dormitory. It is a view of the jovial smiling "Scotty" Wilson, the Stratford cook who is serving with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps somewhere in England. The picture, clipped from the English "News of the World" shows the big fellow loaded down with his pack getting off the boat at his port of debarkation. One need not be told, in looking at the picture, that "Scotty" is a cook for his egg whisk is in his belt. The broad grin indicates he is quite happy.

Heard a good one about the



There are seven men in the unit from Durham: Privates Stan Falkingham, Ross Cain, Goldie Long, Roy Locking, all of "B" company, Private Walter Neaves of "A" company and Privates William Bailey and William Levi of Headquarters' company. They all joined up between September 25 and 30.

"We got together off and on and talked about enlisting," one of the fellows said and then added: "We considered it was the right thing to do and here we are. We all like it." That is one of the best recruiting testimonials we have heard in a long time for it came voluntarily and from the heart.

"D" company shone today in more ways than one. To start the day off right Private D. W. Banks walked off with the "stick" and as a result held the coveted position of "colonel's orderly." Down in the dormitory room the quarters were also in tip-top shape after the scrubbing gang got finished. The boards were almost white, a contrast to what they were when the men first gazed on them in the early stages of residence in barracks.

Officers and men of the regiment learned with regret of the passing of William Ralph Reid of Scaforth Thursday night. He was a brother of Lieut. R. S. Reid of the Perth Regiment and a veteran of the Great War. His death occurred in Wellesley Hospital at Toronto.

Major W. E. Kemp and Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor R. B. Hughes were among the officers accompanying the regimental intermediate O.H.A. club to Goderich Thursday night, the latter managing the team. Goderich won the overtime tussle 4 to 3 but the khaki boys gave a good account of themselves. Details of the game will be found in the sport columns.

Some 25 or 30 members of the regiment joined the intermediate O.H.A. players for the trip to Goderich. They say that while the air was cold, they had a good trip and enjoyed the game. It can be honestly said that the match was one of the best put up by the troops this winter.

It is of general interest to readers of this column to know that 33 members of St. James' Anglican church, St. Marys, where Canon W. H. Snelgrove, father of Lieut. H. A. Snelgrove of the Perths, is rector, have joined Canadian Active Services Forces. Many of number are in "D" company which is composed of Perth county men whose pictures appear in today's issue of The Beacon-Herald.

John McGraw, 608 Ontario street, who retired to civilian life recently, dropped into the office today to tell us that members of "D" company, with whom he was formerly associated, chipped together and Thursday night presented him with a purse of money. "I cannot say how much I appreciate the generosity of those boys. I had a great time while I was with them and I sincerely thank them," the former private said. Mr. McGraw was a goalie with the regimental hockey club.

The other evening a group of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Oliver in St. Marys to greet their son, Private Milton Oliver of "D" company. During the evening the young Perth was presented with a signet ring, the accompanying address being read by Les. Skipper. It was also signed by Billy Sager. Private Oliver thanked the folks for their gift. Prior to lunch being served there were games and other pastimes on the program.

With today's issue The Beacon-Herald concludes its series of panoramic photographs of the five companies in the Perth Regiment. There are additional copies available from the carrier boys who call at the barracks or they may be secured at the business office of this newspaper in the event that any of the troops wish to secure extra copies or any they have missed to complete the collection.

Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

There is an Australian-born man among the N.C.O.'s of the Perth Regiment. He is Lance Corporal Robert Guymier.

Lance Corporal Guymier is a native of New South Wales and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Guymier of England. He moved to the Motherland with his parents when six years of age and received his education in the public schools there. Upon graduation Lance Corporal Guymier came to Canada in 1929. Finding employment in the coalfields of the Edmonton district he remained in Alberta and Saskatchewan for eight years. Coming east a little more than a year ago "Bob" Guymier, as he is best known to the boys in "D" company, secured a position on the farm of Ed. Ross, R.R. 5, Stratford, where he remained until coming into Stratford to enlist in the Fall.

A single man, Lance Corporal Guymier has no "attachments" in this district. "I figure it is best to settle down after I get home to England," he told the writer at the conclusion of this interview.

The Roman Catholic members of the Perth Regiment are to be entertained by the Holy Name Society of the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday night.

Perth Regiment boasts a splendid library which is neatly located in the office of the adjutant and paymaster just off the main reception room of the barracks. It contains several hundred good books, all well bound and of good titles. They are the gifts of citizens of Stratford.

For some reason or other the troops are not making many demands upon the library, the writer learns. It may be that the men do not know that the books have been localized in the office of the adjutant and paymaster where a rack has been specially constructed to hold them.

"I do not know why there are not more calls for them," Lieut. J. E. Tipler, adjutant, said when queried as to the circulation of library books. "There are only a few fellows who occasionally come in and get a book," he added. It might be stated that a perusal of the literature available includes mystery, educational books, stories on military life and what-not. There are even a number of volumes of poetry.

The Town Council of St. Marys is planning to secure identification discs for all soldiers in the Canadian Active Service Force who hail from their community. We understand that the town fathers have already been furnished with a complete list of St. Marys men who are in the Perth Regiment but lack the names of many men serving with other units.

Friends of Private Arthur Williams of the Perth Regiment gathered in Brown's Corners' church Wednesday night. During the course of the evening, which was spent in a social way, Private Williams was presented with a signet ring, military brushes and a bill fold. Following the presentation he replied in an appropriate manner, thanking his well-wishers and telling them how much he enjoyed living in their midst for two years prior to his enlistment.

Miss Dorothy Lindsay, 61 Front street, has been rewarded by Private A. Simpson, who recently lost his watch. Miss Lindsay found the timepiece on Ontario street, near Waterloo and communicated with the owner after reading a Beacon-Herald "lost" advertisement.

by Major J. S. H. Lind.

Acknowledgement was made today by the commanding officer of the gift of 127 pairs of hand-knitted socks for the troops. The donation was from the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Stratford branch of the Canadian Legion.

The attention of the wives and friends of members of the regiment is drawn to a story elsewhere in today's newspaper which invites them to attend the Sunday morning church parade when Testaments will be presented to the Protestant troops by Rev. W. Cleary, a representative of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Major the Rev. H. F. C. Cocks, senior Protestant chaplain in military district No. 1, will also be present at the service, which will take place in Central United Church at 9.30 o'clock.

General battalion inspection by the commanding officer was carried out today and at the conclusion Lieut-Col. S. H. McComb told this column that there is a marked improvement in the appearance and general performance of the troops. He said he was quite pleased with the progress that is being made. The men seem quite interested in their work and in the competitive end of army life.

Headquarters Company won first place in the O.C.'s inspection and as a result the writer was "paraded" through the dormitory by Sergeant A. J. Whitehead. The quarters, of which Major D. M. Ross is commander, was spic and span. It was noticed that the mess tins are beginning to take on a bright appearance and upon inquiry it was learned that the men have received an issue of steel wool with which to do their household duty.

It is of general interest to readers of the column to know that some of the mess tins which have been issued to the Perths were used during the Great War. They are in a splendid state of preservation despite their years, though they are not quite as bright as the newer issue.

Lance Corporal John Chesney, one of the Stratford men with the unit, is on a weekend leave of absence, according to word from Provost Sergeant W. G. Fergusson. "You can say that Lance Corporal Chesney has certainly earned his holiday," the provost sergeant said. "He has worked diligently and efficiently."

Privates R. Beatty and J. S. Scott have been assigned to other duties in the regiment and their places on the staff of the provost sergeant are being filled by Privates A. Fletcher and A. Kerr.

Private H. Thompson is rating pretty high among his associates in "D" company. The reason is that he was the best appearing man on the guard today and thus won the "stick." The victory for the company, which also had the stick Friday, gave Private Thompson the post of orderly for Lieut-Col. S. H. McComb.

Private A. O. Baird and Private J. Duley made the best marks in the weekly shoot at Stratford armories. They had scores of 43. The weekly results are being tabulated

Will Register Those Wishing To Join Army

"Just as soon as we receive definite instructions from headquarters at London we will commence registering the names and addresses of men desiring to join the Canadian army," Lieut-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer of the Perth Regiment, told The Beacon-Herald today, in commenting on a London dispatch which stated recruiting offices will be opened in Windsor, Guelph, Listowel and Stratford at the end of this month. The officer in charge of the enrolment here will be Lieut. Herb Mason, the Perths' intelligence officer.

Lieut-Col. McComb made it clear that the enrolment will not be in the form of general recruiting such as was carried on here in September and October when the local regiment was mobilized. The names and addresses of prospective soldiers will be taken, the men medically examined and if acceptable will be taken on strength when required, not necessarily with the Perth Regiment, but in any one of

the different units comprising the Canadian Active Service Force. It was explained that weeks may elapse before the volunteer is called up.

Orders for the enrolment were announced over the signature of Colonel W. G. Hagarty, assistant adjutant and quartermaster general in M. D. 1. He said that for the convenience of men desiring to enlist stations will be set up in the headquarters of the Perth Regiment here and at the headquarters of the Essex Scottish Regiment in Windsor, the 26th Field Battery in Guelph and the 100th Field Battery in Listowel. The offices, which will open on January 29, will assist in obtaining recruits for reinforcements and training centres.

District Recruiting Officer Major R. H. Beattie, M.C., of London, explained this move is being undertaken for the convenience of prospective recruits throughout Western Ontario, who, up until now have had to travel as much as 100 miles to reach the district recruiting office in London.

PRESENT BIBLES TO TROOPS SUNDAY

At the church parade of the Perth Regiment tomorrow, the Rev. Walter McCleary, B.A., of Toronto, one of the district secretaries of the Upper Canada Bible Society, will present copies of the New Testament to all Protestant members of the Regiment. This is in line with the policy of the British and Foreign Bible Society throughout the Empire. In the last Great War, every member of His Majesty's Forces received a copy of the Scriptures.

The parade service will be in Central United Church at 9.30 a.m., and will be conducted by the Rev. David Wren, minister of the church, assisted by the Rev. J. N. McFaul and Major the Rev. F. Gwynne Lighthorn. The preacher for the occasion will be Major the Rev. H. F. C. Cocks, M.C., Senior Chaplain of Military District No. 1.

In view of the important presentation to be made, the Senior Chaplain has expressed the hope that the wives and parents of the officers and men of the Regiment will attend the service. There will be ample room for them in the gallery of the church.

With the issue of an edition of Scripture specially bound for men on active service, and containing a message from the King, the Bible Society begins again its war activities.

Between 1914 and 1918 the Bible Society distributed nearly ten million copies of Scripture to those directly affected by the war, its services providing not only for those on active service, but for all hospitals and Red Cross units, for interned enemy aliens, and prisoners of war, and for all political refugees and those made destitute by the war. All Canadians on active service who have left Canada have already been provided, and units of the Canadian Active Service Force are receiving now a portion of Scripture.

SOLDIERS GUESTS OF CONGREGATION

An enjoyable event took place Friday evening in the parish hall of St. Paul's church when the congregation entertained the soldier members of the church. Each soldier was presented with a prayer book by the rector, Rev. J. R. Thompson, assisted by the wardens, Wm. Thompson and E. Farrar.

The program opened with a hymn and the Scripture lesson by Wm. Thompson, after which the rector offered prayer. The chairman of the evening was Richard Wood, president of the Men's Club, which group sponsored the program. Miss Helen Essex, accompanied by Miss Joyce Pequegnat at the piano, contributed several well rendered numbers appropriate to a concert of this kind. The chairman then called on the rector to give a few words of welcome to the soldiers on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Thompson said that as the soldiers were called to go further afield they could be sure that the members of the church would remember them in their prayers.

James Dixon and his daughter, Phyllis, contributed several comic song and dance numbers. The program was interspersed with a few words, humorous and sincere, by William Thompson, Fred Corby and E. Farrar. The high spot of the evening was a well known rendition by the members of the Men's Club and they got a big hand. All then joined in community singing with Major Frank S. Walker presiding at the organ. Pte. Stoneham sang a number in his usual good style. The rector then presented the prayer books to the soldier members and expressed the hope they would not forget the members of St. Paul's parish when they used these books, and also the fine evening spent together. The singing of the National Anthem and one verse of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and the benediction by the rector brought the program to a close. Lunch was served by the Junior Ladies' Guild and A. Y. P. A. under the convenship of Mrs. F. Fox. A social half hour was spent in an informal way, concluding a successful evening. Major Walker thanked the congregation on behalf of the men.

Three Perth Members Honored At Banquet

Members of the Stratford Branch 18th Battalion Association honored three of their comrades who are now with the Perth Battalion on Saturday night at a banquet at the Windsor Hotel. Thomas Flanagan was chairman, and one minute of silence was observed in honor of fallen comrades. After dinner the toast list included "The King," "Absent Friends," and "Our Guests." The last named was responded to by Lieut-Col. S. H. McComb on behalf of Major D. M. Ross, C.Q.M.S. George Mogg and Bruce Brown of Montreal.

Adjournment was then made to the armories where solid silver cigarette cases, suitably inscribed with the Perth Regiment and 18th Battalion insignia, were presented. Lieut-Col. Arthur Garrod, M.C., presented Lieut-Col. S. H. McComb, Bruce Brown presented Major D. M. Ross and C. H. Clarke presented C.Q.M.S. George Mogg.

Bruce Brown, a life member of the 18th Battalion, was then presented with the silver life membership badge.

An enjoyable social time was spent reminiscing of good times and bad of 25 years ago, and singing the old songs with G. Chiswell at the piano. The ex-members of the old 18th Battalion present were: Lieut-Col. S. H. McComb, Lieut-Col. A. Garrod, M.C., Major D. M. Ross, M.M., C.Q.M.S. George Mogg, J. Farrant, A. Joyce, W. Farrell, R. Allen, T. Flanagan, R. A. Innes, J. Branson, N. Smith, C. H. Clarke, J. Dickens, C. Borthwick, W. Marks, F. Betts, A. Davidson, W. Moorehead, J. Scard, M. Drake and Bruce Brown of Montreal.

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Lance Corporal Thomas R. W. Kydd of the Perths calls Bonnie Dundee, Scotland, his home for it was there that he was born, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kydd, who still reside there.

The young lance corporal received his education in Dundee and later became a member of the 4th and 5th Black Watch in which he served for three years from 1922.

Coming to Canada in 1928, Lance Corporal Kydd went to Milverton where he was employed for several years by the former Milverton Furniture Company. After it closed he went to Trenton where he was among the first men employed in constructing the big airport. In 1934 he secured a position with the National Table Company at Owen Sound where he was employed when he joined the Perth Regiment.

Lance Corporal Kydd is a married man with two sons, Thomas and Allister, who make their home with Mrs. Kydd at 181 Brunswick street, in Stratford.

"What's all this talk about Bruce company?" a group of "B" company troops challenged as the writer was browsing around for a bit of news in their dormitory. "What y'a mean?" we inquired. And then the eight of them—all Owen Sounders—in one voice replied: "We're naming this company the Grey and Bruce because there are more than 50 Owen Sound men in it." So that's that for the time being anyway. They have Company Sergeant Major White backing them up and after he had given his approval he added that "this is the cream of the regiment."

There are approximately 80 more qualified soldiers in the ranks of the Perths as a result of the examinations in machine gun practice completed Saturday. A new squad of about the same number entered on the course today and after a period of careful study and rehearsing will try the tests. The work is carried on in the barracks under competent instructors every day and from what this column hears it is one of the most interesting branches of soldiering.

Jack Kinkade, who was on the clerical staff during the earlier days of mobilization and until recently clerk in the office of Quartermaster Sergeant W. Horan of the Royal Canadian Engineers at Perth Barracks, in charge of alterations and construction work throughout the regiment's quarters, left Sunday for London. He will join the clerical staff in the office of Major Russell Beattie, M.C., chief recruiting officer for Military District No. 1.

About 60 members of the Stratford Boys' Band under the direction of Bandmaster M. Brett were recent visitors at Perth Barracks where they staged an interesting concert of popular and old favorites for the troops. The concert was well received by the soldiers, many of whom voiced the feeling that the young musicians will be made welcome again at an early date.

The Canadian Legion War Services, Inc., which is doing much in the way of entertaining the troops overseas and in Canada, and also looking after any knotty problems such as dependents' allowances, has named two veterans to important posts in the Dominion. Captain "Gintz" Rice becomes entertainment officer at the Barrie field camp near Kingston and Howard Large, for years secretary of the Canadian Legion branch at Moose Jaw, Sask., has become entertainment officer for Military District No. 12, Saskatchewan.

"Gintz" Rice is an old hand at entertaining soldiers. He helped form the first Canadian concert party in France during the Great War. While in the transport lines in Belgium he composed "Mademoiselle From Armentieres." Howard Large organized the famous 16th Battalion concert party and its well-known Great War revue, "A Trip to Blighty."

Friends of Canon W. H. Snelgrove, rector of St. James' church in St. Marys and father of Lieut. H. A. Snelgrove of the Perths, will be pleased to learn he is making good progress toward recovery from an illness that has kept him

Sunday afternoon. He wore a big broad smile—and rightly so—for he had the honor of escorting six young ladies through the headquarters. They were nurses from the Stratford General Hospital. In the party were the Misses F. Whitehead, A. Bailey, C. M. Attwood, Mae Landers, Mary Tichborne and Mercin Ashcroft.

Cook Sergeant J. Brown, Sergeant E. LaConte and Private William Barker of the Perth Regiment were among the guests at the 41st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Landers, 302 Dour street, Sunday evening. Others present were Mrs. Brown and son Elmer, Mrs. George Rogers, 125 Cobourg street and the happy couple's children, wives and grandchildren. They included Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Landers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landers, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Landers and Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Landers and June and Joy, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hart and Garfield and Marlene. During the course of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Landers received the best wishes of many friends and they were also made the recipients of some handsome gifts. For the luncheon a prettily decorated wedding cake centred the table. Games and music were also included in the program.

At Queen's Park, London where the Canadian Active Service Force units are quartered, the London public library board is sponsoring a library for the soldiers. It is in charge of trained librarians who have volunteered their services.

Citizens of Teeswater and district paid tribute to their sons in khaki recently at a civic gathering in the town hall. Chairman for the evening was Reeve James W. Ross. An interesting program included vocal numbers by Mrs. R. D. Brown, Mrs. R. H. King and Private Frank Renwick. At an appropriate time Harry McBurney, who served as a lieutenant during the Great War directed a few well chosen words to the soldiers of the Canadian Active Service Force and then Chairman Ross called the boys to the platform where they were presented with sweaters from the people of Teeswater and Culross township, the presentations being made by Reeve Joseph A. McInnis of Culross. Later the Red Cross Society, through Mrs. A. G. Reid and Mrs. Dever, presented them with hand knitted socks.

Those receiving the gifts at Teeswater, while they may not all be with the Perths, were: from Culross, Privates Murray Roane, Clair Edwards, Fred Hardie, Walter Culbert, Alvin Smith, Wilbert Smith, Norman Smith and Gunners Eldon Hardy, Stewart Whitehead, Harold Smythe. From Teeswater, Privates Jack Thompson, Ernie Stepan, Lawrence Moeller, Frank Cronin, Harvey Weiss, Carfrey Brown, Sinclair Halliday, Donald Habbkirk, Frank Renwick, Lance Corporal Jack Tait and Gunner Fred Daw.

Privates Frank Renwick and Jack Thompson have also been made the recipients of billfolds, the gift of the Teeswater Concert Band of which they were members prior to enlisting with the Perths.

Private Vincent Smith of "A" company orderly room is all smiles today and its no wonder. He's been taking quite a ribbing from the boys and at the same time getting their heartiest congratulations. The reason—a 7½ pound son—at the Stratford General Hospital, Sunday. Both Mrs. Smith and the young fellow, who has already vowed that he'll make a better job of the Perth Regiment News than his "pater" has so far, are doing nicely. Both Private Smith and his wife are Kitchener folks.

Permission to marry has been granted by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, to Private E. R. Tschirhart of Headquarters Company.

According to the statistics for September, October and November, issued in Ottawa, the percentage of marriages in the Dominion has increased in leaps and bounds since mobilization occurred. The December figures are not out yet. When the January ones come around there'll be plenty of Perths included in the total.

The latest to join the benedicts is

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If anyone in Perth Barracks wants a tunic or a pair of trousers altered, or a greatcoat repaired, he goes to Private John Ross Donovan, the regimental tailor, whose shop is located in the quartermaster stores.

Private Donovan is a dual-purpose man, if there is such a person in military circles. That is, he can do several jobs. By trade he is a tailor and a stationary engineer—a rare combination.

Born and educated in Toronto, Private Donovan is a son of Mrs. J. C. Donovan of that city, widow of the former president of the Donovan Printing Company. The young soldier attended Toronto Model School and later took a two-year course in the Toronto Normal School. His early jobs were around the Toronto Stock Yards where he served as a clerk for commission agents.

About 1935 Private Donovan went to Worcester, Mass., where he secured fourth class papers of a stationary engineer and got a position with the Worcester Creamery Company, a post he held for three years. He returned to Canada and remained in Toronto until March of 1939 when he went to Acton where he was married. Shortly after that he moved to Fergus as branch manager for the Royal Cleaners and Pressers and after that he became book-keeper for a Southampton hotel, a position he was in when he came to Stratford to enlist with the Perth Regiment.

This is Private Donovan's first experience in the army and he says he likes it.

Mrs. Donovan is residing at 230 Erie street, Stratford.

We all recently read where Sergeant A. J. Whitehead, one of the "Three Musketeers" of the Perth Regiment received a clasp for his long service medal which entitles him to use the initials "E.D." after his name. A group of his friends were talking about the award and "Whitey" in his usual jocular manner remarked: "Yes, but do you know what it means?—Easy Done!"

According to a Guelph dispatch souvenir hunters are out for cap badges and in fact anything that a soldier wears besides his clothing. Over the weekend the police of the Royal City were asked to investigate the theft of a soldier's cap badge and his bandolier. They were taken while he was attending a theatre.

Notice where some of the stores throughout the city are carrying a stock of pins, emblematic of the different regiments throughout the Dominion. What's wrong with the idea of getting some replicas of the Perth Regiment badge so that the troops might present them to their wives or sweethearts? There was some talk recently about this being done but nobody appears to be taking the initiative in the matter.

Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor Jack Husher of the Royal Canadian Regiment, who is visiting in the city today at the Collegiate-Vocational Institute in connection with cadet work carried on there, paid a call at Perth Barracks. He renewed acquaintances with Major J. S. H. Lind, whom he knew at Royal Military College in Kingston, some years ago, and with Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor R. B. Hughes of the R.C.R.'s who is attached here.

Incidentally, this column learned that Q.M.S.I. Hughes' nickname in R.C.R. circles is "Old Darby."

The regimental hockey team had a good night against New Hamburg, the O.H.A. intermediate "B" tilt ending in a 2-2 draw. Details of the game are on the sport page of today's Beacon-Herald and Goalie Kurt should make a point of reading Jimmie Redditt's story. The Perths were again in charge

of Q.M.S.I. Hughes and seemed to go better with the support of their fellow soldiers, who thronged the rink 250 strong, each company having detailed 50 men to attend the game.

The regimental ping pong tournament got under way Monday night in the recreation room but for some reason or other only one game was staged. The other players failed to show up for the scheduled matches. In the lone tilt Private R. Wilson went down to defeat at the hands of Private A. Stennett who took all three games. Lieut. Otto Henderson was the referee but he mislaid the score sheet somewhere.

Private J. A. Jessome put "A" company back in the running today for honors when he carried off the "stick" in the guard inspection. As a result he was ordered by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb for the day. "We're holding it every day this week," one of the "A" company high command announced. "Just watch us."

"We will be much obliged to the general public if it does not telephone the barracks as much, especially on personal calls," an officer in authority said today in mentioning that dozens of calls are received daily from people who want to talk to certain members of the unit. He explained that it is not that the regiment wants to be discourteous to its friends but oftentimes the man who is wanted on the telephone is on the fourth floor, out on a route march or attending a lecture and cannot be disturbed. So, please, Mr. Miss and Mrs. Public, respect the wishes of the troops and call them as little as possible.

Volleyball players from the regiment won their first Industrial League contest Monday night at the Y. M. C. A. when they defeated Griffiths in three straight games. The latter club was short of players, however, and the troops had to loan them a few men.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, who was absent from his office with a cold Monday, is back on duty at the barracks. He is feeling much better.

The stage is all set for the volleyball elimination series which will be staged Wednesday afternoon and evening at Stratford armories between teams representing the Listowel and Guelph Batteries, the 29th Field Ambulance of Guelph and the Perth Regiment. The games start at 3 o'clock and will continue until a district champion is declared.

Lieut. J. C. Dent who is attached to the Essex Scottish Regiment from the Perths, returned to Windsor today after spending the weekend at his home here. He says that some of the new "battle dress" have been issued to the Windsor troops.

There is a report in some circles at Perth Barracks that some of the new togs will find their way into the local headquarters within the next ten days. The troops here only hope that the rumor is true.

Perth Regiment boxers and wrestlers had one of their best workouts at the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening when they were taken on the gymnasium floor to train for out-of-town tournaments to be held in the near future. The boxers were in charge of James Baxter and Major M. W. Andrew. The wrestlers were under Corporal Gordon Hanley. After they had some of the pep taken out of them by the instructors "Mac" Macqueen of the "Y" put them through their paces on the equipment in the gym.

A meeting of the new Corporals' Mess will be held Wednesday at 6.30 p.m. it was announced at the barracks today. It is probable that the Mess will be organized at this gathering since the new quarters are ready for the men. The Mess is located on the fourth floor.

A group of Perths in "C" company asked this column to convey to Mrs. Wendling, wife of Private Wendling of their company, their best wishes for a speedy recovery from her present illness. Mrs. Wendling resides on Stratford street.

Schedules for the inter-company hockey, basketball, volleyball, bowling and shooting, as arranged at a meeting of the Company Sports Committee in Major M. W. Andrew's office Monday evening should be available for publication in Wednesday's edition of The Beacon-Herald according to Lieut. H. A. Snelgrove.

One man in the Perth Regiment who is going to be missed, not only by the officers but by the men in general, is Private Charles Telford. He left Monday night for Toronto where he has been transferred to No. 2 Army Field Workshop. It is understood he will live at Exhibition Park.

Private Telford is the Peterborough man who came to the Perths soon after mobilization. He called himself a "handy man" and he certainly lived up to his claim. He was seldom without a job on his hands and did a lot of valuable work in getting the barracks ready for the unit. His brass buffing knack made a popular hit with all ranks.

GIVE PREFERENCE TO TRAINED MEN

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 23—Following a weekend conference of all commanding officers of non-permanent active militia units of Military District No. 1, it is announced that in future, in recruiting reinforcement drafts in this district, definite preference will be given members of the 13 militia units of the district.

This important decision was reached, military officials said, as a result of the express wishes of the commanding officers themselves.

Acting Lieut.-Col. S. W. Archibald, recently appointed commanding officer of the local Canadian Fusiliers (M.G.), said the move "puts us in the active service picture now."

"This means that the non-permanent active militia will be doing a definite part towards winning the war," Col. Archibald added.

Major R. H. Beattie, district recruiting officer, said the move should make the task of his office considerably easier, since he now could call on the local and district militia units for trained men as needed.

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Corporal "Texas" Carrick was the envy of most N.C.O.'s in barracks

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The latest to join the benedicts is Private Francis Wilson Young who was married on Saturday by Rev. W. T. Corcoran of the Church of the Immaculate Conception to Miss Delores Burnett of Owen Sound. The best man was Private Charles A. Hunter and the bridesmaid Miss Rita Lorentz of Stratford. Private Young is away for a few days on a wedding trip.

Corporal W. H. Gardner, shoemaker with the regiment, has been promoted an acting sergeant, according to orders. Sergeant Gardner is a Stratford man who was formerly engaged in business here.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, is resting at his home the result of a severe cold which he contracted over the weekend.

C.Q.M.S. George Mogg, who with Lieut.-Col. McComb and Major D. M. Ross were presented with silver cigarette cases by the Stratford branch of the 18th Battalion Association at a gathering in the Windsor Hotel Saturday night, is a former president of the Galt branch of that organization. He says out of an original enlistment of 9,000 men in the 18th the executive officers today can account for only 1,200. They are scattered all over Canada and the United States. A story on the Saturday night party appears elsewhere in this issue.

of the game are on the sport page of today's Beacon-Herald and Goalie Kurt should make a point of reading Jimmie Redditt's story. The Perths were again in charge

racks today. It is probable that the Mess will be organized at this gathering since the new quarters are ready for the men. The Mess is located on the fourth floor.

Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

Corporal Allan Alexander Cameron, who will be married on Saturday to Miss Blanche Cook of this city, is a native of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.

Born in that city where he was educated at the public and high schools, Lance Corporal Cameron is a son of Captain James Cameron of Glace Bay and the late Mrs. Cameron.

After graduation from school Corporal Cameron joined the permanent force of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals and served nine years. As a wireless operator he was stationed for seven years in the Northwest Territories, being located at Fort Resolution, Fort Norman, Fort Simpson, Dawson City and at Akilavik, the last mentioned being in the Arctic at the mouth of the Yukon River. He was also at Camp Borden for two years.

Corporal Cameron secured his discharge in 1935 to accept a position with the Colonial Steamship Company which operates vessels on the Great Lakes. His last contract was on the steamer Mathewston, from which he came to the Perth Regiment last fall.

The Carter family, 128 Caledonia street, accompanied by Lou Marziali of St. Marys, dropped around at Perth Barracks and for an hour Wednesday night entertained several hundred of the troops. It was a variety program of songs, dances and accordion numbers that really made a hit with the officers and men.

The whole troupe, which included Mr. and Mrs. William Carter, Miss Cynthia Carter, Austin Carter and Lou Marziali sang "L'Espagnola" to start off the entertainment, after which Mr. and Mrs. Carter favored with a duet, "Beneath Thy Window." Bill Carter and daughter Cynthia appeared next in the vocal duet "South of the Border" and then Lou Marziali followed with an accordion solo, "Spanish Melody."

Mr. and Mrs. Carter led the soldier audience in community singing during an intermission of Wednesday night's concert, which was held in the men's recreation room, and the favorite number seemed to be "Roll Out the Barrel." One of the other selections that went over big was a recitation by Bill Carter, "I Took It." He was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Carter. Two solos, an English number, "Anne Boleyn" and "There's Something About a Soldier," were rendered by 11-year-old Austin Carter. Mr. and Mrs. Carter combined well in a comic skit, "Oh Josephine." Other numbers were: Bill and Cynthia Carter in a song and dance, "We Saw the Sea," accompanied by Mrs. Carter; "The Sharp Shooters' March," by Lou Marziali and a tap dance by Cynthia Carter and Lou Marziali entitled "I Simply Adore You." The costumes worn by the troupe added to the color of the event. Major E. C. Shelley expressed the thanks of the regiment to the entertainers on behalf of Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer.

Present at the concert were Major the Rev. H. C. F. Cocks, senior Protestant chaplain in Military District No. 1, Major the Rev. W. T. O'Rourke, senior Roman Catholic chaplain in this district, and Major Russell Beattie, M.C., chief recruiting officer for the district. Their headquarters is in London and they arrived at the barracks just as the program started. It was Father O'Rourke's first visit to the Perth headquarters.

of the troops in the hospital now, with the barracks hospital in operation under direction of Capt. J. G. Jose, medical officer, the radio was removed Wednesday afternoon.

A shipment of gas masks and steel helmets has arrived at the barracks and will shortly be issued to the troops. It is understood the men will soon be given instruction in the use of the gas masks.

Private William Hansford of "A" company wins one of Major E. C. Shelley's khaki handkerchiefs as a result of his getting the "stick" today. Private Hansford, who is a brother of Royal Hansford, batman-driver for the commanding officer, is acting as orderly for Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb today.

Private T. Smith of "C" company has been granted permission to marry according to orders published at the barracks. The name of the bride-to-be is not listed.

The stork has paid a visit recently to a member of the Perths. The proud parents are Private E. O'Brien of "A" company and Mrs. O'Brien of Galt. Patrick is the young chap's name and he was born on January 18.

Capt. J. Bust, district paymaster, Major Brain and Lieut. Hart, all of London, were visitors in the Officers' Mess on Wednesday night. Lieut. Hart is an officer in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Private K. Duley of "B" company scored 48 out of a possible 50 points in the weekly shoot at the Stratford armories on Wednesday afternoon. There were four others tied for second place, Privates L. Swinghammer and H. E. Woods of "B" company and Privates W. R. Henderson and T. V. Collins of "A" company. Each scored 47 out of 50 points.

The meeting of the Corporals' Mess, which was originally scheduled for Wednesday night, was postponed until Friday. It was impossible for a sufficient number of the N.C.O.s to attend.

The Department of National Defence has formally announced the appointment of Dr. G. M. Bastedo of London, formerly of this city, as a captain in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. Captain Bastedo has been on duty in London for some months.

It was stated in this column on Wednesday that Lance Corporal J. J. Tail is not married. He is married and has an eight-year-old daughter residing with her mother in this city.

The weather might be a bit rough outdoors these days, but that does not deter the Perths from carrying on their route marches. The men are frequently taken on hikes around the city. The jaunts into the country have been postponed until the roads become more favorable, according to R.S.M. Thomas Soper.

Reports that the new battle dress, which is the current name for the new uniforms which will eventually be worn by all Canadian Active Service Force units, had arrived, went through Perth Barracks like wildfire again today. It's a fact. Battle dress did arrive, but not in sufficient numbers to outfit the regiment. Four pairs of oversize trousers came in the first shipment. But it's a start and both officers and men confidently expect the new togs will be here shortly.

Private James Cheevers asked this column to thank the Mitchell Patriotic Society for continually remembering the boys from that town who are in the unit. The society has repeatedly sent the troops socks, sweaters, gloves, smokes and candy. Not only have the Mitchell folk looked after their home boys but they have "adopted" a few others. "We certainly wish to thank them and want them to know that we appreciate their thoughtfulness," Private Cheevers remarked.

For the benefit of readers of The Beacon-Herald who are sending mail to the troops of the Canadian Active Service Force at overseas points, we again publish the correct manner in which letters and parcels should be addressed. It follows:

Regimental number.
Rank and name.
Full name of unit to which soldier is attached.
Care of Base Postoffice, Canada.
A return address should always be placed on all mail.

Perth volleyball players, entered in the inter-regimental league of this district, waited for several hours at Stratford armories on Waterloo street for a Field Ambulance team from Guelph and a Field Battery team from Listowel to come here for an elimination tournament Wednesday. Both failed to put in an appearance. A telephone call from Listowel gave a reason but there was no message received from the Royal City. Local officers do not know when the games will be played.

There is a story on the sport page telling about the regiment's intermediate O.H.A. "B" team scoring a 2-0 victory over St. Agatha in New Hamburg's rink Wednesday night.

Officials of the regiment would like to publicly thank C. A. Price of the Price Electric in Stratford for the loan of a radio, which has been in the soldiers' ward at the hospital almost since mobilization was completed. As there are none

Perth Regiment News, official publication of the soldiers at the barracks, has reorganized its staff, according to the editor, Private Vincent Smith. A reporter for each company has been named in the hope of giving the troops a better paper. The appointments are: Private A. O. Baird for "A" company, Private R. E. MacDonald for "B" company, Corporal W. H. Dickie for "C" company, Corporal R. A. Brooks for "D" company and Sergeant A. J. Whitehead for Headquarters company.

Perth Regiment gym team worked out at the Y.M.C.A. this morning under Q.M.S.I. Jack Husher of the instructional cadre, Royal Canadian Regiment. Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor Husher is well known all through this district, his work being largely that of instructing and inspecting cadet corps in the High Schools and Collegiate of the province. He is busy at the Stratford Collegiate Vocational Institute this afternoon. The boys had their eyes opened when the lithe Q.M.S.I. began working on the parallel bars, going through apparently simple exercises that had most of the lads "buffaloed" when they tried them. The gym team was in charge of Major J. S. H. Lind.

"You can say that 'A' company will soon be in the running with all the rest of them as far as clean floors are concerned," Quartermaster Sergeant Carl Weir told the writer today. "We are going to scrub our dormitory floors until they are white," he said. "That's what the other companies do. We'll show 'em."

"Compliments of Lieut. Reid, sir," a messenger from the orderly officer of the day said. Lieut. Reid's message was to the effect that Headquarters company had the cleanest and neatest dormitory on inspection today.

Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor R. B. Hughes of London, who is attached to the Perths, got a Christmas card today from the City of London. It had been mailed to him on December 19 in care of the Base Post Office, Canada, and naturally it went to Aldershot camp in England with the rest of the Royal Canadian Regiment's mail. Returned to the base post office, the card was then sent to the R.C.R.'s depot in London and from there it was dispatched to Perth Barracks. It appears that the City of London remembered all its men in khaki in this manner during the Christmas season. The card bears the city's crest.

The Hydro power in Perth Barracks was off for a brief period at 11:05 a.m. today.

Men in the Perth Regiment who are from Chesley will be granted leave of absence from Friday until Monday in order that they may attend a civic concert in their home town over the weekend. We are depending on Lance Corporal Eldon Schneider to bring us back a report on the affair.

Members of the Perth Regiment who belong to the Orange Order are invited to attend a Military Night at Star of the East Lodge, No. 2929, in Stratford on Friday night, according to an invitation received at the barracks from Worshipful Master S. K. Foster.

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Lance Corporal Donald Smith Habbkirk needs little introduction to hockey followers in the Perth Regiment because he is a member of the intermediate "B" O.H.A. team. He scored the only two goals against St. Agatha in New Hamburg Wednesday night.

Born in Kincardine, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Habbkirk of that town, he went to both the public and continuation schools there. Upon moving to Teeswater he completed his education at the high school, getting his Upper School papers.

Lance Corporal Habbkirk entered the undertaking business after he left school and worked at Teeswater and in Mitchell. Up to the time of his enlistment with the Perths he was employed by the I. W. Lockhart Funeral Service in Mitchell.

During his residence in Mitchell, Lance Corporal Habbkirk was a member of Knox Presbyterian church and was in the choir.

It is also of interest that he followed an active career in sporting activities before enlisting on September 18. His favorite game was baseball. The young N.C.O., who is unmarried, played with the Teeswater club in the Bruce Baseball League.

Another member of the original "Dumbbells," who entertained the old C.E.F. in France during 1914-1919 has "signed up" for the duration.

Alan Murray, who did many a song and dance act along the front with Captain Mert Plunkett's famous troupe, has been taken on the strength of the Canadian Legion War Services to organize concert parties among members of the armed forces.

Murray, who saw active service in France with the 9th Field Ambulance, is presently holding auditions among the troops in the Montreal area. The talent chosen will be moulded into self-contained companies which costumed and equipped will entertain their own units in Canada and overseas.

Private R. E. Wendling has returned to duty with "C" company and reports that his wife, who has been ill at her home on Stratford street, is making good progress toward recovery.

Sergeant W. Ewart of the signallers' section tells us that there is a scarcity of equipment with which the men in his branch like to work. He wonders if the general public can help the boys out by donating a few of the old type battery radios. They could be used to great advantage by the signallers. A telephone call to Sergeant Ewart at the Sergeants' Mess, No. 2686, will result in one of the lads calling around for any donations.

When the writer visited the signallers' room on the fourth floor the men were busy working on telephones—a vital instrument in communication during wartime. It is necessary that the signallers know everything about telephones and wires and to get some practical experience the men under Sergeant Ewart are busy installing a communication system throughout the barracks. There has never been an inter-departmental phone service in Perth barracks but there will be when the signallers get finished.

One of the men was busy making a telephone. He is using odds and ends of the little bit of equipment that is in the room, parts of an old radio set, a coil or two, nuts and bolts and what-not. He said he is confident it will work when he gets it assembled. His work would be much easier if he had a few old battery radios—without the batteries, of course—from which to secure needed parts.

announced just as soon as the sports committee secretary gets them completed. Soldiers are advised to clip out the schedules as they appear in this column as they will make ready references.

The entertainment in Chesley over the weekend is being sponsored by the Kinsmen's Club of that town. The club has arranged transportation for the home town troops who left via the Canadian National Railways this evening. They will return at 9.25 a.m. Monday.

N.C.O. promotions, which have been of a temporary nature for some weeks, are confirmed in orders published at Perth Barracks. The ranks of Corporals R. Ferguson, W. E. Bellwood, R. Marquis, V. G. Hicks, W. Furzer, J. J. Irwin, G. F. Levie, A. Trotter, V. A. Heywood and V. F. Grose, Lance Corporals D. S. Youngs, S. R. Mantle, W. S. Bell, J. R. Jones, W. C. Willmore, A. Eglinton, D. A. Newman, A. Wallace, Sergeant H. Creasy and Company Quartermaster Sergeants George Mogg, C. C. Roth and E. Carder are on the list.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer of the Perths, has granted Private R. J. McCullough permission to marry, according to orders published at the barracks. He is a member of "B" company.

The bulletin boards today in the dormitory rooms of the different companies contain bulletins on the financial statement of the Men's Mess. Showing a cash balance, the statement indicates that all is going well in that department. The audit is made by Corporal S. H. Cordell and Private J. A. Witt.

From Wolsley Hospital in London comes word from Private G. A. Mitchell, a Perth who is a patient there while undergoing treatment for an injured jaw. Private Mitchell was struck by a puck during a hockey practice. "Mitch" writes that he appreciates the generous thought of the men in "B" company who recently took up a collection and sent him a gift. The young hockeyist says he hopes to rejoin the regiment at an early date.

Another shipment of hockey sticks from the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association at Toronto has arrived at Perth Barracks, according to Major J. S. H. Lind, second-in-command. "They are certainly doing a good work for the troops," the major commented as he recollected that when the sport organizations were originally planned the S.P.A. provided several hundred dollars worth of equipment.

"The sticks are going to come in handy for the Officers and Sergeants game of February 5," Major Lind said. "There will be plenty of hickory laid on that night," he added and the remark caused Regimental Sergeant Major Thomas Soper to mention that "if there is any 'hickorying' to be done it will be the sergeants who will do it." And then the orderly clerk in Major Lind's office chirped up that he had "half a rock to say the sergeants will win." So that is the first bet staked on the game.

With officers and sergeants both competing in the game as a fore-runner to the St. Agatha-Perths intermediate "B" O.H.A. game on February 5, it is quite likely that there will be a battalion parade to the arena that night. We know a few privates who would like to see some of the officers get bumped up against the boards, but woe betide the sergeant who lays a stick on Lieut.-Col. McComb. The popular commander will have plenty of protection while that game progresses. This column hears it's a toss-up between the commanding officer and Lieut. Reid as to who plays centre.

"A" company came through again today and won the "stick." The honor of being orderly to Lieut. Col. S. H. McComb, which goes with winning the stick, went to Private G. A. Sayers. He also gets a khaki handkerchief from the company commander, Major E. C. Shelley.

A man who goes after the "stick" cannot afford to be a slouch. It would appear from the amount of work necessary to get equipment in shape for inspection of the guard from which group the stick holder is selected daily by the adjutant. Take for instance Private Sayers. He worked until after ten o'clock Thursday night cleaning his brass and web equipment. He was up at 5:45 a.m. today brightening it up. But he got his reward and "A" company gets the credit of having won the stick eight times in two weeks.

The choir of St. Paul's church honored Major Frank Walker, quartermaster and four of his Perth Regiment associates Thursday night at a social and musicale at the church. Major Walker is choir master and organist there. He was presented with a handsome silver cigarette case. Quartermaster Sergeant F. Hamilton, Private Frank Stoneham and Corporals Dyke and Gibson were each given soldiers' money belts. Major Walker and Quartermaster Sergeant Hamilton expressed appreciation on behalf of the soldiers for the thoughtfulness of the choristers.

Lieut. John S. Whyte has a big task on his hands but he was making headway when the writer visited him in his office. "Here's the inter-company hockey schedule," he said as he handed over a sheet of paper with lines on it that resembled pages in our old geometry notebook of school days. Lieut. Whyte's diagram, however, shows that "A" company will meet "B" company and "C" company will play "D" company, both on January 31. Headquarters company gets a bye. The winner of the "A" and "B" tilt gets a bye while awaiting the outcome of the Headquarters vs. the winners of the "C" and "D" game on February 2. The final will then be staged on February 7. As the games will be played at the fair grounds rink the game of February 2 will likely take place in the morning because the ice is not available to the troops in the afternoon. The winner of the tournament will represent the regiment in the district championship.

Now that the hockey schedule is arranged, Lieut. Whyte must prepare schedules for a bowling tournament, inter-company basketball, volleyball, ping-pong and other general sport schedules which will keep the men active during their recreational periods. These will be

Hospital At Barracks Model Of Cleanliness

With the closing of the soldiers' ward in the Stratford General Hospital, as far as the Perth Regiment is concerned, members of the unit who become ill, are now being cared for in their own splendid hospital in Perth Barracks.

Located on the Douro street side of the building, the hospital quarters are on the ground floor and afford plenty of air and sunlight for the men.

In charge of the Perth hospital is the battalion's medical officer, Captain J. G. Jose, M.D. who has been attending to the medical requirements of the force ever since it was mobilized in September. Assisting the "M.O." is Medical Sergeant R. V. Greenfield, Corporal W. Irwin, Private Stanley Shears, night orderly and the two day orderlies, Privates C. E. Knowles and Scotty Bryce.

Perth hospital is outfitted generally for the comfort of the men who are not feeling well. The hospital cots are well equipped with soft mattresses, white linen and grey army blankets. Full sized pillows are also on the beds.

Six Patients At Present.

There were six patients in hospital when a Beacon-Herald reporter called today. None appeared very sick, though the 'flu is a hard thing to shake and it takes time and plenty of rest. Not a complaint has been registered about the hospital since it was opened and that speaks well for the staff.

An ante-room is specially outfitted with troop comforts. The convalescent men are provided with warm blue dressing gowns. There is a separate bathroom with all

conveniences, even a bath tub which is a rarity in barracks.

Another room contains cupboards stocked with special foods for patients such as soups. They are appetite builders.

The convalescing men are allowed to smoke occasionally. They do much reading and frequently write letters.

Meals for the men in hospital are specially prepared in the general kitchen of the barracks usually under the supervision of the head orderly. They are planned to build up a man so that he can return to duty at the earliest date.

Place Is Spotless.

One thing was evident during the hospital tour. It was spotless. The walls and ceiling are painted in a light color and the floor is immaculately clean.

Readers should not get the idea that the orderlies in the small barracks hospital have a "soft" job. They bear a heavy responsibility. Charts are provided for them to record the condition of their patients at given periods of the day. Temperatures are registered and the pulse beats tabulated. A glance at each man's chart will give an up-to-the-minute review of the case from the date of admittance. Such data is kept on file and will form part of the soldiers' history, a record that is maintained from the date he enlists until the book is closed upon demobilization.

Like any other hospital, the institution within Perth Barracks has its limited visitors' hours. Civilians are free to visit patients from 3 to 4 p.m. daily and soldiers who are not on duty any evening from 7 to 8 p.m.

again on duty with their units.

Perth Regiment Orangemen and their leaders are going to entertain the civilian members of the Star of the East Lodge, L. O. L., No. 2929, at the fraternal hall Wednesday night. Corporal W. H. Dickie of "C" Company would like the troops, who are members of the order, to get in touch with him.

Parking of soldiers' automobiles on Trinity street has been prohibited, according to orders published over the weekend. The thoroughfare is too narrow, it is understood, to be continually lined with parked cars.

Lieut. J. E. Tipler, adjutant, today announced that the Women's Patriotic Society of Moncton has donated 40 pairs of hand-knitted socks to the Perth Regiment. He expressed the unit's appreciation of the gift.

Lieut. J. S. Whyte announces the schedule for the regimental bowling league. In the first games on Wednesday Headquarters Company plays "C" Company and "A" Company meets "D" Company. "B" Company gets a bye. The winner of the Headquarters-"C" Company gets a bye on February 7 when "B" Company plays the winner of the "A" and "D" series. The finals will take place on February 14.

The volley ball schedule, also announced by Lieut. Whyte, brings "B" Company against "C" Company on January 31 and "A" Company will play Headquarters Company. With "D" Company getting the bye. The winner of the "B" and "C" tilt gets a bye into the finals and the "A" and Headquarters victor meets "D" Company on February 7 with the finals on February 14.

Hon. Major the Rev. F. Gwynne Lightbourn was at the barracks today lecturing the troops on subjects of general interest to soldiers. It was the first of a series of lectures which the acting padre will give to the men at frequent intervals.

Mrs. T. Roane of Teeswater was in the city over the weekend to visit her son, Private Murray Roane of the Perth Regiment. While here Mrs. Roane was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Daub, 375 Ontario street.

Protestant officers and men of the Perth Regiment attended a church parade Sunday morning to St. Andrew's Church. The troops were headed by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, and were welcomed by the pastor, Rev. J. N. McFaul. The prayers were said by Rev. David Wren and the sermon, taken from a text in Isaiah, was delivered by Hon. Major the Rev. F. G. Lightbourn, acting padre of the regiment. Members of the Roman Catholic faith attended Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Fifty men from each company in the regiment have been detailed to attend the Industrial Hockey League games at the arena tonight when the Perth Regiment meets Tavistock in an intermediate "B" O.H.A. fixture. Lieut. R. S. Reid, hockey mentor, feels that the soldier hockeyists do better when some of the lads in khaki are present to cheer his players along, so the O.C. has arranged for the cheering squad to be there.

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Lance Corporal Richard Anderson came out to Canada from Rotherham, Yorkshire, England, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henry Anderson, reside.

Making the journey as a young lad, the young N.C.O. first went to the Welland district where he continued his schooling and worked on farms. He followed the land occupation until about four years ago when he went to St. Marys, settled down and got married. His wife is the former Miss Wintha Longhurst of that town. They have two children, Thomas and Bertha, who live with their mother in St. Marys.

Lance Corporal Anderson enlisted with the Perth Regiment on September 6, 1939, and on January 6, this year, received his first promotion.

It is of general interest to readers of this column to know that Lance Corporal Anderson has a brother serving in His Majesty's navy. He is Petty Officer Thomas Anderson who is aboard the destroyer Dauntless.

"Back in 1917 when Canada had a war vote, I cast my ballot in France," Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer of the Perths recalled as he discussed the news of the day—elections. He explained that when the active service units were in the front lines the troops from Canada were given a form to fill out. They had to say in which constituency they were qualified to vote and to mark the name of their favorite candidate on the form. The result of the Canadians' votes was then transmitted to the Dominion and included in the general Boy, am I relieved!"

What procedure will be adopted for the impending election in Canada, as regards troops in the Canadian Active Service Force who are overseas and in barracks in Canada, Lieut.-Col. McComb could not say. It is likely that commanding officers will be advised at an early date by the Department of National Defence as to plans for soldiers qualified to vote. Whether the out-of-town men will be asked to ballot on Perth County candidates or given the privilege of voting for contestants in their home ridings is unknown. An Ottawa dispatch says that troops in Canada will be permitted to vote before leaving the Dominion and those in England will ballot before proceeding to France. "We'll just have to wait and follow the orders when they come through from headquarters," the local O.C. said.

It was a dark and rainy day. The recruits were not as bright as they might have been, anyway. Private Smith appeared about the worst of the lot. The sergeant strode up to him. "What was your job in civil life?" he barked.

"Bank clerk," was the succinct reply.

"I suppose," sneered the sergeant, "you dusted the desks and washed out the ink-wells, and made nice cups of tea for the manager?"

"Oh, no, sir," replied Private Smith, "we kept an old sergeant for those jobs."

"Just how did you learn that we received four pair of over-sized trousers?" an official in the quartermaster stores at Perth challenged the writer regarding an item carried in this column. "I am sure I did not tell you," he added, as his associates stood about, all puzzled, as though someone had been up on the carpet for divulging the best bit of humor that has seen daylight since the troops entered barracks—that of four pair of over-sized trousers being the initial delivery from the ordnance department. The N.C.O. was told where the tip came from and he breathed a sigh of relief as he sputtered, "Oh, if he gave it to you that's all right. Boy, am I relieved!"

We were tipped off that Headquarters Company does not compete in the stick championship because it does not place any men on guard duty. As Headquarters name implies, its personnel has a great deal of general routine duties to handle throughout the building.

Lance Corporals and Corporals held a meeting Friday night in their new Mess when nominations for officers were received. There will be another meeting Monday night when the elections will take place. The meeting of the Corporals' Mess, the first held in the new quarters on the top floor, was presided over by Corporal C. Dyke.

The regiment has received a splendid donation of equipment, bedding and other necessities, for use in the barracks hospital. The donors are the Stratford Red Cross Society. The commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, today expressed thanks on behalf of the unit and commended the work which the Red Cross Society is doing locally and over the Dominion.

Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor R. B. Hughes, Regimental Sergeant Major Thomas Soper and Pioneer Sergeant A. J. Whitehead were at the London-Stratford M.O. hockey game Friday night. Their chief object, in attending the game was to get some pointers to use against the officers in the Officers vs. Sergeants tussle on February 5. "Don't be a bit surprised if the Sergeants have one of Dave Pinkney's players coaching them," R.S.M. Soper told the writer. "That half rock is as good as gone now."

Sergeant E. LaConte was also at the London-Stratford game watching the two goalies perform. He is going between the nets for the Sergeants when they play the Officers.

The Beacon-Herald today carries a photograph of Cook Fred "Scotty" Wilson, son of Edward Wilson, 113 Perth street. He is overseas now with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. It's a strange fact, but Scotty wanted to get into the kitchens of the Perth Regiment and volunteered. The medical board turned him down for some reason or other and he hot-footed it to London and was taken on strength. Now he's over there and played a big part in roasting 400 pounds of turkey for his unit at Christmas time. In writing to his father and his sister, Miss Robina Wilson, he says the weather is damp in England and very cold. "The blackouts are black," he said in one sentence.

Capt. Lionel C. Woods and Capt. J. Burgess, paymaster and adjutant, respectively, of the Oxford Rifles, Woodstock, spent Friday in Perth Barracks. They discussed Canadian Active Service Force office routine with Lieut.-Col. McComb, Lieut. J. E. Tipler, adjutant and Capt. R. J. Stevenson, paymaster of the Perths. The Oxford Rifle officers are getting all the facts they can gather so as to be prepared when they receive word to mobilize.

Major McClintock of Sarnia was also a visitor at Perth Barracks Friday. He was taken on a tour through the barracks by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb and at the conclusion of his visit expressed himself as highly pleased with the general facilities available for the local troops.

The rank of Sergeant E. LaConte is confirmed in orders published at the barracks. He is a former member of the Royal Canadian Regiment and came to the Perths from Brantford.

Speaking to the writer in reference to his O.C.'s inspection held today Lieut.-Col. McComb said he notices a great change in the health of men in the Perth Regiment. The commanding officer says the soldiers appear healthier and many of them have increased in weight. One private has gained 18 pounds.

The Canadian Veteran says: "Little known to the average soldier, who cursed long and loud (his immemorial privilege) when he couldn't get what he wanted, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in Great War days handled a volume of material whose figures are huge when seen in total.

From 1st September, 1914, to 11th November, 1918, the following items were supplied to the troops in France:

Boots	15,088,420 pairs
Jackets	12,224,100
Trousers	11,464,700
Puttees	12,800,300 pairs
Shirts	24,012,200
Socks	41,583,000 pairs

In addition four million pairs of boots were repaired, and 56,796 guns and 131,455 vehicles were overhauled and repaired."

Keith Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gray, 61 Trinity street, has left to report to the Royal Canadian Air Force at Toronto as an aircraftman. An older brother, Private John Gray, is now with the Royal Canadian Regiment at Aldershot camp in England.

Protestant members of the Perth Regiment will attend a church parade at 9.30 a.m. Sunday at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. It was announced today by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb. The service will be conducted by the pastor of St. Andrew's, Rev. J. N. McFaul, and the acting padre, Hon. Major the Rev. F. Gwynne Lightbourn. Roman Catholic Perths will attend Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb today conducted the monthly battalion inspection of the troops, the review taking place on the parade ground and later the O.C. also inspected the regimental quarters. He expressed himself as being quite pleased with the appearance of the men and the barracks.

For the third consecutive day "A" company won the "stick," the honor going to a Stratford man, Private A. C. Scammell. He was given one of the smart silk khaki handkerchiefs which the company commander Major E. C. Shelley hands out for accomplishing the feat.

Major Shelley is not the only officer in the unit who can throw out his chest at stick winnings. Lieut. Reg. Reid pointed out today that No. 4 platoon, over which he presides, has given him cause to feel pretty proud. It is the third day his platoon has turned a man over as colonel's orderly.

Headquarters company will shoot against "A" company and "B" company against "D" company in the first of the inter-company competitions to be staged at the Stratford armories range on Waterloo street on January 31. It was announced today by Lieut. J. S. Whyte. "C" company gets a bye the first day. The winner of the Headquarters "A" match gets a bye on February 7 when the winner of the "E" and "D" shoot stack up against "C" company. The winners of these events will then meet "A" company for the regimental championship on February 14.

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One of the younger Stratford men in the N.C.O. ranks of the Perth Regiment is Corporal Andrew Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gibson, 12 Louise street, city.

A native of Scotland, Corporal Gibson was born near Glasgow. He came to Stratford about 1924 and was educated in Shakespeare school. Later he was employed locally, the last three years prior to mobilization being at the Avon Knit Limited. He was also a member of the Stratford Boys' Band.

Corporal Gibson had been a member of the Perth Regiment as a non-permanent unit for six years prior to enlisting in the Canadian Active Service Force. He served as a private in the signalling section. Corporal Gibson received his first promotion to the rank of lance-corporal in October of last year and was made a full corporal early this month.

It is of general interest that Lance Corporal Gibson's father is a veteran of the Great War and a member of the Perth Regiment in its non-permanent days.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson are also the parents of Billy, Walter and Alice Gibson who live at the family home.

Commenting on Saturday's "Minute Interview" column in The Beacon-Herald, Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb today said he was much interested in the replies given by the various citizens. He does not agree, however, that soldiers' pay should be raised beyond its present scale. Lieut.-Col. McComb says that soldiers are getting more now, when everything is taken into consideration, than the average civilian worker.

"I sat down and figured things out after reading that column," the popular O.C. said. "Here are my figures and you can give them to the public." He agreed they might make some young men think when the next recruiting appeal takes place locally. The Colonel's figures show a soldier getting \$39 per month, his wife \$35 plus \$24 for two children, a total of \$98. Added to this is \$10 per month for food, \$8 for clothing, \$10 for medical attention and \$24 insurance, a total of \$150. "There are many who will question that last item about insurance," Lieut.-Col. McComb remarked, "but it must be remembered that if a man is injured, killed or is sick for any period of time his army pay and allowance continue. It is worth \$24 per month, as many who served in the Great War will tell you."

Some 40 or 50 men from Chesley who have enlisted in the various Canadian Active Service Forces returned to their home town over the week-end and according to the lads from the Perth Regiment who made the trip, they were royally entertained. The hosts were members of the Chesley Kinsmen Club.

When the late train pulled into Chesley Friday night, the soldiers were met by the Kinsmen who had also engaged the Lucknow Kiltie Band for the reception. The Perths were in charge of Corporal R. Mitchell and the party consisted of Lance Corporals Peter McRorie, Eldon Schneider, Wilfrid Schneider, Private Robert Boyes, Robert Hendry, William Doyle, John Yeoman, Rueben Baetz, James Horsburg, Oscar Agnew, Lorne Schuknecht, Cyril Wilson, George Robin-

son, H. C. F. Blohm, Louis Swinghammer, George Streeter, Earl Muir, Stuart Milne, Ivan Connor, Bruce Acton, R. Locking, Victor Bailey, H. Diebel and Wilbur Howie. They were joined by Ivor Kemp of the 7th Royal Canadian Engineers of London; J. W. Leitch and Keith Halliday of the Canadian Signalling Corps, Kingston; Algeron Yeoman, William Hewitson, Henry Kloepper, Harold E. Priebe, Gilbert Fenton, Roderick Steward, Hardie MacDonald, James Woods of the 97th Field Battery, Listowel; Victor Neale, Canadian Tank Corps, Oshawa and William Anderson of the Canadian Army Service Corps, Camp Borden. Miss Gretta Hope, R.N., Chesley's contribution to the nursing service as a member of the 15th Canadian General Hospital, Toronto, could not attend.

Saturday night the Kinsmen honored the Chesley soldiers at a banquet in the MacDonald House. The blessing was said by Fred Faist; the welcome extended by President Charles Woods; the toast to Our Country by W. P. Krug and the response by Dr. Elmer Trueman; the toast to Our Boys by C. J. Halliday and the response on behalf of the troops was given by Private Robert Boyes of the Perth Regiment. After an entertainment staged by some Toronto vaudeville talent the Kinsmen, headed by E. B. Caldwell, presented each soldier with a monogrammed leather bill fold which contained \$2.

The menu for the Chesley banquet was truly indicative of the European War in which the troops present hope to play no small part. There was Gamelin cocktail; 4.5 celery, Bren pickles, olives a la shrapnel, fresh roasted Siegfried Line chicken a la McNaughton with Chamberlain dressing; Goering potatoes a la Mussels; Hitler coffee noir, Finnish tea, Molotov milk, Roosevelt cigars, Canadian cigarettes and Copenhagen snuff. Pretty good we'd say. The boys looked well on their return today. We must thank Lance Corporal Eldon Schneider and Private Stuart Milne for this report.

Major J. S. H. Lind, second-in-command, announces that the assault-at-arms, planned for the Stratford armories on February 8 and 9 has been postponed until February 15 and 16. The reason is that military activities in London and Windsor will not permit the boxers and wrestlers of those cities to come here until the later date. "That's fine," Major Lind commented, "it will give our men a chance to do some more training."

Major M. W. Andrew, commander of "C" company, is wearing a broad smile and he has every reason to do so. His company came across Sunday by winning the "stick" and then followed right through again today. "It's coming our way every day this week or I'll miss my guess," the Major commented as he cast a glance in the direction of Major E. C. Shelley's "A" company headquarters. Privates James Handy, a Great War veteran won the honor today while Sunday W. J. Stark was best man.

Men in the Perth Regiment from Shakespeare are being granted leave-of-absence Wednesday night to attend a presentation in their home community and on February 2 the men from St. Marys will be in that town to attend a banquet and presentation.

Lance Corporal Don Habkirk, we heard in the orderly room, visited his home in Mitchell Sunday. He is no idle man when on one of those frequent visits and on Sunday milked seven cows before returning to the barracks. He's keeping in trim in case this war does not last very long.

One of the Perths was walking along a city street Sunday night with his lady friend. She jokingly pushed him into a snow bank. The quiet private waited his chance and when they were opposite a dandy pile of snow returned the gesture. The unfortunate part of the incident was that just as he pushed the girl friend the city police patrol wagon pulled alongside them and Mr. Perth had a great time explaining his actions. It is said the girl friend had to come to his assistance in putting the blue coats right.

Private J. H. Grainger of "D" Company and Private F. McLean of "B" Company, who have been in the barracks hospital, are

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"When they announced the mobilization of a machine gun battalion here I thought I might be of some service and felt it my duty to volunteer, so here I am," said Corporal Francis John Thomas, Stratford. He is a veteran of the Great War who is now doing duty in the Perth Regiment. Corporal Thomas was born in St. Helens, Lancashire, England, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thomas. He was educated in the schools at St. Helens and after graduation learned the furniture manufacturing business. After serving his apprenticeship of six years he established his own industry which he operated in his native city until 1912 when he came to Canada.

Locating in Hespeler, Ont., Corporal Thomas became an employee of the Hespeler Furniture Company remaining with that concern until January of 1915 when he enlisted with the 34th Battalion, mobilized at Guelph. He went overseas in October of that year and was transferred to the Third Machine Gun Brigade, gaining promotion from a private to a sergeant. Corporal Thomas figured in battles at Ypres, Somme and Vimy Ridge. He was gassed at Hill 70 and suffered from gunshot wounds in the leg in September, 1917, near Inchey. Corporal Thomas came home on the first hospital ship to land at Boston. He was discharged from Westminster hospital at London in March of 1919.

Returning to his home in Hespeler, the well-known Perth N.C.O. re-entered the employ of the Hespeler Furniture Company as a draftsman, working there for five or six years. Then he accepted the position of superintendent of the former Bell Furniture Company in Southampton and a little over three years ago came to Stratford to become a foreman at the Imperial Rattan Co. Ltd. where he was working when he decided to enlist in the Canadian Active Service Force.

A married man, Corporal Thomas maintains his home at 132 Water street, city, where Mrs. Thomas resides with two sons and two daughters, Frank, David, Margaret and Elizabeth.

The colonel's wife sent the following note to Captain Brown:

"Colonel and Mrs. White request the pleasure of Captain Brown's company to dinner on the 20th."

Captain Brown's reply gave her quite a shock. It read:

"With the exception of two sick men, Captain Brown's company have very great pleasure in accepting your kind invitation."

Private Bob Boyes of the Perths, had a good laugh at the expense of one of his fellow soldiers on the occasion of his recent visit to Chesley, his home town. It appears that Private Boyes, who had been in hospital suffering from an ankle injury, was mentioned as being one of the three or four Chesley boys to be promoted to the rank of lance-corporal. The tale got all over town and the private had some explaining to do that he could not qualify for the promotion while he was lying in a hospital cot.

Lieut. D. J. Gladman, who is a real basketball enthusiast, tells us that a new basketball court is being laid out on the floor of the Stratford armories on Waterloo street. The work is being supervised by J. R. Mercer, secretary, and James Macqueen, physical director of the Y.M.C.A. The court will be ready soon. A few friends of the regiment have donated materials.

"It will be one of the best courts in the province," the "fighting parson" said as he explained that the Perth Regiment's club will be able to practice frequently. It will also be possible to play the inter-company games at the armories. Basketball is going ahead in army ranks and much credit is due Lieut. Gladman who learned the game during his college days.

The regimental basketball club has been invited to go to Guelph Wednesday afternoon for a game with one of the units in barracks there. The game will be part of the assault-at-arms program to be staged in the Winter Fair build-

ings. The meet is open to the public and will also see boxers and wrestlers from the Perth Regiment, 97th and 100th Batteries of Llstowel and 26th Battery of Guelph in action.

Major M. W. Andrew, in charge of the local boxers and wrestlers, has entered nine men. They are: boxers—A. Jones, 125 pounds, H. Ellis, 135, D. Wheatley, 145, Corporal H. W. Beckner, 155, and O. K. Johnstone, 165; wrestlers—W. Pickett, 175 pounds, W. Binkle, 165, A. Woodcock, 145, and J. Jones, 135. At the assault-at-arms in London some time ago, the Perths made a splendid showing.

While the troops are in Guelph doing their stuff the men at home will be busy participating in their company games which include hockey, volleyball, bowling and shooting. The first of the different scheduled games will be played at the fair grounds rink, armories and Y.M.C.A.

Lance Corporal Peter McRorie, who played a big part in the Perth win over Tavistock at the Stratford arena Monday night in the intermediate "B" O.H.A. game, is confined to the barracks hospital as a result of a cut suffered during the game. It required five stitches and will likely keep the big defenceman out of the next few games. A story on the victory is on the sport page of today's issue.

Private Martin Bryson of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, a brother of Private Bernard Bryson of the Perth Regiment, had his photograph in a recent issue of The Galt Reporter. It is of general interest that the Bryson boys lost their father and a brother on the field of action during the Great War.

Yes, sir, "A" Company has done it again. They have taken the "stick" and as a result Private P. J. S. McConnell was ordered to Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb today. "I have nothing to say about it," Major E. C. Shelley commented. "I was not unexpected."

Judging by the line-up of bowlers on "B" Company's bulletin board, the men from Grey and Bruce could give the "A" boys a run for their money on the alleys. The following have signed up to bowl: J. R. Soderberg, H. S. Kohlmeier, H. Weiss, G. Long, G. S. Hillis, H. C. F. Blohm, W. C. Schneider, O. N. Wescott, H. E. Woods, K. E. Eldt, R. M. Boyes, V. A. Heather, D. W. Bonney, R. J. McCulloch, A. Schell, D. J. Smith, J. R. Ashley, E. J. Robson, J. W. Nicholls, J. W. Horsebrough, G. E. R. Cain and R. L. Borden.

Private C. L. Hayes, who lost his billfold, which contained \$2 and his birth certificate outside the barracks door recently, says the finder may keep the money if he only returns the billfold and the birth certificate. Private Hays is in the quartermaster's stores.

A clothing parade was held by the troops today when worn out socks, underwear and other apparel was exchanged for new goods. The order specified that the returned clothing had to be clean.

Colonel L. W. Archibald, commanding officer of the 7th Fusiliers of London, accompanied by a group of officers from his unit, spent the afternoon at Perth Barracks. They wanted first hand information on general routine as practised by the Canadian Active Service Force battalions.

Notice in the current edition of the Canada Gazette that the promotions of Lieut. R. S. Reid, Lieut. D. J. Gladman, Lieut. D. M. Bricker and Lieut. H. E. Mason are recorded, effective as of November 28, 1939. Their affiliation with the Perth Regiment is also recorded.

The Salvation Army has made a generous gift of handkerchiefs to the men of the Perth Regiment. The Army has sent a complete issue of khaki handkerchiefs to the barracks, a gesture which is highly appreciated by Lieut.-Col. McComb, the officers and men. As one soldier remarked to the writer recently, "there is nothing a man likes more in his kit than plenty of socks and handkerchiefs." The hankies were made by the ladies' auxiliary.

Revised Meal Schedule For Troops Now Ready

Troops in the Perth Regiment here are going to enjoy a revised menu, Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, told The Beacon-Herald today. The new schedule of meals goes into effect tomorrow.

Featured in the revision is the inclusion of eggs—something the men have not had too many of since taking up residence in Perth Barracks. They are to replace some of the heavier meat lines that have formed the basic part of the daily meals.

The commanding officer says the cooks will also be able to prepare a few pies occasionally since milk allowances have been increased and delicacies such as raisins have been added to the stores.

"It has been agreed that the meat, potatoes, vegetables and bread menus have been a little too much for the men and they are going to be revised so that there will be more variety," Lieut.-Col. Mc-

Comb said.

When the original menus were arranged late in November they were designed to "build up" the men of the regiment, many of whom were in a somewhat run-down condition. The soldiers have "picked up" and it is understood some of the body-builders are going to be issued less frequently.

The Department of Pensions and Health at Ottawa has recently completed a survey of Canadian army meals on behalf of the Department of National Defence and it is understood that the revised menus are a result of this study. The word that eggs are to find a more prominent place in soldier meals will also come as welcome news to egg producers who, like the apple-growers, protested to Ottawa that there were not enough of their products being given the men. It was argued that Canadian soldiers have been accustomed to such food and should continue to receive it.

Recruiting Opens Here For Units Of District

Recruiting for reinforcements for units throughout Military District No. 1, with headquarters at London, commenced at Perth Barracks today when a number of local men were interviewed, given a preliminary medical examination and then advised to stand ready to report to London on short notice.

Lieut. Herb Mason, intelligence officer of the Perth Regiment, has been named officer in charge of the recruiting depot here by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, who recently conferred on the matter with Major Russell Beattie, M.C., chief recruiting officer for the district.

There are 100 recruits required for the Royal Canadian Regiment at London by the beginning of next week, Lieut. Mason told The Beacon-Herald in announcing that he will welcome visits from young men who are physically fit and who can meet the qualifications es-

tablished by the Department of National Defence.

For the convenience of volunteers Lieut. Mason will be in his office at Perth Barracks throughout the regular army hours, that is from 9 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

Recruits who have already volunteered are met by Lieut. Mason who fills out the required documents. If it appears to him that the recruit is suitable for enlistment he is taken before Capt. J. G. Jose, medical officer of the Perths, who makes a general examination of the man. If the medical officer is satisfied as to physical fitness the recruit is advised to await further orders.

Lieut. Mason states that when the prospective soldier gets word to report in London he will be assigned to a unit and will then go before the usual military medical board, the same as a members of the Perth Regiment and when that battalion was being mobilized in September and October.

"I am well satisfied with the type of men I have interviewed so far," the local intelligence officer remarked. "There have been some excellent tradesmen among the

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Corporal Charles Dyke of "C" company is a well-known Stratford young man and the son of a veteran of the Great War, Captain Albert E. Dyke, proprietor of the Empire Hotel.

The young N.C.O. was born in this city and attended Shakespeare and Romeo schools prior to going to the Stratford Collegiate Vocational Institute for a few years. After completing his schooling, Corporal Dyke worked in his father's hotel for some time and later in a local restaurant, a position he held until mobilization of the Perth Regiment. He enlisted on September 6.

For four years prior to the Perths becoming a unit in the Canadian Active Service Force, Corporal Dyke was a member of "E" company in the non-permanent regiment. In 1938 he attended the Royal School at London and qualified for his rank which he was permitted to retain upon mobilization.

Corporal Dyke is a single man and when in civilian life makes his home at the Empire Hotel.

Another mark of progress was made in Perth Barracks circles Tuesday when the lance corporals and corporals formally organized their new mess on the top floor, just off the men's recreation quarters. It was a well-attended meeting, some 40 members being on hand. Also present for the occasion were Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb and his guest, Lieut.-Col. G. W. Archibald, commanding officer of the Canadian Fusiliers, City of London Regiment (M.G.), who was at the barracks in the afternoon with a group of his own staff.

Lieut.-Col. McComb addressed the members of the Corporals' Mess briefly, congratulating them upon the opening of their quarters and telling them that he would be glad to assist in any manner possible to help develop the spirit of fellowship which must exist in a Mess. The O.C. humorously added that he would not call in unexpectedly on the members too often. Lieut.-Col. Archibald told the gathering that he had found his visit to Perth Barracks very helpful. He also congratulated the Mess personnel on the splendid start it has made and wished every success in the future.

During the business period the members of the Corporals' Mess elected Corporal Charles Dyke as their first president and Corporal Dalton C. Dunseith as vice-president. Other officers are: secretary, Lance Corporal W. S. Bell; treasurer, Corporal V. G. Hicks; executive, Lance Corporals John Chesney, J. F. McKnight and Corporals William McRobb and A. Gibson.

While the Corporals' Mess is organized as far as officers and members are concerned, it is far from being a wealthy organization. Its only possession at present is a radio. "We would certainly be indebted to some of our friends for some used furniture, especially a few chairs and a couple of tables and lamps," President Dyke told the writer. "There are undoubtedly many old chairs resting in attics that we could use and if anyone cares to donate or loan us some furniture we will be glad to call for it," he added. A telephone call to Major Walker at 577 will see a message relayed on to the Corporals' Mess officials.

services at the first opportunity. never saw it fall," he said. I makes fellows think twice about ignoring the Almighty."

They've gone and done it again—that "A" company. Today Private W. Stewart, a Stratford man, carried off the "stick" and was orderly to Lieut.-Col. McComb. It is said he worked over his equipment for hours Tuesday night and when he finished the job he was ready to bet his pay that there was not a man in the regiment who could beat him. (There was no comment forthcoming from Major E. C. Shelley. He did not hold a press conference.)

Men of the Perth Regiment are gentlemen. There is no disputing that fact. It happened at Waterloo and Douro streets the other day. A young lady was having difficulty tying the lace on her gosh when a trio of the pride of Perth happened along enroute to the Y.M.C.A. Noticing the plight of the fair damsel, one of the soldiers approached her, tipped his hat and inquired if he could be of assistance. She approved and the lad in khaki got down on his knees and tied the lace. That's just one of the many reasons our troops have a "standing" with the city's fair sex.

Private J. Walker Hart was guest of honor Tuesday night when between 100 and 125 friends and relatives gathered in the I. O. O. F. hall in recognition of his answering the call to duty. The evening was spent in progressive euchre, dancing and music. The cards were under the convenership of George Ward and the dancing in charge of Edward Swantz and Oscar King. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wilker and Miss Shaefer. Prizes for euchre were awarded to Mrs. Lester Jutzi and Mrs. Thos. E. Henry for the ladies and Roy Connop and George McKellar for the men. Private Hart and Private Frank Stoneham, both well-known vocalists in army circles, contributed several duets.

Mayor Thos. E. Henry delivered an address to Private Hart during the supper hour. His Worship congratulated the soldier for responding to the country's call, wished him well in the future and a safe return. The Mayor called upon little Fred Wolfe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wolfe, to present Private Hart with a handsome wrist watch on behalf of the assembled company. Private Hart thanked them for their thoughtfulness. Miss Margaret Brown also presented Private Hart's mother, Mrs. Margaret E. Hart, with a corsage.

Every company in the regiment is represented in the basketball team that is participating in the assault-at-arms program today in Guelph, according to a list furnished the writer by the coach and manager, Lieut. D. J. Gladman, himself an officer in "D" company and a guard on the team. From Headquarters company are Privates A. Scott, guard; G. E. Mullis, forward; H. A. Stennett, forward; L. J. Lyon, centre, and G. A. Lyon, guard; from "A" company is Lance Corporal J. Redfern, forward; from "B" company, Lance Corporal A. Gibson, guard; from "C" company, Corporal Carrick, centre; from "D" company Privates F. Southam, guard; S. Howe, forward; S. Atkinson, guard, and Lance Corporal G. D. Manktelow, forward.

This is "the" day at Perth Barracks as far as the officers and men are concerned for while it may be the last day in January it is also the occasion when Paymaster Captain R. J. Stevenson and his staff make their rounds of the company dormitories with the tin box. It's pay day and from all reports the boys welcomed it. The majority were either broke or badly bent. One chap said that after he got done paying on his debts he was still a dime short of being out of the red.

Lieut.-Col. G. W. Archibald, commanding officer of the Canadian Fusiliers, City of London Regiment, M.G., who was at Perth Barracks Tuesday afternoon getting some of the ins-and-outs of procedure in Canadian Active Service Forces so as to have a fair knowledge of things when his unit is called up, was accompanied by his second-in-command, Capt. Arthur E. Eadie, Capt. M. T. Gladman, adjutant, company commanders Major J. E. Farncomb, Major H. K. Ferguson, Major O. Eadie, Capt. W. L. Allison and a guest, G. W. Foote.

Capt. M. T. Gladman is a brother of the Perth's "fighting parson," Lieut. D. J. Gladman, while Mr. Foote is a veteran of the Great War who had many experiences to relate to the gathering in the Officers' Mess following a formal dinner. Mr. Foote was interned as a prisoner of war in Germany for two years and two months. He said the Germans put him to work in the coal mines, a better job than being forced to labor in the salt mines. On behalf of his fellow officers the Londoners were welcomed to Perth Barracks by Lieut.-Col. McComb and later Lieut.-Col. Archibald thanked the Perth officers for so obligingly giving his men information which will help them when the call comes.

Hon. Major the Rev. F. Gwynne Lightbourn, acting padre of the Perth Regiment, is sponsoring a move among the troops who desire to become members of any Protestant church. The padre is soon going to organize a confirmation class for the Anglicans. At a later date arrangements will be made for those of other denominations to join churches of their choice. Members of the regiment wishing to become members of churches are asked to hand in their regimental numbers, names and preferred denomination to Lieut. J. E. Tipler, adjutant, immediately.

An old soldier told the writer an interesting story about soldiers and religion the other day. It was verified by Lieut.-Col. McComb today when he commended the church and its activities to his men. The old soldier said that the more mature men used to regularly attend religious services overseas, but the recruits did other things. "After they (the recruits) had been 'over the top' the first time they could be noticed wending their way to

A meeting of the Sergeants' Mess has been called for next Tuesday night, it was announced in orders published today.

Two loads of soldiers from the Perth Regiment left early this afternoon for Guelph, where they will participate in and view the assault-at-arms program being held in the Winter Fair building. The boxing, wrestling and basketball teams traveled with the officers in a bus and in a big van the cheering squad. There was some doubt in barracks circles as to how men able to get away would make the trip. One man suggested chartering a bus but the cost was a stumbling block. Finally a covered moving van solved the problem. About 40 traveled in it.

Many of the troops will recall a former member of the Perth Regiment, G. Young, of Shallow Lake. He was forced to retire to civilian life after about four months' service. From his home town comes word that he is communicating with the Minister of National Defence to offer his services in any capacity. Mr. Young suffered a slight deafness as a result of scarlet fever during childhood.

Private Earl Johnson of Headquarters company has asked this column to thank his friends and neighbors for a beautiful wrist watch with which he was recently presented. Accompanying the gift, which was sent to his home at 87 Mowat street, city, was a letter of best wishes signed by about 30 persons.