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Framed photographs, some of them tinted, form an important decoration on many of the dormitory shelves in barracks. A glance at them during a walk through the different quarters indicates there is a big representation of Stratford girls; many mothers of the soldiers and family groups.

"Specially vouched for" girl dancing partners are being invited to dances to entertain Canadian troops in England, according to Captain E. D. Otter, senior officer of the Canadian Y.M.C.A.

Which prompts "Bee" of the London Daily Mail to the following effusion:

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The loots make a pass at a motherly lass.

But the major likes 'em gay.

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Quartermaster Sergeant George Mogg of headquarters company was presented with the pastmaster's jewel by Alma Lodge, No. 72, A. F. and A. M. at Galt on Tuesday night. Rt. Wor. Bro. R. S. Hamilton of Galt made the presentation and referred to past events in which he was associated with Quartermaster Sergeant Mogg. C.Q.M.S. Mogg is spending his furlough at his home in Preston.

A major, who prefers to be known as "Old Sweat," writes to give the soldier of 1940 a little advice, advice that is the result of experience. He served over 40 years in the army.

He outlines five rules which in his opinion will make a soldier "healthy, happy and wise."

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When R.S.M. Soper and the Rev. Norman McKay, the Mitchell pastor who is to become chaplain to the Perths, get together, they recollect their Great War services in the East. The R.S.M. was with the Royal Marines and the padre with a minesweeper. Both worked in the Gibraltar, Dardanelles and Malta areas.

"C" company participated in the weekly shoot at Stratford armories on Wednesday afternoon, the company personnel making some fine scores according to the cards the writer perused in the company room today. It was a non-competitive shoot because of the holiday period. Other groups played volleyball at the Y.M.C.A., and at the Stratford armories on Waterloo street. These, too, were non-competitive. Some of the men also had a swim at the "Y."

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"Ptes. Akiwenzie and Nadijwan."

Memories of twenty-odd years ago came back to me as I saw those names in orders of the Perth Regiment, unit of the Canadian Active Service Force stationed at Stratford, Ont., which draws its personnel from that city and the surrounding territory.

The war was in its later stages. A "blighty" incurred at the Sanctuary Wood show in June, 1916, had finally brought me back to Canada, and Warton, gateway to the Bruce Peninsula, was for the moment "home."

Great town, that. A cheery crowd of citizens who went out of their way to make one feel at home. Magnificent fishing, and a few good pals who took every little inducement to believe that it was such a peach of a day that business could look after itself after 3 p.m., while the bass in Stokes Bay and the salmon trout in Colpoys Bay were being attended to. Gorgeous scenery, with the limestone cliffs standing out white against the blue waters of Georgian Bay. One of Ontario's beauty spots, in every sense of the words.

'Twas there that I spent Armistice Day, which turned out to be a very quiet, peaceful sort of occasion. It wasn't that the Wartonians lacked patriotism, or were sorry to see the end of the thing, or anything of that sort. The simple reason was that they had worn themselves out so thoroughly on the "false" Armistice Day celebrations of Nov. 9 that they hadn't sufficient pep left to go through it over again. Talk of celebrations! That premature show had them all stopped. Plenty of places in the Empire produced bigger crowds—but I question if, on a per capita basis, any place in the world quite equalled the noise and enthusiasm that those people at the bottom of the Bruce developed on that day. It started off very casually. Along in the afternoon a local dignitary dropped in to my office to do some business, and, in just as off-hand manner as one might say "Well, I see it's stopped raining," said "Well, I see the war's over." But in a few minutes the scene changed—and how. In came one of the local doctors, also a war veteran. In came the Mayor with a cowbell. And, from some unexplained source in that dry era and area, came whistles, both swamp and Scotch. In a few minutes the only people left in the houses were the halt, lame and blind. Speaking of blindness—that became prevalent during the night, after the patriotic speeches and bonfires had died down. But—a decent veil over that.

Looked After Men.

However, I started to talk about the Akiwenzies and the Nadijwans. The war over, the troops started to come home—and the Soldiers' Aid Commission came into being. Down in Toronto an enthusiastic lad named Harry Bray—now a dignified member of the Canadian Pension Commission—got to work, and organized local committees to look after the lads on their arrival. Naturally the veterans in each community inherited a good share of the work, and I achieved the hon-

orable position of chairman of the Warton committee. The principal duties seemed to be to meet the night train, which (theoretically) came in about eleven, and in practice arrived when it got there, and see the boys off to bed either in an hotel or at home. Their arrival had been heralded by a telegram despatched by the same Harry as they left Toronto.

But there was some action in between the receipt of the telegram and the long, cold wait for the train. And—believe me—it can be cold in that Warton station. Approximately twenty miles north of the town lay the Indian Reserve of Cape Croker. Those "wards of the Government" who lived on it weren't content to be just that—they wanted to play their part—and how they did. From their sparse population they sent over fifty of their young men to join Canada's battalions. I may be doing them an injustice. The passing of the years has washed out the exact figure from my mind, but anyway the proportion of men from the Reserve was an amazing one. And on that Reserve was an old, bearded Roman Catholic priest, Father Cadot, who was under no misapprehension as to the part that his parishioners of military age should play any more than they, said parishioners, were.

Back to the telegram. One of the first duties on its receipt was to telephone the old padre and tell him if any of his boys were coming home. If they were, and there were few nights when that wasn't the case, out came the cutter, and through the biting, numbing cold of those winter nights of 1918-19, through the blizzards, came the father to greet his lads as they came from the warmth of the coaches. I can see him today, frozen in spite of his heavy coats and wraps, old, a little stooped, but burning with a fire that wouldn't let him away from that station until the train came—that wouldn't let him take a hot drink until his boys had been looked after.

Tribute to Priest.

That's where I first saw the Akiwenzies and the Nadijwans, and their cousins and brothers-in-law as they came back to the place they called "home" and were welcomed by a brave old man who had faced cold and storm to meet them on the doorstep of their native country. Night after night they came—and night after night he met them.

I saw them again, many and many a time. Fishing was good on the reserve, and the old father always knew some Indian who knew where they were biting. His little cottage was the first port of call at Cape Croker, and there they were again, the Akiwenzies and the Nadijwans, sitting in his rectory, reading his papers, saying little, but happy with the man who served them in body and spirit.

So, when those names flashed at me from Part 2 orders of the Perth Regiment twenty years after, memories of the older Nadijwans, the older Akiwenzies and of the brave old Father Cadot came flashing back.

I don't know where the old father is now. Last time I enquired he had left Cape Croker—but I'd like to meet him once more if he is still living and talk over the recollections of those bitter nights waiting for the train with him.

And now, in 1940, younger men of the tribe of the Akiwenzies and the Nadijwans are going out again in answer to their country's call even as did their fathers. No waiting for conscription for them, but a ready answer when the bugle sounds. May they live up to the same ideals of service and sacrifice that those gallant gentlemen, their fathers, set for them in the years gone by.

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A man from Grand Valley, Private G. H. Curtis of "C" company, won the stick today and had the honor of being orderly to Lieut. Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding. It was the first occasion on which Private Curtis had won the stick. He gave "C" company a good start for the week, it being that company's turn on barrack duty.

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Stanley Charles Culbert, the youngest soldier in the Perth Regiment, and possibly in the Canadian Active Service Forces, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Culbert of Wiarton. He is just over the 16 year mark.

Born in the Bruce Peninsula town, Private Culbert went to the public school there and for six months prior to his enlisting was employed by the Dominion Stores Limited as a clerk in the Wiarton branch.

Besides his parents he has two brothers, Lorne and Carman and two sisters, Grace and Joan, all in Wiarton.

"I told them I was 18," he informed the writer in referring to his youth. "I hope they do not discharge me. I think my birth certificate has been sent from home. I like the army so well that I hope my parents allow me to stay here."

Stanley has a cousin in the army here. He is Private Harry Catley, also of Wiarton and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Catley. Born in Wiarton, the young Perth also attended the public school in his home town and for 18 months previous to signing up with the Perths he was employed as a cabinet maker by the Wiarton Furniture Company, Limited.

Private Catley boxes at the Y.M.C.A. in his spare time. It's about the only sport he follows, he says. He never engaged in any competitive ring work.

There are two brothers, both younger than himself, residing with their parents in Wiarton. They are Elmer and Robert.

Both Private Catley and Private Culbert enlisted on September 19, coming to the city with Major Robert Simmie of Wiarton when the latter was actively engaged in helping the Perths mobilize.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding the Perths, appeared in the barracks Friday afternoon wearing his new battle dress uniform and according to other members of the unit, the new attire appears quite smart. The popular O.C. said he has had to return it to the tailor for a minor alteration and then it will become standard dress for him. Virtually the only difference from the battle dress which the men of other ranks will wear is the finer quality of the cloth. The only brass which the O.C. will wear is the crown of his rank which will appear on the shoulders.

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In application of aimed fire, conducted among the members of C company, Corporal Eugene O. Plott headed the men with a score of 48.

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If the Perths ever get into the field of action and take any prisoners they're going to have a great time taking down the names of the Nazis if a list issued by the War Office in Great Britain is any indication. The linotype operators down in the shop will not get any kick out of setting up these names but here is the list of one group of U-boat prisoners: Oberleutnant Jan sen, Oberbootsmannmaat Mohrmann, Maschinenmaat Kleemann, Funkmaat Pletsch, Maschinengefreiter Maas, Maschinengefreiter Gollner, Matrosengefreiter Hermann, and Funkgefreiter Lange

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There's another lad with quick record, Trooper J. Billings, a native of St. Marys. Billings has done most of his fighting in lumber camps, has a record of fights in which he lost but two decisions.

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Born in Stratford, Private Welch was educated at Romeo and Juliet public schools and later at the Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute.

Since leaving school Private Welch has been engaged in the selling game. He has worked for various firms among them being the Farmers' Dairy, Bryson's Bakery, Weston's Bakery and Silverwood Dairies Limited. He was with the last mentioned company as a driver-salesman for about two years prior to enlistment on September 8. One of the first men to volunteer his services to the Canadian Active Service Force, Private Welch bears regimental number A11086. He had been a member of the non-permanent force for one year. That was in 1929.

In religion Private Welch is a Presbyterian and a member of St. Andrew's church.

A married man, Private Welch is the father of two sons, Jack and Larry. They live with their mother, the former Miss Helen Keen, at the family home, 271 Erie street. Private Welch has a brother, William, Jr., and a sister, Miss Gloria Welch at 270 Douro street and a sister, Mrs. H. Mitchell, Well street, city.

Everybody was talking hockey when the writer walked through the barracks today. The first man contacted was Major W. I. Kemp who said that every available soldier was being taken to Kitchener arena to see the Perth play the 100th-97th Field Batteries' team of Listowel in the game to decide which club enters the finals for the championship of Military District No. 1 at London the latter part of this week. Only those fellows who are needed for duty on guard, in the stores, kitchens or similar work remained at home.

Major Kemp said that the trip to Kitchener was "on the house" but he did not know who was paying for it. There was some suggestion that the cost of the chartered bus, a big truck and officers' cars were being looked after by a kind friend of the unit. Another story was that the officers were footing the bills for their own cars and the men's transportation comes out of one of the regimental funds. Regardless of who pays the Perth has had their own cheering squad.

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Private W. G. Dalzell of B company probably will never forget his first days of training in the use of a gas mask. Private Dalzell was on the fourth floor of the barracks today getting the ins-and-outs in the use of the apparatus and when he put it on he got a few good sniffs of tear gas. Tears rolled down his face much to the amusement of his associates. It appears that the mask contained some fumes from recent use in a tear gas chamber.

The gas masks which the troops here are using are the latest style, according to one of the N.C.O.'s. He says that the set is smaller but in his opinion more satisfactory than the type used during the Great War days.

Lieut. E. O. Henderson is away on two weeks' leave of absence.

Lieut. J. E. Tipler, adjutant, was all smiles today on his return from a few days' leave of absence which he spent at Fort Erie North, visiting his parents. Nope, we're not going to use that yarn, Lieut. Mason. Might as well admit that "Tip" has us scared. After all he's the adjutant—a handy man for a reporter to know.

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Major Russell Beattie, M.C., chief recruiting officer in Military District No. 1, with headquarters in the Carling Building at London, has received a call for 109 other ranks. He has asked the various recruiting centres in the district, including the office of Lieut. Herb Mason of the Perths, to secure the recruits so that they may be enlisted and outfitted to arrive at the training centres by March 22. Seven other ranks are needed by the Royal Canadian Artillery field regiments, five for the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, 88 for the infantry rifle reinforcements and nine for the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. There is still a demand for three linemen, two operator signalmen, a cook, carpenter, mason, clerk and motor vehicle drivers and mechanics.

According to fellows who have recently joined the Canadian Active Service Force, through the office of Major Beattie, the enlistments are being outfitted with the new battle dress and new great coats and caps. The only apparel that is missing at present are the leggings. Thus it is that the men who are volunteering now are somewhat ahead of the Perths who are still wearing the old type of uniform. It is general knowledge at Perth Barracks, however, that the new togs will be here by the end of this month.

We see where the non-permanent active militia units, such as the Oxford Rifles at Woodstock, are going to be issued with a new summer outfit of battle dress, a khaki service shirt and a sun hat. Units such as the Scots Fusiliers of Canada at Kitchener and the Highland Light Infantry of Canada at Galt, who have their kilts and trews, are going to be permitted to retain them but they will get an issue of the summer clothing as well.

A recent issue of The Yorkshire (England) Evening Post said: "That the man serving with the Forces want their letters from home to be as cheerful as possible is only to be expected. Most women realize this, though not all have the ability to make up amusing rhymes for their husbands as does a Stanningley (Leeds) wife. Never a week goes by, but he gets one of them—in addition to all the news from home. Here's a sample—as she heads it: "What a Wife Would Like To Know":
And how's my little husband?
Does the Army treat you right?
And when you're feeling lonely
Does the sarge tuck you up tight?
Does he wake you in the morning
With a steaming cup of tea,
And kiss you nice upon the brow
To make you think of me?
Does he wash out your woolies
To keep your tummy warm
And when he's yelled your head off
Say, "There, I meant no harm"?
Does he say to you quite kindly,
"Please, gentlemen, form threes"
And when you've finished doing it
Say, "Thanks" on bonded knees?
If you say "yes" to all these things,
Then it's a ripping life.
But, eh, by gum, when you come home
God help your little wife!

According to orders published at the barracks, Private C. E. Windling of C company is the proud father of an infant son. The little fellow was born on March 3. His name is Albert James.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding, spent considerable time Monday studying rules under which the soldiers' vote will be taken for the Federal election during the week of March 16 to 22, except Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The O.C. will be in charge of the routine work assisted by one officer whom he has not yet designated.

The vote will be taken in a place that is easily accessible to the troops. There will be a booth set up for the taking of the secret vote. Just where the booth will be located Lieut.-Col. McComb says he has not decided.

One thing the officer commanding has observed about the regulations laid down for the taking of the soldiers' vote is summed up in his own words. "The plan is unbeatable and fool-proof," the O.C. said. The soldiers receive two envelopes with their ballot paper and declaration form. After marking the ballot they enclose the papers in one envelope and then place it

Padre Appointments Announced Officially

Although he has been acting padre for Roman Catholic troops in the Perth Regiment for some time, district orders received today by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding the unit at Perth Barracks, announce the appointment of the Rev. W. T. Corcoran, rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception here as an honorary captain and part-time chaplain to the R. C. soldiers.

The appointment with the rank of honorary captain of the Rev. Norman McKay of Mitchell, also on part-time basis for the Protestant

Perths' Padre



LIEUT.-COL. S. H. McCOMB, officer commanding the Perth Regiment, announced today that Rev. W. T. Corcoran, rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, has been appointed chaplain to the Roman Catholic troops at Perth Barracks with the rank of Honorary Captain.

troops here, is also announced officially.

Both appointments are retroactive to February 5. Both chaplains have had experience in the Great War, Capt. Corcoran going overseas in 1918 as one of the spiritual leaders to troops in England. Capt. McKay was in active service with the Royal Navy.

Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

Boys in the Perth Regiment get a great deal of pleasure out of kidding and razzing Private William Turford, one of the youngest soldiers attached to Headquarters company. Being a good-natured sort, the Stratford man has proven he can take it.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. William Turford, 602 Front street, Private Turford came to the Perths in September, shortly after mobilization commenced. He previously had been engaged by the Department of National Defence on guard duty at the Stratford armories on Waterloo street, being a member of the non-permanent militia here for three years. Before that, he had been doing odd jobs about the city ever since leaving school. He was educated at Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway Schools.

Private Turford was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and came to Canada with his parents when a young child. He has three brothers and three sisters, John, Edward, Lorne, Sybil, Estelle and Edith, all living at home in this city.

Things will be quiet around the barracks for several days, for every available man in the Perth Regiment is attending the hockey games and assault-at-arms in London, cheering on their fellow troops who are entered in the different events which started this afternoon at the Dundas street armories and at the London arena.

Shortly after ten o'clock, the hockey club, boxing and wrestling teams journeyed by train to the Forest City for a two-day stay. In the first game of the semi-finals for the hockey championship of Military District No. 1, the Perth pucksters will play the team from the Lord Strathcona House. Lieut. R. S. Reid was in charge of the players and before entraining reported every man in tip-top condition, well rested after their game with Listowel Batteries in Kitchener on Tuesday. The following hockeyists made the trip: Privates S. L. Falkingham, T. J. Reith, J. Brooks, J. Lyons, J. Ashley, M. G. Spiegelberg, E. Stepan, C. Kurt, Corporal D. Habbirk and Lance Corporals E. W. Schneider and Pete McRorie.

There was a loyal spirit shown by Private J. Lyons of the Perth Regiment hockey team. He has been away on furlough at his home in Owen Sound but rather than see the club play without him, Private Lyons returned to barracks to join the team. Major M. W. Andrew, president of the Regimental Sports Association, and Lieut. R. S. Reid, the club manager, voiced their appreciation today for Private Lyons' consideration of the team.

The boxers and wrestlers who made the trip were Privates O.K. Johnston, W. Rhodes, D. Wheatley, Corporals H. Beckner, J. H. Jones, all of whom are boxers; Privates J. Jones and R. Samuel, both of whom are wrestlers, and the coaches and trainers, James Baxter, F. Lingard, Corporals A. E. Thorn and Gordon Hanley and Privates C. Funnell and R. L. Hendry.

Fifteen officers will attend the assault-at-arms on Friday night, the party being headed by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding, who is also going over with another group of officers for today's affairs. Others in the party are Capt. J. G. Jose, medical officer, Major J. S. H. Lind, Major W. I. Kemp and Lieut. J. E. Tipler, adjutant.

Friday night, the officers of Military District No. 1 headquarters staff, those in the Canadian Active Service Force and those in the non-permanent active militia are holding a dinner in the Hotel London. The ladies of the officers will dine in another banquet hall and the warrant officers and sergeants have been invited to an affair in the Sergeants' Mess at London armories after the assault-at-arms on

adian Regiment or to the district depot for outfitting before proceeding to Toronto.

Company Sergeant Major A. Pinnington reported back to the barracks today, homesick for the regiment. He turned in his furlough pass and expressed a desire to forego the balance of his leave. It did not expire until March 11. The C.S.M. was sent to London to assist the officers in looking after the athletes who are participating in the assault-at-arms.

We also met Private W. McKay on Ontario street Wednesday. He had just hit the city after spending part of his furlough "in Montreal, Niagara Falls, Toronto" and then he added "I'm on my way to Goderich to do a little fishing, if I can get a hole through the ice." How that fellow gets around! He's a steward in the Sergeants' Mess.

"B" company had a whale of a time over at the rifle range in Stratford armories on Waterloo street on Wednesday afternoon. According to Major W. I. Kemp, company commander, there were some good cards turned in at the conclusion of the shoot. Private L. Swinghammer got a possible—40 out of 40—to take the honors.

Boys in Headquarters Company dormitory are always playing a prank on their associates and today the victim was Lance-Corporal Wes Bell, the regimental mailman. He was resting on his bunk—or someone else's—when the boys draped his motionless body with a Union Jack. At his head read a wooden sign: "Rest in Peace."

Clean blankets for A and D companies were returned from the ordnance department at London today. Two big Royal Canadian Army Service Corps trucks from headquarters brought the bedding over to the barracks. It was taken away the day after the company troops left on furlough and when they return the issue will be handed out again. When the troops still on duty depart later this month their blankets will also be cleaned.

Some 20 men from Headquarters company are taking a course in motor mechanics on the fourth floor of the barracks. They are working under the guidance of Transport Sergeant P. J. Tyers and Corporal Clifford Bricker, both of whom are expert motor mechanics. The course has the full approval of the company commander, Major D. M. Ross and the officer commanding, Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb.

Major Ross told the writer that the course will give the men, who will be driver-mechanics in active service, a thorough knowledge of the internal combustion engine. When the reporter visited the classroom, men were studying fuel pumps, carburetors and similar works. It is essential, Major Ross says, that the men know what to do in the pinch, especially if a truck stops, because one of the essentials in war is to keep machinery running.

When the present group completes its course, other soldiers will replace them until all the driver-mechanics in the regiment know what to do and when to do it. The mechanical instruction is but one of the many interesting phases of army work. The barracks course goes a long way to dispel the report that army life is all drilling and marching.

Word reaches the column from London to the effect that four officers of the non-permanent active militia and about 70 other recruits have left that city to enter the infantry training centre of the Canadian Active Service Force at Toronto. The officers are Second Lieutenants Bedell Hamilton, Joseph Nolan and John Webster of the Canadian Fusiliers (M.G.) of London and Lieut. S. C. Clark of the Middlesex and Huron Regiment, with headquarters in London. The recruits, including a number of Stratford men, have been attached to the Royal Can-

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(BY WES. DAVIS)

Private Ronald Edward McDonald of "B" company, faces a problem when he gets his two weeks' furlough. His home is in Michigan City, Indiana. Because Canada is a belligerent nation and the United States is neutral, Private McDonald will be unable to cross the border to visit his father, brothers and sister. He is endeavoring to have some of them travel to the border to meet him in a reunion at Windsor.

Born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Private McDonald is a son of Daniel McDonald of Michigan City. The young Perth went to the United States when a child and received his education in the Roman Catholic School of Michigan City and later he graduated from the Washington High School there.

He held positions in different steel mills of East Chicago for a few years and also was a cook in Stewart's Cafeterias in New York City for about three years.

Private McDonald was in Chicago on September 26, last year, when he decided to enlist in the Canadian Navy. He learned at Windsor that only the reserve naval volunteers were being recruited there but he might "catch on" at Montreal. So to the Quebec metropolis went the young soldier. It was the same story in Montreal. Determined to serve His Majesty, Private McDonald selected a machine gun unit as the one of his choice from the standpoint of fighting. He found the Montreal and Toronto regiments were filled up, so he went to London and there he was told to come to Stratford. He reported for duty on October 3. While he was clerk for "B" company for several months he found the office life too monotonous and he is now drilling with his company.

The young Perth has two brothers, Frank and Eric in East Chicago, and one sister, Evelyn, also in that city. He is unmarried.

Private A. W. Read of B company has been granted leave-of-absence to return to his home in Owen Sound to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Miranda Lee. The 92-year-old woman passed away in that city early today.

Major Frank Walker, quartermaster, announces that the Imperial Tobacco Company has given the Perth Regiment a donation of 100 packages of playing cards. "We certainly appreciate the gift which will come in useful in the entertainment of the troops," Major Walker said.

The quartermaster was in Guelph and Kitchener Tuesday afternoon but he did not see the Perth's trim the Listowel Batteries' hockey club in the latter city during the afternoon. "I was there on business and did not get a chance to call into the arena," Major Walker said. "From all the reports I have heard it was a good game and I am glad our boys won."

Lieut. Herb Mason, intelligence and recruiting officer of the Perth's has received a request from Major Russell Beattie, M.C. chief recruiting officer for Military District No. 1 at London for 72 "A" category recruits. They are for the Light Armament Detachment of the Second Division. Nine armament artificers, nine storemen and 54 artisans comprise the group to be secured in western Ontario. Major Beattie also points out that the Royal Canadian Regiment is also seeking men who are of a minimum height of five feet, six inches between the age limits of 19 and 35 years.

In civilian life, Private N. R. Blundell, a St. Marys man who is with Headquarters company, had a fascinating hobby. He made models of locomotives and battleships. Among his collection of models he has the 6400, the type of Canadian National Railways engine which drew the Royal train when the King and Queen visited Canada. After the visit Pte. Blundell turned the model into a regal engine by

decorating it in the royal colors, complete with the crest. His latest battleship model is the United States Tuscaloosa.

Mrs. Porter, wife of Private E. C. Porter of Owen Sound, is spending the week in the city. Private Porter is with B company.

The reason furlough for B and C companies at Perth barracks has been delayed is due to the dates set for the soldiers' vote which will be taken for the Federal election. A further revision postpones the start of furlough until March 18. The final date for return of the troops is April 1. There'll be no April fooling about that date otherwise it might bring C.B.

A Toronto dispatch says: "Maybe this will end the argument about who is the youngest member of the Canadian Active Service Force. Private Alex C. Berwick of the Toronto Scottish Regiment, now in England, celebrated his 15th birthday with his regiment at Aldershot last January. Berwick's family explained that the boy joined up a few weeks before war broke out and the youngster, big for his age, received permission to go overseas when the unit left Canada."

Kitchener and Waterloo members of the regiment are having a great time, according to reports garnered around the Kitchener arena Tuesday afternoon from many of them who turned out to witness the Perth-Listowel hockey game. The boys say they have been given a real welcome by the Kitchener-Waterloo branch of the Canadian Legion. Complete facilities of that branch have been opened to the men, many of whom hold memberships in the Stratford branch.

There were a few civilians, relatives of the troops, present at the hockey game in Kitchener. Among those noted were Mrs. Stone, wife of Corporal B. C. Stone, whose home is in Stratford. Mrs. Stone's mother resides in Kitchener. Provost Sergeant W. G. Fergusson's family also met him on the arrival of the Stratford party and were present throughout the game.

Even the staff of the Canadian Dental Corps, which includes Captains C. W. Hamilton and N. J. Hiscox, who are attached to the Perth Regiment, took the afternoon off. We hear that the pickled eggs, pigs' tails and the other dishes for which Kitchener and vicinity is noted made a hit with the dentists and their party.

Kenneth Ament of Waterloo, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ament of Seaford, walked up to Lieut. R. S. Reid, manager of the Perth Regiment hockey club Tuesday evening in the Officers' Mess of the Scots Fusiliers of Canada at Kitchener and congratulated him on having a winner. Mr. Ament later told the writer that he recalls one night in Seaford some years ago when Lieut. Reid, playing as a junior, scored 17 goals in one game against Mitchell. "I've often told fellows that," Lieut. Reid later remarked, "but they hesitated to believe it."

Lieut. Arthur Shields of the district ordnance office at London, was a visitor in the city Tuesday and in the afternoon was a guest of Lieut. D. Ladore at the Perth Regiment-Listowel Batteries' hockey game in Kitchener. Lieut. Shields said he is convinced none of the London or Windsor army teams can defeat the Perth's if they play as good as they did in Kitchener.

Following the hockey game in Kitchener the officers of the Perth Regiment and the 97th and 100th Field Batteries of Listowel were guests of Lieut.-Col. Harold Ballantyne, officer commanding the Scots Fusiliers of Canada. He entertained his visitors in the Officers' Mess of the Kitchener armories.

Milt Dunnell, The Beacon-Herald sports editor, wonders if Roy Jardine, who plays in the M-O League for Windsor, will be injected into the line-up of the Essex Scottish hockey club when it plays in the Military District No. 1 playoffs at London Thursday and Friday of this week. Jardine is a member of the Essex Scottish Regiment.

Listowel's 97th and 100th Field Batteries traveled to Kitchener in large transports. The batterymen were accompanied by their pipe band which livened things up considerably prior to the game. After the Perth's victory the pipes must have been tucked away for the tunes were missing.

One of the happiest men in uniform following the game at Kitchener was Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding the Perth's. He attended the game and when victory was in the bag, the popular O. C. warmly congratulated the Perth players in their dressing room.

Charges Reduced

Three forgery charges, preferred against Edward Brennan, no fixed address, were reduced to charges of uttering forged cheques, when Brennan appeared in court before Magistrate J. A. Makins today. It is charged that Brennan cashed three cheques issued to his wife, Madeline Brennan, now living in Kitchener. The cheques were said to have been forged. Brennan elected summary trial and pleaded not guilty on all three new charges. He was remanded until March 16. Brennan is defended by John Murray. The accused first appeared in court on Feb. 21.

BLANK GUNNERS FROM LISTOWEL IN THIRD GAME

Ashley Scores Two Of Perth's Goals On Kitchener Ice

(By STAFF REPORTER)

KITCHENER ARENA, March 6.—Scoring a 3 to 0 shut-out against the 97th and 100th Field Batteries of Listowel here yesterday afternoon, Perth Regiment of Stratford, earned the right to enter the semi-finals at London the latter part of this week for the hockey championship of Military District No. 1 against clubs representative of the Windsor and London areas.

The game was the rubber one of the series, the Batteries having won 3 to 2 in Stratford against the machine gunners and the latter took the artillery into camp on their home ice with a 4 to 3 score.

Every available soldier in both Listowel and Stratford, and many from the Perth's who are on furlough in the Twin City and district, made the trek into the Kitchener arena for the game. It is estimated, conservatively, that 400 troops witnessed the match and providing the arena with one of its biggest hockey crowds of the season.

It was one of the best soldier games that has been fought this winter, not from a Stratford win angle but from a cleanliness standpoint. Referee Johnny Jones of Guelph, was the master, and a tough one he usually is, but in the first period not a man was sent to the penalty box. In the second, Lyons of the Perth's, made two trips and in the third there were five, Stratford getting three and Listowel two, but none of them were serious infractions of the rules.

Perth's First One

Perth Regiment went into the lead in the first period eight minutes after the game started. Habbkirk rushed up the ice and gave Ashley a rebound off the curved boards at the corner of the rink, the latter slapping the disc past Buchanan in the Batteries' net when the Listowel goalie was left undefended.

Prior to that, the game was close, with both sides having its share of attacks and shots on goal with both Buchanan and Falkingham, the latter in the Perth net, giving good account of themselves.

Three minutes later, Habbkirk again played a key position in the Perth's getting their second goal. Habbkirk again found the right angle of the rounded Kitchener rink corner and snapped the puck out to Eldon Schneider who whipped it past Buchanan. That Reith did not make it three for the Perth's that period is not his fault for the flying puck barely missed landing in the net off Buchanan's right glove.

Jack Ashley was twice in a splendid position to score for the Perth's in the second period when Buchanan showed his best effort for the Batteries. Morphy stood out as the best wing man for the Listowel team and in that period he had Falkingham busy more than once. A threatening four-man play, Walker to Morphy to Simpson to L. Thompson, found an open Stratford net midway through the period but the Battery shot was wide. Fifteen minutes elapsed before "Machine Gun" Spiegelberg, a Kitchener Perth, provided Ashley with the pass that gave the Stratford gang its final goal.

Listowel started off the third period with a bang and for a few minutes it looked as though the Perth's, managed by Lieut. R. S. Reid, the old Toronto pro, were going to falter. Shot after shot was rained on Falkingham but he managed to save. Once the Perth's were playing the Listowelites while two men were in the penalty box—two of the best Perth's—Habbkirk and McRorie, but luck was with them. The teams:

Listowel—Goal, Buchanan; defence, Walker and Cameron; centre, L. Thompson; wings, Morphy and G. Pepler; alternates, J. Thompson, Simpson and N. Pepler.

PERTH'S RINGMEN IN SEVEN BOUTS ON LONDON CARD

Bobby Crothers, Formerly of Stratford, Meets Western Boxer

LONDON, March 6—Twelve boxing bouts and four wrestling bouts will be on the opening night card in the final assault-at-arms of Military District No. 1 at the armories tomorrow night.

Luck of the draw, as announced last night, pits two of the country's most outstanding welterweights, Trooper C. Macey, of the Lord Strathcona Horse, representing the London area, against Pte. Orville Drouillard, of the Essex Scottish, representing the Windsor area.

Another bout noticed in the first night's draw puts Bobby Crothers, former Canadian bantamweight champion, up against Trooper J. M. Slater, Crothers, a Sarnia boy, represents the northern area, the 26th Battery, of Guelph, while Slater represents the London area, the Lord Strathcona Horse.

The draw for tomorrow night follows:

Wrestling Semi-Finals

136-147 pounds — Pte. K. M. Heaton, Essex Scottish, vs. Sapper H. L. Gough, First Field Park Co.; Sapper R. E. Sharpe, First Field Park Co., vs. Pae. R. C. Sempel, Perth Regiment.

Wrestling Finals

127-135 pounds — Pte. H. Harris, Essex Scottish, vs. Pte. J. J. Jones, Perth Regiment.

161-175 pounds — Sapper S. J. Papio, 7th Field Co., vs. Pte. V. R. Vaughn, Essex Scottish.

Boxing Semi-Finals

Bantam — London area, Sapper A. Wright, 1st Field Park Co., vs. Windsor area, Pte. G. Kell, Essex Scottish; Windsor area, Pte. A. G. Gibb, Essex Scottish, vs. Northern area, Gunner Gooding, 97th Field Battery.

Feather — Windsor area, Pte. G. A. Martin, Essex Scottish, vs. Northern area, Gunner Jonston, 26th Field Battery; Northern area, Pte. W. Rhoades, Perth Regiment, vs. London area, Gunner Billings, 12th Field Battery.

Lightweight — Northern area, Gunner R. Crothers, 26th Field Battery, vs. London area, Trooper J. M. Slater, Lord Strathcona Horse; Windsor area, Pte. W. Stemmler, Essex Scottish, vs. London area, Trooper P. Bernhardt, Lord Strathcona Horse.

Welter — London area, Trooper C. Macey, Lord Strathcona Horse, vs. Windsor area, Pte. O. Drouillard, Essex Scottish; Northern area, Pte. D. Wheatley, Perth Regiment, vs. Windsor area, Pte. Boloff, Essex Scottish.

Middle — Windsor area, Pte. R. Chiarini, Essex Scottish, vs. Northern area, Pte. Bochner, Perth Regiment; London area, Sapper M. D. Sinasac, 11th Field Co., vs. Northern area, Pte. K. O. Jonston, Perth Regiment.

Light-heavy — Northern area, Pte. J. R. Jones, Perth Regiment, vs. London area, Gunner Russell, 12th Field Battery; London area, Trooper N. Robertson, Lord Strathcona Horse, vs. Windsor area, Pte. Ennis, Essex Regiment.

Wrestling Finals (Friday)

The winner of wrestling bouts "A" of tomorrow night plus:

176-190 pounds—Lance-Corp. A. P. Youell, Essex Scottish, vs. Sapper S. F. Tripp, 7th Field Co.

191 pounds up — Pte. W. J. Scott, No. 1 Army Field Workshop, vs. Pte. H. C. Crozier, Essex Scottish.

Boxing Finals (Friday)

The winners of the semi-finals in the various weights, plus the following heavyweight bouts:

Northern area, Gunner J. Janess, 26th Field Battery, vs. London area, Pte. J. F. Fallis, Royal Canadian Regiment.

Perths To Meet London Winners

LONDON, March 7—With the advance ticket sale indicating that the public is taking a fancy to the show, the stage is all set for the Military District No. 1 boxing and wrestling championships which open at the London armories to-night at 8 o'clock. The first night's presentation will be the preliminaries, 12 bouts of boxing being carded, while tomorrow night the winners will meet in the finals for the individual championships.

Assured of top-notch performers as the result of elimination bouts in the various areas in Western Ontario, the assault-at-arms promises to be the biggest fight show that has been seen in London for many years. Tonight there will be close to 40 rounds of boxing under military rules. In addition there will be four wrestling semi-finals.

While the boxers and wrestlers are battling, military hockey and basketball teams will be hard at it in semi-final matches. At the arena this afternoon the smart Perth Regiment squad from Stratford will lock horns with the Lord Strathcona Horse team, representing the London area, in the semi-finals.

The two teams will line up as follows:

PERTH REGIMENT—Goal, Falkingham; defence, McRorie, Habkirk; centre, Schneider; wings, Brooks, Reith; subs: Lyons, Ashley, Speidelburg, Steppan, Kurt.

LORD STRATHCONA — Goal, Kreewin; defence, Kennedy, Young; centre, Clark; wings, Mackie, Armer; subs: Astle, Patterson, Bernhardt, Klewchuk, Hodges, McCaw.

Two Perths In Running For Mitt And Mat Titles

Survive Semi-Finals In Assault-At-Arms Staged At London

LONDON, Ont., March 7—Three knockouts and one technical knockout featured the semi-finals of the Military District No. 1 ring championships at the armories last night. The remainder of the 12 bouts went for the decision, although most of them were close. Two thousand fans saw the battles, the winners of which will go into the finals tonight.

Wrestling Semi-Finals.

136-147 pounds—Pte. K. M. Heaton, 144½, Essex Scottish, Windsor, threw Sapper H. L. Gough, 145½, First Field Park Co., London, two falls; Pte. R. C. Samuel, 142½, of Perth Regiment, Stratford, threw Pte. J. Pidgeon, 143½, Essex Scottish, Windsor, one fall.

161-175 pounds—Sapper S. J. Papio, 166, 7th Field Co., London, threw Pte. V. R. Vaughn, 168½, of Essex Scottish, Windsor, two falls to one; Corp. W. Jeffrey, 174½, No. 1 Army Field Workshop, London, threw Bdr. L. G. Vickars, 170, 97th Field Battery, Listowel, two falls.

Wrestling Final.

127-135 pounds—Pte. H. Harris, Essex Scottish, Windsor, drew bye.

Boxing Semi-Finals.

Bantamweight — Pte. George Kell, 118, Essex Scottish, knocked out Sapper A. Wright, First Field Park Co., London, 1 min., 30 sec., second round; Gunner W. Gooding, 116½, 97th Field Battery, Listowel, defeated Pte. A. G. Gibb, 116½, Es-

Soldiers' Card

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Feather—Pte. Martin, Essex Scottish, vs. Gunner Billings, London.

Light—Gunner Crothers, Guelph, vs. Pte. Stemmler, Essex Scottish.

Welter—Trooper Macey, London, vs. Pte. Beloff, Essex Scottish.

Middle—Pte. Chiarini, Essex Scottish, vs. Sapper Sinasac, London.

Light-heavy—Pte. Jones, Stratford, vs. Pte. Burling, Essex Scottish.

Heavyweight — Gunner Janess, Guelph, vs. Pte. Fallis, London.

Bouts start at 8 p.m., London armories.

All boxing bouts six rounds, with exception of heavyweight, which will be four rounds.

sex Scottish, Windsor, technical knockout, 1 min., 25 sec., of first round.

Featherweight — Pte. G. A. Martin, 126, Essex Scottish, Windsor, defeated Gunner W. Johnston, 121½, 26th Field Battery, Guelph, decision, three rounds; Gunner J. C. Billings, 122, 12th Field Battery, London, defeated Pte. W. Rhoades,

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126, Perth Regiment, Stratford, decision, three rounds.

Lightweight — Gunner Bobby Crothers, 132, 26th Field Battery, Guelph, defeated Trooper J. Slater, 134½, Lord Strathcona Horse, London, decision, three rounds; Pte. Bill Stemmler, 134½, Essex Scottish, Windsor, defeated Trooper P. Bernhardt, 134, Lord Strathcona Horse, London, decision, three rounds.

Welterweight—Trooper C. Macey, 146, Lord Strathcona Horse, London, defeated Trooper Orville Drouillard, 142, Essex Scottish, of Windsor, decision, three rounds; Pte. A. Beloff, 144, Essex Scottish, Windsor, defeated Pte. D. Wheatley, 147, Perth Regiment, Stratford, decision, three rounds.

Middleweight — Pte. R. Chiarini, 157, Essex Scottish, Windsor, defeated Pts. H. Boechner, 154½, Perth Regiment, Stratford, decision, three rounds; Sapper M. D. Sinasac, 158, 11th Field Co., London, defeated Pte. O. K. Johnston, 158, Perth Regiment, Stratford, decision, three rounds.

Light heavyweight — Pte. J. R. Jones, 155½, Perth Regiment, of Stratford, knocked out Gunner N. Russell, 168½, 12th Field Battery, London, 1 min., 36 sec., second round; Pte. Pat Burling, 170½, of Essex Scottish, Windsor, knocked out Trooper N. Robertson, 169, Lord Strathcona Horse, 47 seconds, first round.

Terms Story Of Soldiers Ridiculous

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"Men going on furlough are always given their pay at a special pay parade the day they go away, as was done in the case of all the men who are on furlough at present," Col. McComb informed The Beacon-Herald.

Referring to the statements which the two Perth men are said to have made to the Collingwood newspapermen and to Mayor Allan McIntosh of that town, Lieut.-Col. McComb said: "The reason those two men did not get any pay before they left is that they are absent without leave, as they have been frequently since enlisting. If they have no money it is because their pay was deducted for misconduct of this nature."

Lieut.-Col. McComb said that the identity of the two absentees has been ascertained.

Men Resent Report

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Every army has a bugler and it has fallen to Private Henry John Naylor, a Stratford man, to hold the position in the Perth Regiment.

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After completing his schooling Private Naylor secured employment with the Stratford Chair Company and was employed by that firm from 1921 until September when he enlisted.

Prior to joining the Canadian Active Service Force, Private Naylor was in the bugle band of the local non-permanent active militia for more than eight years.

Because of his duties he is on the staff of the Sergeants' Mess.

A married man, Private Naylor is the father of seven daughters. They are Annie, Lois, Iris, Gloria, Donna, Marlene and Wilma. The family home is at 128 King street.

It is of interest that Private Naylor's father, the late Henry Naylor, was a war veteran. He served with the 110th Battalion.

Mac Hall and J. A. C. Kay called at Perth Barracks today and presented the regiment with a cheque for \$25, the gift of the Stratford Rotary Club. In acknowledging the donation, Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb teaching staff of Romeo school. Ever since the Perths mobilized Capt. MacDougall has received a generous donation of cigarettes from the teachers on the first of every month.

One of the weekly newspapers coming into this office said that a Hanover service club is going to send regular contributions of cigarets and men and said that the money will be used for sports, recreation and other necessities.

Private W. H. Thiel of Headquarters company believes in rushing the Spring season. He appeared around the barracks today wearing a straw hat.

Private J. F. Skowby of No. 1 District Depot of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, who has been attached to the Perths supply department for some time, has returned to London. Private L. Richardson of the same unit in London succeeds Private Skowby and is doing duty with the local regiment.

Following the game in London when the Perths won the hockey championship of Military District No. 1 Friday afternoon, Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding the regiment, was called into the Perths' dressing room. He was presented with the puck by the players. In congratulating the winners, who also received silver medals in recognition of their title, Lieut.-Col. McComb said he will have the puck mounted and suitably inscribed as a memento of the regiment.

A story on the boxing and wrestling bouts which were held at London Friday will be found on the sport page of today's issue.

This column received a note today from Private John Abram of Gorrie announcing the fact that Mrs. Abram is the proud mother of a baby son. Congratulations and thanks for the message. Private Abram is on leave at present.

When Essex Scottish Regiment hockey club went down to defeat in London arena Friday afternoon at the hands of the Perths it included on its line-up Roy Jardine, a member of Windsor Chryslers M-O club. Jardine had things pretty well his own way and at the end of the first period the Scottish were leading 3 to 0 with Jardine doing the bulk of the scoring.

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Capt. R. A. MacDougall of B company expressed his thanks and appreciation publicly today to the airties to the men from that town who are overseas. It was said that those on duty in Canada will not receive them because they can buy them tax free in the canteen. That's not the case here. The Perths pay the regular price. They do, however, get the standard packages, ten for 10 cents or 25 for a quarter. Our informant said he believes the extra cigarette is meant to make up for the tax.

It is quite likely that Major M. W. Andrew, commanding officer of C company will be designated to assist Lieut.-Col. McComb in taking the local troops' vote in the Federal election.

When the men from A and D companies return from furlough they are going to find their straw ticks all filed and in place on their bunks. They can thank the personnel of B and C companies for doing the job and we hear that the latter expect A and D company soldiers to return the compliment around the latter part of March and early in April.

"It is now possible for a soldier to assign pay to the following without making an application for dependents' allowance: to a mother, foster mother, mother-in-law, father, sister or brother. Anyone making an assignment will apply to the battalion orderly room after March 8." This notice has been published in orders at the barracks and should prove interesting to troops who have been worried about dependents' allowances and assignments of pay.

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Mac Hall and J. A. C. Kay called at Perth Barracks today and presented the regiment with a cheque for \$25, the gift of the Stratford Rotary Club. In acknowledging the donation, Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb teaching staff of Romeo school. Ever since the Perths mobilized Capt. MacDougall has received a generous donation of cigarettes from the teachers on the first of every month.

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The Perths will be interested in a picture appearing in today's issue of The Beacon-Herald. It shows Billy and Alfred Gillingham, sons of Platoon Sergeant Major William Gillingham and Mrs. Gillingham, all decked out in their new "battle dress." Many of the troops who did guard duty at Moore Barracks especially at the King street entrance, will recall young Billy as the lad who used to patrol the street with the guard. In those days Billy's "gun" was a good sized piece of wood. He'd even slip into the barracks orderly room to warm up. That was more than the guards could do.

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Private James W. Murray, among the first 100 men to volunteer in the Perth Regiment, is a son of Mrs. Mary Murray, 240 Birmingham street. He was born at Ethel, Ont., on November 24, 1921. After coming to Stratford he was educated at the Hamlet Public School and Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute and at Harbord Collegiate Institute in Toronto. In religion Private Murray is a Presbyterian and a member of St. Andrew's Church. Before enlisting on September 7, 1939, to receive the regimental number A11081, Private Murray was a clerk and salesman. He had seven months' experience in the non-permanent militia before joining the local Canadian Active Service Force.

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Private John Stones Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Robertson, 51 Water street, city, is a member of A company of the Perth Regiment.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Private Robertson went to Detroit as a boy with his parents and while in that city attended an intermediate school. The family came to Stratford in 1929 and Private Robertson continued his studies at Avon public school and later at the Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute.

In civilian life he followed the trade of a furniture worker until he enlisted in the Canadian Active Service Force on September 5, 1939. That he was one of the early volunteers at the outbreak of the war is indicated by his regimental number A11033, the Perth numbers starting at A11000. Private Robertson had seven years' service in the non-permanent militia as a member of the Perth Regiment.

A member of St. Andrew's church, Private Robertson is also a married man. His wife and eight-month-old daughter, Jacqueline, reside at 51 Water street.

Private Robertson has one sister, Mrs. C. Jackson of Montreal and two brothers, David and William, both of Stratford.

Trouble In Orient

Mexican Woman Breaks Tradition

WASHINGTON, March 12—(CP)—The "New Woman" of Mexico, petite Carmen Baez, at 29, has become Mexico's first woman diplomat in the United States capital. She is the new third secretary of the Mexican Embassy, and is a native of Morelos, Mexico, of Spanish descent.

Notes On This n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

Private Wilfrid Joseph Tyers, who is on the staff of the Sergeants' Mess, received his education in more schools than probably any other member of the Perth Regiment. He attended no fewer than nine of them in Windsor, Dublin, London and Stratford.

A son of Sergeant P. J. Tyers and Mrs. Tyers, 250 William street, city, the young Perth was born in Stratford. He went to St. Joseph's School here for a short time and then when the family moved to London he attended St. Joseph's Academy. At London he also went to five different separate schools. On taking up residence in Dublin, he was a pupil at St. Patrick's school and then on returning to Stratford he took a course at the Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute.

It was on September 11, 1939, that Private Tyers—fresh out of school—enlisted in the Canadian Active Service Force. He had been a member of the non-permanent active militia for six months before the outbreak of war.

Miss Edith Tyers, 250 William street, is a sister.

Announcement was made today by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding, that Brigadier D. J. Macdonald and his staff from headquarters of Military District No. 1 at London will be in Stratford on Tuesday to conduct an inspection of the regiment and quarters at Perth Barracks. It is some months since the district officer commanding reviewed the troops and inspected the barracks.

The inspection is generally set down for 9.30 a.m. when it is expected Brigadier Macdonald will take the salute on the barracks' parade grounds. He will then inspect the rank and file of the unit and later return to the barracks to go through the different departments. A regimental band will provide the music for the occasion.

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Cook Sergeant Brown received the sad news Thursday afternoon that his mother, Mrs. John Brown, had died in London, England, on February 22. He received the information by letter. Cook Sergeant Brown had hoped for an early departure of the Perths from Canada to England so that he could visit his mother before her death. The family home was originally in Hern Bay, Kent, but of late years Mrs. Brown has been living in London.

Major J. S. H. Lind, second-in-command, has been granted leave of absence from March 15 to March 26, inclusive, according to the orders on the bulletin board.

Private T. H. Woods of E company has been granted permission to marry. The bride-elect's name is not given in the orders. Private W. J. Emm of D company has also secured the consent of Lieut.-Col. McComb to marry. The bride-to-be is Miss Ivey Dorothy Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wells 161 Nile street, city.

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LIKE THEIR SOLDIER DADDY



Their daddy, Platoon Sergeant Major William Gillingham, is a soldier, and little Billy, 5, and Alfred, 4, of 294 Douro street, city, are proud soldiers, too. Smartly attired in their new "Battle dress," designed just like that which the Perth Regiment will be wearing shortly, the boys visited The Beacon-Herald office Monday afternoon. What's more, they showed the staff they are right up in their drills, especially when they adhere to the commands of the P.S.M. Billy is on the left and Alfred on the right in the above picture.

Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

Private William Peckitt of the battalion depot company is a young native of Toronto who has shown a fondness for Stratford over a period of some years. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Peckitt of Toronto. Private Peckitt enlisted with the Perth Regiment on September 4, 1939.

After receiving his education in the Church and School for Boys, Toronto, where he took a course in agricultural science, Private Peckitt worked on a farm in the Woodbridge area and later around farms in Peterborough district.

He came to Stratford in 1934 and was employed by the McLagan Furniture Company on its night shift. "You see this building is not new to me," he told the writer in referring to Perth Barracks, his present quarters. "I have been through it many times in my civilian days. But what a change there is now!"

After an eight month stay with the local firm Private Peckitt returned to Toronto and secured a position with the National Cabinet Company which specialized in the manufacture of radio cabinets. He stayed there about a year and then participated in a Stratford to Goderich cycle race. Shortly after he "wheeled" back to this city from Toronto and in April of 1938 secured a position with the Whyte Packing Company, from which firm he secured leave-of-absence to enlist with the Perth Regiment.

Private Peckitt is a member of the Church of England. His father is a veteran of the Great War being a member of the 20th Battalion. The young Perth has two brothers, John and Arthur and two sisters, Rose and Eva, all in Toronto.

There is a big difference between the polling booth at Perth Barracks and the ones which will be used by civilians in the Federal election. Troops going to the voting place in barracks today found benches for them to sit upon while awaiting their turn to cast a ballot. Regulations are such that it takes some time for each soldier to vote.

Because army regulations forbid the discussion of politics in barracks, there was little comment among the men. There was certainly no effort made by anyone to persuade a man as to how he should vote. If a fellow did not happen to know the party affiliation of a candidate in his home constituency there was nothing available to tell him. The official agents' papers simply give the candidates' names. No party identification appears on them. There is

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According to routine orders received at the barracks today from the Department of National Defence at Ottawa, Second Lieutenants J. R. Swanson and A. L. Weirmer of the 97th Field Battery at Bennett barracks in Listowel have been promoted to full lieutenantcies.

The orders also announce the appointment of Lieut.-Col. M. M. Dillon, M.C. of London to the post of commanding officer of District Depot No. 1 at London. He will have the rank of major. The new depot commander has been officer commanding the Canadian Machine Gun Regiment. He is well-known in Perth Regiment circles.

More new battle dress arrived

issued to the troops just as fast as the quartermaster's assistants can hand the uniforms to the men. It is hoped to have every soldier in the regiment in new togs by next Tuesday, the day of the general inspection by Brigadier D. J. MacDonald and his staff of the district headquarters.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb conducted his weekly battalion inspection today and told the writer that he observes a marked improvement in the work and appearance of the unit. He said the Perths have made fine advancement in the past three months, in the different branches of training. The appearance of the barracks, he said, is improving every week, indicating that the companies are taking an interest in their work.

Major W. I. Kemp announced the donation of 50 cents to the Regimental Tobacco Fund. The donors were identified only as "A Sewing Club."

The Perths will parade at 9.30 a.m. Sunday to St. Paul's church for services to be conducted by Hon. Capt. the Rev. Norman McKay, the unit's padre. He will be assisted by the rector, Rev. J. R. Thompson. Major F. S. Walker will preside at the service.

Promotions of Corporals A. E. Thorn and G. F. Lewis, both of C company, to the rank of sergeant was contained in regimental orders announced today. The rank of Sergeants L. Nadon, A. C. Adams, J. W. Sheardown, F. Smith, D. W. McKay and J. P. Michael and Corporals W. A. McRobb and W. A. Spears were also confirmed.

Privates T. G. West, J. W. Horskburgh and H. R. Miller have been discharged from Perth barracks hospital. Private H. Beaton has been admitted to the Stratford General Hospital.

A notice on the company bulletin boards states that the men will wear the new battle dress and their great coats when appearing in public. The order also specifies that men of other ranks will not wear ties with their battle dress.

There's a new bugler on the job around Perth barracks these days. He is Corporal Andy Akiwenzie. Private H. Naylor, the regular bugler is away on furlough.

The officers must have their fun, too, it would appear. Friday night Lieut. D. Ladore, supply officer attached to the Perths from the Essex Scottish Regiment of Windsor, was out visiting some friends in the city. When he returned to his room in the officers' quarters he found the place decorated. His associates had used his



Colonel Casts First Vote At Barracks Here

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding the Perth Regiment cast the first Canadian Active Service Force ballot at Perth barracks today shortly after 9.30 a.m. to officially open the soldiers' voting in this city. After having completed the routine with Major M. W. Andrew acting as returning officer and Lieut. D. Ladore as assistant, the commanding officer took over his duties as supervisory officer and Major Andrew and Lieut. Ladore carried on for the morning.

Officers and men who are going on furlough next week were paraded for the vote in alphabetical order and by companies and it was announced by Lieut.-Col. McComb that the balloting will continue every day until March 23 from 9.30 a.m. until 12 o'clock and from 2 until 5 p.m., except Sunday and Good Friday.

When the polling booth opened in the reception room adjacent to the regimental administrative offices, Sergeant E. A. Hobson, a Kitchener man, presented his authority to act as official agent for Dr. S. F. Leavine, National Government candidate in North Waterloo. He was the only party agent present though it was said others will be acting from time to time.

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Private William Peckitt of the battalion depot company is a young native of Toronto who has shown a fondness for Stratford over a period of some years. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Peckitt of Toronto. Private Peckitt enlisted with the Perth Regiment on September 4, 1939.

After receiving his education in the Church and School for Boys, Toronto, where he took a course in agricultural science, Private Peckitt worked on a farm in the Woodbridge area and later around farms in Peterborough district.

He came to Stratford in 1934 and was employed by the McLagan Furniture Company on its night shift. "You see this building is not new to me," he told the writer in referring to Perth Barracks, his present quarters. "I have been through it many times in my civilian days. But what a change there is now!"

After an eight month stay with the local firm Private Peckitt returned to Toronto and secured a position with the National Cabinet Company which specialized in the manufacture of radio cabinets. He stayed there about a year and then participated in a Stratford to Goderich cycle race. Shortly after he "wheeled" back to this city from Toronto and in April of 1936 secured a position with the Whyte Packing Company, from which firm he secured leave-of-absence to enlist with the Perth Regiment.

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Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb conducted his weekly battalion inspection today and told the writer that he observes a marked improvement in the work and appearance of the unit. He said the Perths have made fine advancement in the past three months, in the different branches of training. The appearance of the barracks, he said, is improving every week, indicating that the companies are taking an interest in their work.

Major W. I. Kemp announced the donation of 50 cents to the Regimental Tobacco Fund. The donors were identified only as "A Sewing Club."

The Perths will parade at 9.30 a.m. Sunday to St. Paul's church for services to be conducted by Hon. Capt. the Rev. Norman McKay, the unit's padre. He will be assisted by the rector, Rev. J. R. Thompson. Major F. S. Walker will preside at the service.

Promotions of Corporals A. E. Thorn and G. F. Levis, both of C company, to the rank of sergeant was contained in regimental orders announced today. The rank of Sergeants L. Nadon, A. C. Adams, J. W. Sheardown, F. Smith, D. W. McKay and J. P. Michael and Corporals W. A. McRobb and W. A. Spears were also confirmed.

Privates T. G. West, J. W. Horsburgh and H. R. Miller have been discharged from Perth barracks hospital. Private H. Reaton has been sent to the hospital.

Colonel Casts First Vote At Barracks Here

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding the Perth Regiment cast the first Canadian Active Service Force ballot at Perth barracks today shortly after 9.30 a.m. to officially open the soldiers' voting in this city. After having completed the routine with Major M. W. Andrew acting as returning officer and Lieut. D. Ladore as assistant, the commanding officer took over his duties as supervisory officer and Major Andrew and Lieut. Ladore carried on for the morning.

Officers and men who are going on furlough next week were paraded for the vote in alphabetical order and by companies and it was announced by Lieut.-Col. McComb that the balloting will continue every day until March 23 from 9.30 a.m. until 12 o'clock and from 2 until 5 p.m., except Sunday and Good Friday.

When the polling booth opened in the reception room adjacent to the regimental administrative offices, Sergeant E. A. Hobson, a Kitchener man, presented his authority to act as official agent for Dr. S. F. Leavine, National Government candidate in North Waterloo. He was the only party agent present though it was said others will be acting from time to time.

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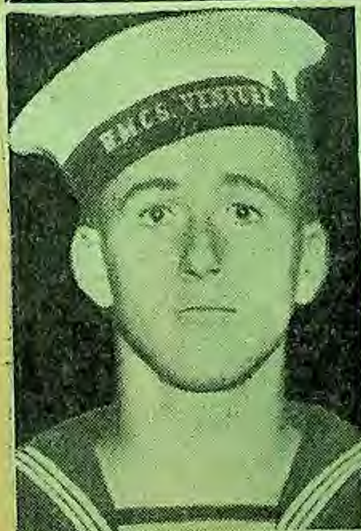
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The troops cleared Perth barracks in record time Friday afternoon when the fire alarm was sounded. According to Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb the four storey building was cleared in two minutes. The commanding officer today paid tribute to the work of the soldiers and said it was a perfect drill. Every fire sentry was at his post. He commented particularly on the fact that there were men stationed at each bed in the barracks hospital to evacuate the sick in the event such a move would be necessary. It will be recalled that the time for the first fire drill on December 1, the day the troops went into barracks, was three and three-quarters minutes.

Further regimental history was made at Perth barracks Friday night when the proceedings of a get-together in the Sergeants' Mess were broadcast over the local radio station. Reports reaching the barracks are to the effect that it was much enjoyed by listeners on the outside. Included in the program of songs and musical numbers by members of the Mess and their guest artists was a brief address by Regimental Sergeant Major Thos. Soper. Sergeant Frank Church was master of ceremonies.

According to routine orders received at the barracks today from the Department of National Defence at Ottawa, Second Lieutenants J. R. Swanson and A. L. Weirmer of the 97th Field Battery at Bennett barracks in Listowel have been promoted to full lieutenantcies.

The orders also announce the appointment of Lieut.-Col. M. M. Dillon, M.C. of London to the post of commanding officer of District Depot No. 1 at London. He will have the rank of major. The new depot commander has been officer commanding the Canadian Machine Gun Regiment. He is well-known in Perth Regiment circles.

More new battle dress arrived at barracks today and is being issued.

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Private Harvie Bruce Crosby, who is in the signallers' section of Headquarters company, is a native of Puslinch Township and a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Crosby of Galt.

He was educated in the public and high schools of Galt and after completing his schooling was an employee of the Riverside Silk Mills at Galt for about six years. He came to Stratford a little less than six years ago to accept a position with the Avalon Fabrics Limited where he was working when he enlisted with the Perth Regiment.

Mrs. Crosby was the former Miss Audrey Hider of Stratford. Private and Mrs. Crosby have one son, Harvie Bruce. Their home is located at 444 Albert street.

It seemed like a barracks of the days of 1914-18 today at the Perth Headquarters for there was military music to be heard throughout the spacious building. The music was from the regimental brass band, rehearsing under the leadership of Corporal Steve Cordell, in preparation for the general inspection of the unit which will be conducted Tuesday by Brigadier D. J. Macdonald and his staff of headquarters of Military District No. 1, London.

"Boy it sounds good to hear that music in the barracks," "an old 'sweat'" of the First Great War told the writer as we paused to hear the regimental march "John Peel" being played. During a lull in the morning's work for the bandsmen—cornetists Mitchell and Greenfield; baritonists Stears, Jones, Beattie, Petersen; alto Bell; trombonists Baillie, Snider; base players Cordell, Lee, Gibson, Wilton and drummers Fischer and Haas—someone broke out with a few chords of "How Dry I Am?"

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding the regiment, said today that a slight change has been made in the general arrangements for the inspection by Brigadier D. J. Macdonald. The companies will be paraded to the Stratford armories on Waterloo street individually and will be rigidly inspected there by the district officer commanding. Brigadier Macdonald will go over two companies in the morning and then will proceed to Perth barracks where he will inspect the quarters and stores. After lunch with Lieut.-Col. McComb and his staff, Brigadier Macdonald will return to the Stratford armories to complete the company inspections.

Perth barracks is just about spotless today in preparation for the most thorough inspection the troops have been called upon to undergo since their mobilization last September. Pioneer Sergeant A. J. Whitehead has been supervising the cleaning activities and today there were upwards of 60 men attending to odds and ends such as scrubbing, polishing and other household duties.

And while all the cleaning and preparations for the Brigadier's inspection were going on Major M. W. Andrew and Lieut. D. Ladore, who are in charge of the troops' voting in the Federal election now underway among Canadian Active Service Force members in Canada, continued to register the men's ballots. It is estimated that by 5 p.m. today nearly 400 men will have cast ballot papers for candidates in many different constituencies throughout the Dominion. There were 189 votes deposited Saturday.

According to official word received at the barracks there has been an error made in the official lists used for the Federal election. "In the list of candidates supplied by the Returning Officer there is an error in the details of one candidate for Marquette, Manitoba. The correct details are: James Allison Glen, barrister, Russell," the notice reads.

Capt. C. B. Arrel replaces Lieut. H. A. Snelgrove on the regimental audit board, it was learned today. Lieut. Snelgrove is in Windsor under attachment for specific duties with the Essex Scottish Regiment.

Miller of "C" company are among the latest members of the unit to proceed on furlough. During Sergeant Fergusson's absence Lance Corporal John Chesney is in charge of the military police force.

J. H. Carter, 10 Home street owns a photograph of a group of Great War soldiers taken at Boulogne, France, in 1916. The men were members of the 34th Battalion and the 10th Canadian Infantry Battalion. Among the faces distinguishable in the picture which was shown to the writer by Sergeant W. H. Gardner, the regimental shoemaker, is Sergeant A. J. Whitehead. He's all decked out in white trousers, apron and chef's hat. He had been transferred from a transport gang to a bakery with the field battery.

Quartermaster Sergeant James White, formerly of the 1st Hussars, London, and a veteran of the Great War, was a guest at the Sergeants' Mess for dinner on Sunday. There were some 135 or 140 other guests at the Perth's headquarters throughout the day. Many citizens took advantage of the spring-like weather to walk out to the barracks.

More than 500 officers and men attended divine services at St. Paul's church at 9.30 a.m. Sunday. The service was conducted by the rector, Rev. J. R. Thompson, who welcomed the soldiers to the church. The sermon was preached by the padre, Hon. Capt. Norman McKay who told of the Garden of Gethsemane. St. Paul's choir was in attendance and was augmented by members of the regimental choir. Major Frank Walker presided at the organ.

This column has been asked to issue a challenge to any of the industrial or district O.H.A. teams on behalf of the Perth Regiment club. The soldiers would like another game or two before putting away their equipment for the season. Any club interested in playing the Perths may call the barracks.

Private Wilfred Morley, who formerly was a member of the Perth and who is now with the Royal Canadian Regiment in Toronto was home over the week-end. He says that the troops who were mobilized in London are training at the R.C.R. depot in Toronto. "The quarters and conditions in Toronto barracks are wonderful," he says. The other Stratford recruits with the R.C.R.'s there are Frank O'Brien, Scotty MacAllister, Reed Lamont, Harold Hall, Ace Baker, Lloyd McKnight and William Manser.

Private L. J. Coulthard of D company has been discharged from Wolsley barracks hospital in London while Lance Corporal S. G. Creek of C company is out of the local barracks hospital. Private T. G. Reith has been admitted to the barracks hospital with a slight illness.

Word from London is to the effect that another detachment of 34 troops recruited in the district during the past ten days left on Saturday night to form part of the new unit being organized at Lansdowne Park, Ottawa, for overseas duty. The new unit will be in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps and will be commanded by Lieut.-Col. G. C. McArthur of London.

Should Brigadier D. J. Macdonald ask for an indoor technical scheme during the course of the general inspection of the Perths Tuesday, the honor will go to No. 1 platoon of "A" company. It is likely that the commander will be Lieut. D. M. Bricker.

Permanent midnight passes are being issued to soldiers in the regiment who, having been in the army for six months, have clear crime sheets. There are 47 members of Headquarters company who have made themselves eligible for this privilege. It is understood that men in the other companies will also be granted the passes under the same good conduct conditions.

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When Private John B. Crawford leaves Perth Barracks on his furlough he will be bound for the north and his parents' home in Kapuskasing.

A member of "C" company, which is under command of Major M. W. Andrew, Private Crawford is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crawford of Kapuskasing. He was born in Cochrane where the family lived prior to going to Kapuskasing. At Cochrane Private Crawford attended the public school and the Presbyterian church.

In civilian life the young Perth was employed for about three years in the lumber camps operating in the districts around his home. When war broke out he went to Toronto in the hope of getting into one of the units there. When they were filled up he came to Stratford. Private Crawford says he likes the army and he is pretty proud of being a member of the local unit.

This was one of the busiest days in the history of the Perth Regiment insofar as the personnel was concerned. It marked no less than three distinct events—a general inspection by Brigadier D. J. Macdonald of London, the beginning of furlough for a portion of the unit and pay day for all going away.

Added to this might be the fact that for the first time in most of their lives, the troops enjoyed army hot cross buns with their meals today. The special batch was the work of Cook Sergeant F. Brown who is also going on his holidays this evening. About 100 dozen buns were made from the old time recipe which was carried in this column the other day.

The Schneider boys—Lance Corporals Wilfrid and Eldon—of "B" company are going to their home in Chesley for their two-weeks' holiday. They will be joined by Lance Corporal H. C. F. Blohm and Private Robert Boyes. The four have indicated they will take a side trip over to Elmwood during their furlough.

Lance Corporal C. Harvey tells us he's going to visit his home in St. Marys and then go down Brantford way where all the letters have been coming from lately. Sergeant E. C. Le Conte will also strike out for his Brantford home.

Most of the non-permanent militia units in this section of Ontario are recruiting up to full strength in the hope that they will be called upon to mobilize as regiments in the Canadian Active Service Force. The latest two to call for recruits is the Highland Light Infantry of Canada at Galt and the Essex Scottish.

Major Beattie's letter tells of immediate requirements for the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, the Royal Canadian Regiment and the military police branch. In the last mentioned a sergeant, a corporal and a number of other ranks are needed. Men interested in volunteering for any of the trades, motor mechanics, electricians, truck drivers, policemen and so on may consult Lieut. Mason at Perth barracks or Major Beattie in the recruiting building at London.

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During the course of his general inspection at the barracks at noon today Brigadier D. J. Macdonald visited the men's kitchen and dining halls. He found the quarters in tip-top shape and was highly complimentary to Cook Sergeant F. Brown and his staff.

Brigadier Macdonald looked over the daily menu which, for dinner, included roast beef, mashed potatoes, creamed carrots, bread and butter, rice pudding and coffee. When he observed that butter is served three times a day—breakfast, dinner and supper—Brigadier Macdonald expressed surprise and wondered how it is done under the army rations.

Cook Sergeant Brown had the answer to the Brigadier's butter question. Through the foresight of the quartermaster's department the kitchen at Perth barracks is equipped with a small machine which slices a pound of butter into 48 little blocks. It provides a man with a sufficient quantity for each meal and thus it is possible to spread the daily amount into enough for three meals.

In glancing over the supper menu Brigadier Macdonald noticed that hot cross buns are on the menu for this evening. He was informed they were baked in the ovens of the men's mess. The buns are being served tonight so that it will be possible for all the men to have them before going away on furlough.

The writer could hardly believe his eyes today when he was confronted by Pioneer Sergeant A. J. Whitehead. The little fellow—a veteran of the Great War—has been wearing his old-style service uniform ever since the unit mobilized but on the occasion of the general inspection by Brigadier Macdonald today, the sergeant changed into "battle dress," wore everything but his new trousers and explained he is preserving the creases in them for his furlough.

Reports were current in barracks circles that today's visit by Brigadier Macdonald is the forerunner to an inspection visit by Major-General E. C. Ashton, inspector-general of Canadian forces. When he was here some weeks ago on an informal visit during which he attended the assault-at-arms staged by the Perths, the inspector-general indicated he would be here late in March or early in April.

Things moved speedily in barracks following the inspection by Brigadier Macdonald today. Troops who are going on furlough, for periods as long as 14 days, got busy turning in their bedding and equipment that they will not require on leave. The men visited the paymaster and received their holiday money, in some cases the men having an amount equal to a month's pay.

According to a contemporary the tallest man in the Canadian army is Gunner Hartley Craig of the 89th Field Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, stationed at Brantford. He was married recently at Waterville, N.B., to a girl from that town and after the ceremony they left the New Brunswick centre for Brantford. The 89th Battery was moved to Brantford from the east some time ago for training.

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Private Clarence H. J. Near of the Perth Regiment is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Near of 168 Huron street, city. He was born in Monkton on February 14, 1917, coming to Stratford when a child. Private Near attended Avon public school and Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute. After completing his schooling he followed the carpentry and electrical trades. He is a member of St. John's United Church. Prior to enlisting with the local Canadian Active Service Force he did not have any military experience. Private Near and his wife, the former Miss Daisy Patricia Banks, make their home at 137 Caledonia street.

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Hugh Bolduc, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bolduc, 51 Shrewsbury street, city, is a wireless telegrapher with the Royal Canadian Navy. He has been stationed at Halifax where he is in training, having volunteered his services on September 29 at Toronto. Wireless Telegrapher Bolduc was born in Stratford on June 14, 1920, and was educated at the Hamlet public school and later at the Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute. Besides his parents he has one brother Alan and a sister Joyce living here. Wireless Telegrapher Bolduc's barracks is H.M.S. Stadacona, Halifax.

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Private Thomas Henry Littlejohn of Mitchell is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Littlejohn of that town. He is on the Battalion orderly room staff and is working under Staff Sergeant Fred Billings.

Born in Mitchell, Private Littlejohn was educated in the public school and at the Mitchell High School. In civilian life he did various types of work but at the time of his enlistment with the Perth Regiment on September 27, he was in the employ of the Goodrich Garage in Mitchell.

The young soldier tells the writer that he likes the army. It provides a course of good fellowship and offers steady employment as well as the opportunity to serve the country. Private Littlejohn has one brother, William J. in Mitchell and one sister, Mrs. Arthur Turner of 274 Dufferin street, Stratford.

Announcement was made today at the barracks by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, that Hon. Lieut.-Col. Bishop G. A. Welles, C.M.G., V.D., B.A., chief of the Protestant chaplain services in the Canadian Army, will pay an official visit to Stratford on the afternoon and evening of April 2. It will be his first visit to units in this district and for the occasion there will be a number of prominent guests at Perth barracks.

Lieut.-Col. McComb discussed the Bishop's visit with Brigadier D. J. Macdonald, district officer commanding, on Tuesday when he was here. It was learned that Hon. Major the Rev. H. F. C. Cocks, M.C., senior Protestant chaplain in Military District No. 1 at London; the commanding officers of the 97th and 100th Field Batteries of Listowel and the 26th Field Battery of Guelph will be here as well as a number of staff officers from headquarters of M.D. 1.

While the full biography of Bishop Welles is not at hand at the moment it may be gathered from the official army Who's Who that Bishop Welles has had a distinguished career in his calling as well as in his service to the Department of National Defence, a service that extends over many years as evidenced by his V.D. decoration. He was also honorary colonel of the Fort Garry Horse at Calgary. His home is now in Ottawa.

"I was just sitting here thinking that two years ago in March, about this time, we were having a course at Elginfield and London," Lieut.-Col. McComb stated today as he surveyed the wintry weather outdoors. "Not only that," the commanding officer said, "but we did our work among flies and bugs and the weather was so hot that we had to remove our coats. Now look at it blowing outside."

Brigadier D. J. Macdonald left Perth barracks late Tuesday afternoon after completing a general inspection of the companies and the barracks. Before departing the district officer commanding paid high tribute to the officers of the local unit. He said that the drills were efficiently done by the officers and men; the documentation and records at the barracks are in perfect shape and the general appearance of the barracks is good. In short, he said, the Perths are continuing to maintain the high tradition and reputation it held in its non-permanent days.

Activities around the barracks were quiet today especially in B company's dormitory. There was hardly a soul in that section. C company's room was about the same and so was one section of Headquarters company's room. The reason was that before midnight Tuesday between 200 and 225 soldiers started their furlough. When they return early next month every man in the unit will have had his allotted holiday—a vacation which comes to every man once he has served in the Canadian army for a six months' period.

following a successful operation, was at the barracks for a short time today prior to going on furlough to his home in Kitchener. While quite weak from his long stay in hospital, Private Slugoski is recuperating nicely. He will be in Kitchener for the best part of a month.

Private C. E. Diebel of C company has been granted permission to marry, according to orders bulletined at the barracks. The name of the bride-to-be was not given.

One of the soldiers appeared at the barracks after a visit to his "sweetie," with his finger nails trimmed in red paint. He has been given a nickname by the troops.

Major D. M. Ross, Capt. A. F. Hunter, Major W. I. Kemp, Capt. R. A. MacDougall and Lieut. John Whyte have been granted leave of absence from their duties from March 20 until April 2, according to orders published in barracks circles.

The writer notes from mail received—an unsigned letter—that commanding officer is preferable to officer commanding in references made to Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb. A clipping also shows that at least one reader favors conduct sheets to the term criminal sheets. Thanks a lot.

Boys and girls in Room 3 at St. Joseph's school did not forget the soldier boys on St. Patrick's Day according to a big card received by the unit. The children and their teacher will be interested to know that the greeting has found a prominent place in the orderly room.

Major M. W. Andrew and Lieut. D. Ladore, who are recording the vote of the troops in the Federal election at the barracks this week, said at 11:45 a.m. today that up to that hour 484 Perths had cast their ballots and deposited them in the special post box in the barracks for delivery to Ottawa where they will be sorted according to constituencies and the votes credited to the proper candidates.

Instead of the usual Wednesday afternoon sports program, which was disrupted to some extent by the inclement weather, men in barracks who have not cast their ballots in the Federal election were allowed to do so. As Capt. C. B. Arrel of D company said: "It will be a voting parade instead of a sports parade."

Major F. S. Walker, quartermaster, announced the receipt today of 25 pairs of soldiers' socks from the Stratford branch of the Order of the Eastern Star. "We appreciate the generosity and thoughtfulness of the ladies and assure them that the boys in the regiment like the hand-knitted socks," the quartermaster said.

Lance Corporals W. C. Dalgleish, M.M., and A. McKenzie, who have been with the Perth Regiment for some months, left Tuesday to join the No. 1 Work and Park Company in Military District No. 2, with headquarters in Toronto. They were both members of A company.

Lance Corporal McKenzie's departure means that there is one less "Old Contemptible" in the Perth Regiment. There were only two in the beginning, the other being Sergeant Alex Trotter who is in the quartermaster stores department.

Private Frank Slugoski, who has been a patient in the Stratford General Hospital for some weeks,

Official Well Pleased With Perths' Appearance

Inspecting the Perth Regiment by companies today at the Stratford armories on Waterloo street, Brigadier D. J. Macdonald, officer commanding Military District No. 1 with headquarters at London, expressed himself as highly pleased with the appearance of the regiment and the progress it has made under Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb and his staff.

Brigadier Macdonald, accompanied by Major G. H. Thomas, general staff officer at headquarters, motored to the city, arriving here shortly after 10 a.m. Before joining Lieut.-Col. McComb and other officers of the Perth Regiment at luncheon at Perth barracks, Brigadier Macdonald inspected Headquarters, B and C companies, at the armories.

Following the luncheon, which was held in the Officers' Mess, the district officer commanding made a detailed inspection of the quarters and records of the regiment at Perth barracks and then returned to the armories to inspect A and D companies, departing late in the afternoon for London.

Brigadier Macdonald's inspection today was more or less of a private military affair with no civilian spectators being present at the armories. The various companies paraded from Perth barracks to the armories and individually the companies, first Headquarters, then B, C, A and D units marched to the drill hall where they were reviewed. Brigadier Macdonald paid close attention to both the appearance and deportment of the officers and men.

Officers Introduced

As each company was drawn up

before the district officer commanding, the company officers were introduced to Brigadier Macdonald by Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb who, with his adjutant, had met the Brigadier and Major Thomas on their arrival here.

During the course of the inspection of each company, Brigadier Macdonald showed an interest in the personnel of the companies and frequently he picked out a man and learned from the company officer the soldier's name, age and general facts about his record with the Perths and whether or not he was a veteran of the Great War.

Today's inspection brought the Perths before the D.O.C. for the first time since the whole regiment has been outfitted with the new "battle dress"—an issue which improved the appearance of the unit 100 per cent over the last time Brigadier Macdonald was here. He commented about the fine appearance of the men and in noting that the battle dress fits the troops very well on the whole suggested that the quartermaster "must have had some pull with the ordnance department."

Music for the company inspections was played by a regimental band under the direction of Corporal Steve Cordell.

During his inspection of Perth barracks, Brigadier Macdonald toured the dormitories, quartermaster stores, lavatories of each company. He also inspected the officers', sergeants' and men's messes and the regimental quartermaster stores, orderly rooms and the records of the battalion and the companies.

Two Planes Are Grounded In District

Two Royal Canadian Air Force planes from Camp Borden which came down in this district Wednesday are still grounded—one southwest of the city on the farm of Stanley Ballantyne and the other in the huckleberry marsh on the farm of John Becker near Milverton.

Pilot Officers P. M. A. Burnelle and M. G. Gannon, who escaped uninjured from the four-ton Fairey light battle bomber after making a forced landing when they ran out of fuel, waited today at the Becker home while plans were proceeded with by R.C.A.F. officials to remove the craft from the marsh by truck.

Sent to Milverton district to inspect the damage done to the bomber, Flight Lieutenant D. J. McGlimm, one of the British fliers in Canada from the Royal Air Force, and Pilot Officer J. E. McLaughlin, are still making Perth barracks, in this city, their headquarters.

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quarters pending favorable traveling conditions which will permit them to truck a supply of aviation gasoline to the Ballantyne farm so they can make their return to Camp Borden in their ski-equipped biplane. They brought their plane down Wednesday afternoon on the Ballantyne farm when they realized their gasoline tanks did not hold sufficient gas to complete the journey to Camp Borden after they had appraised the damage to the plane near Milverton.

Covered With Ice.

The biplane is resting on a hard ice surface on the Ballantyne farm covered with ice which fell Wednesday night during the ice storm that swept this section of the province. The plane was undamaged when it was brought down.

Both Royal Canadian Air Force planes normally had sufficient gasoline for the trip from Camp Borden and return when they started out Wednesday morning, but on the return trip both encountered the ice storm and heavy headwinds which required the use of extra fuel to buck the wind.

The bomber, in charge of Pilots Burnelle and Gannon, was on a training flight, one of the many which young pilots undergo in the course of their training under the Empire Training Scheme. Wednesday's trip was to be to Monkton and return.

In landing their plane because of fuel shortage, Pilots Burnelle and Gannon selected what appeared to be a flat surface on the Becker farm and because it was covered with snow they did not know it was the huckleberry marsh. The heavy bomber was landed but the weight of the plane striking the marsh resulted in a broken propeller and damaged under-rigging including the wheels.

Second Plane Sent

They reported their difficulties to Camp Borden and a biplane carrying Flight Lieutenant McGlimm and Pilot Officer J. E. McLaughlin was sent to Milverton to look over the damage and make preparation for repairs or removal.

When this plane landed on the Ballantyne farm the occupants immediately telephoned Perth Barracks and the military authority there sent an army car out for them. The officers reported their position to Camp Borden and remained at the barracks over-night. Today a Perth Regiment car taking the men to the scene got stuck on the icy, snow-clogged road. It is understood that Flight Lieutenant McGlimm and Pilot Officer McLaughlin are in London this afternoon on matters relative to the removal of the damaged plane at Milverton. It is being guarded by Pilots Burnelle and Gannon.

Had the wings of the biplane not been covered with ice and the roads impassable Flight Lieutenant McGlimm and Pilot Officer McLaughlin planned to make their return flight to Camp Borden today for it was said that once they refuel they will be able to take-off with the aid of skis.

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Company Quartermaster Sergeant Clarence Clark Roth of B company, Perth Regiment, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roth, 315 Douro street, city. He was born at Woodstock on March 7, 1911, and came to this city as a boy. Educated in the Juliet school, C.Q.M.S. Roth later was employed as a Hydro repairman and for five years prior to enlistment on Sept. 5, 1939, he was in the stationery department of Preston-Noelting Limited. He is a member of the Ontario Street Baptist Church. Having enlisted in the non-permanent regiment as a private in 1929, C.Q.M.S. Roth has had 11 years of military experience. A married man C.Q.M.S. Roth makes his home in the Majestic Apartments where his wife, one daughter, Shirley, and a son, William, reside. His sister, Lola, is Mrs. Ralph Taylor of Toronto.

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(BY WES. DAVIS)

Private Charles Edward Manser is a member of Headquarters company. He is a son of Mr. George Manser, 178 Erie street, city, and the late Mrs. Manser.

He was born in Doon, Waterloo County, and was educated in Richmond Hill, Ont., where he lived for some years. After completing his education, Private Manser came to Perth County and for two years prior to enlisting on September 7, 1939, he was employed on district farms.

Private Manser has one brother, Private William Manser of Toronto, a member of the Royal Canadian Regiment, and three sisters, the Misses Violet and Margaret Manser in this city and Miss Irene Manser of Harriston.

Spring arrived officially on Wednesday and today the softball season appeared to be just around the corner in barracks circles, for Regimental Sergeant Major Thomas Soper announced that the Perths team must get ready to enter an inter-regimental competition with other units in the Canadian Active Service Force, especially in Military District No. 1.

"Softball players please report to the R.S.M. Other units teams are forming and they want some games," read the order on the bulletin board. According to the R.S.M. games will be played with the 1st Hussars, Lord Strathcona Horse, 1st Field Park Company, 12th Field Battery and No. 1 Field Army which are headquartered in London at present.

There has been a tentative schedule drawn up for the games which will be played indoors, and according to the dope at the local barracks, the Perths can get in games on April 2, 3, 4, or 10. They are open dates. Just which ones will be selected R.S.M. Soper was unable to say, because it is not definitely known offhand how many players the Perths can muster. They are at loose ends because of the large number of men who are away on furlough.

One of the fellows who has a flair for figures and compiling data got busy Wednesday and came to the conclusion that there are 196 men in uniform who are eligible to cast ballots in the Perth campaign. He also discovered that 40 per cent of them are married men whose wives are also permitted to cast ballots.

Major H. W. Howes, officer in charge of the Salvation Army in Stratford district, advised this column today that in the initial collection taken at Perth Barracks the troops subscribed \$23.75 towards the Salvation Army's Red Shield Campaign for war service work at home and overseas. There will be another opportunity at the end of the month for men who did not get the opportunity to assist in the financial drive to make their gifts. The officers are also going to make a gift before the drive concludes.

Two big trucks from the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps at London arrived at the barracks today and delivered about 1,500 new blankets in exchange for those turned in by the men who are now on furlough. The trucks are also taking the old uniforms, discarded by the Perths when they were issued the new battle dress, back to London.

Four corporals received pleasant news in orders published at the barracks today. Corporal C. W. Beckerson, decorated with the Military Medal for bravery during the Great War, and Corporals A. B. Baird, C. W. Holmes and D. R. Bruce, all of A company, have been made acting sergeants. Privates L. C. Hass, C. L. Welch, W. W. Haas, P. J. Connell and A. C. Scamnell are each made acting corporals.

An unverified report at the barracks is to the effect that one or two of the privates, named in the promotion list, are reluctant to accept the stripes. It is said they would rather "remain one of the boys."

is in charge of the proceedings here. Saturday is the deadline for Canadian Active Service Force voting in Canada and out of the 650 or so eligible electors over 550 had marked their ballots up to the noon hour today.

Privates T. J. Reith of C company and K. E. Eidt of B company have been discharged from the barracks hospital. They have been ill there for a few days.

Noticed in an Ottawa dispatch where the War Supply Board has given contracts to two truck manufacturing firms for automotive equipment for the First and Second Divisions. As the Perths are Corps Troops of the First Division it is altogether likely that the order included trucks with which the local machine gun outfit is to be furnished. Although it is known in barracks circles the number of motor vehicles that are eventually to be allotted to the unit, it has never been divulged. It is more or less a military secret.

And in this regard there was an order on the bulletin board today advising each company's personnel that care should be exercised not to reveal matters of a military nature, especially in public places. It is pointed out that one never knows when an enemy will pick up facts which might be useful. The order specifies troop movements, location of vessels and their arrival and departure and similar matters.

Although there are between 200 and 225 men away on furlough, the soldiers who are in barracks are continuing their training. Classes for instructional purposes are being held as usual in the different sections of the four-storey building. Barrack duties require the attention of one company so that there is very little time for freedom during the daytime.

An announcement from headquarters of Military District No. 1, London, says that Lieut.-Col. the Most Rev. Charles Leo Nelligan, Bishop of Pembroke and senior Roman Catholic chaplain to the Canadian forces will visit the district after Easter. According to Major the Rev. W. T. O'Rourke, senior chaplain in this district, there has been no formal itinerary outlined for the visit. Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb at Perth barracks said he had not been acquainted of Lieut.-Col. Nelligan's proposed visit to M. D. 1.

Hanover Rotary Club deserves some mention in this column today because the good fellows of that organization are making plans to entertain the men from that town who are in the Canadian Active Service Force units. Their plan was discussed at a recent meeting, at which our old friend and neighbor, Harvey Richardson, presided, and it was decided to write the commanding officers of each regiment to see when the troops will be available. The men will likely be guests at one of the Monday dinner gatherings of the Rotarians.

The Hanover club should not experience any difficulty in getting permission for any members in the Perths who claim Hanover their home town. Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding the regiment, has been sympathetic to requests of that nature ever since the Perths mobilized last September. It is not known offhand how many men are in the machine gun unit from Hanover, although we recall a few as having enlisted from there.

By the time 5 p.m. Saturday rolls around, nearly every man in the regiment will have cast a ballot in the Federal election contest according to Major M. W. Andrew, who

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(BY WES. DAVIS)

Among the many soldiers in the Perth Regiment who are having their first experience in army life is Private Lawrence Vincent Walsh of D Company.

He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Walsh of St. Marys, and a brother of Miss Catharine Walsh of the same town. Born in Detroit, Private Walsh came to Canada as a boy and received his education in the Gore of Downie school after which he attended high school at Harrington for two years.

In civilian life Private Walsh worked on farms in the Downie district for a few years and also was employed in Detroit factories as a spray painter for several years. He enlisted with the Perths on September 10, 1939. His regimental number is A11132.

Some stories of the War may be, Like this one, not quite true, But as the tale was told to me, I'll tell it now to you; Within a ward of shattered men A wounded piper lay, He had one last request, ye ken, Tae hear the bagpipes play. "Play me a chune afore I dee!" The wounded piper cried. A tune was played, his life was saved, The other patients died.

Three men saved Hitler's life, so for a reward Hitler told them they could have what they liked. The first man said he would like to be an officer in the army. The second said he would like to be an officer in the navy.

Then came the third man. "Let me see, what is your name?" "Cohen," said the man. Hitler looked at him. "What a Jew! Never mind. My promise stands. What would you like?" "A state funeral," said Cohen. "Why, man, you are not dead yet."

"No, sir, but I soon shall be when my mates know I saved you."

Lieut. Otto Henderson of the Perths, who is retiring to civilian life after some six months' service with the Canadian Active Service Force here, writes from Toronto to say that he is returning to the employ of the Ontario Government. Lieut. Henderson was employed with the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario prior to enlistment.

That Cupid has made some direct hits with his arrow is apparent these days in barracks circles. According to orders published over the holiday Privates D. F. Matheson, J. E. Brooks and R. K. Brown have received the permission of Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb to marry. The names of the brides-elect have not been given out.

Private Vincent Smith of A company has painted another batch of posters designed to stimulate recruiting in the districts from which the Perths were mobilized last September and October. The work has been done under the supervision of Lieut. Herb Mason, intelligence and recruiting officer of the local regiment.

The display signs have already been placed in various prominent places in Kitchener and Waterloo and another lot is to be put up throughout this area. Private Smith says that in the visit to Kitchener and Waterloo the Perth representatives were accorded a hearty reception when they asked for permission to place the signs. The recruits obtained will be assigned to various units in M.D. No. 1.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb announced today that there will be no regular church parade on Sunday for Perth Regiment troops. Instead arrangements have been completed so that every man will be allowed to attend Easter services at the church of his own denomination in this city. Special breakfast arrangements have also been made for men desiring to eat after attending Communion services in the different churches.

pany rooms during the past week, closes at 5 p.m. today every eligible man will have cast a ballot.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb's picture, as well as some news items about the Perths, appear in the current issue of the Canadian Veteran which has just come to hand.

Because one of the well-known sergeants in the Perths has been walking in the vicinity of the water tower frequently, his associates in the Sergeants' Mess have nicknamed him "The Water Tower Kid."

Week-end passes in limited numbers have been issued to the troops living in and near Stratford so that they may be at their homes for Easter. Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, commanding officer, said today. There are also some 225 to 250 men on furlough which will give them the opportunity of spending the week-end with their loved ones.

Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor R. B. Hughes is spending the Easter season with his family at his home in London.

Lieut.-Col. McComb is of the opinion that this district is in for a good flooding this year when the annual spring thaw takes place. He recalled the flood of a few years ago when many trains were routed through Stratford because of washouts on other lines.

Troops returning to barracks today after Good Friday leave told the writer of seeing as many as 60 automobiles snowbound in different sections of Western Ontario. One man said that cars south of London were tied up completely. He agreed that the trains provided the most certain mode of travel over the holiday. At least he was back at the barracks on time.

And while all this talk was going on about snow and blocked roads there were dozens of Perths thinking about the coming softball season. "D" company's bulletin board contains a list of prospective players for the regimental team that will enter into competition with other units throughout Military District No. 1. The men who have already signed are J. E. Brooks, L. W. Admans, A. T. Sapwell, J. W. Heinbuch, George Swan, W. J. Headley, A. Binkle, W. J. Emm, P. K. Pugh, E. W. Binkle, Louis Charbonneau, E. Baulk, W. A. S. Atkinson, L. V. Oliver, H. M. Partridge and A. J. Partridge.

Privates E. R. Drown, L. Boltisky, W. Woods and Corporal P. W. Mertens have been discharged from the barracks hospital where they have been sick for a few days.

Quartermaster Sergeant George Mogg of "A" Company is working in the regimental quartermaster stores these days and his place in the company stores is being taken, temporarily by Corporal C. S. Chessman.

More than 600 officers and men in the Perth Regiment had cast their ballots in the Federal election up to noon today and it was suggested that by the time the election booth, which has been located in the reception room adjacent to the com-

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Sapper Irvin C. Huras, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin W. Huras, 196 West Gore street, is a member of the 7th Field Company, Royal Canadian Engineers. He enlisted for the Second Division of the Canadian Active Service Force at London, Ont. on September 13. His regimental number is A19213.

The young soldier was born in this city on June 3, 1918, and was educated at Shakespeare school and later at the Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute. In civilian life he was employed by the Avalon Fabrics Ltd. as a weaver. He is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran church.

Plane Stranded Near City Starts For Home

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Its wings cleared of ice and its fuel tank replenished, the Royal Canadian Air Force biplane from Camp Borden which was forced to land on the Stanley Ballantyne farm two miles southwest of this city late Wednesday afternoon due to gas shortage took to the air this afternoon shortly before 2.30 o'clock on its return trip to the training centre.

Aided by a work party from the Perth Regiment, quartered in this city, the plane started down a snowy laneway prepared by the soldiers and after a run of about 100 rods the big cabin plane soared aloft. It circled about and after a farewell swoop over the field where many persons from the district had gathered, the craft flew out of sight.

In the plane were Flight Lieutenant D. J. McGlimm of the Royal Air Force, his pilot officer, J. E. McLaughlin of the Royal Canadian Air Force and the two R.C.A.F. pilot officers, P.M.A. Brunelle and M. G. Gagnon whose plane was damaged in a forced landing in the huckleberry marsh on the farm of John Becker near Milverton Wednesday after its fuel supply had become exhausted during a training flight.

The fliers reported to Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding the Perth Regiment at noon today and signified their intentions of returning this afternoon. It was through the cooperation of the military head here that the soldiers' work crew was sent out to the Ballantyne farm immediately after dinner today to prepare the ground and to render what assistance they could to the fliers.

Salvage Other Plane

Meanwhile 15 members of a Royal Canadian Air Force ground crew from Camp Borden, who arrived in Stratford Thursday night by truck are engaged today in salvaging the four-ton Fairey light bomber which landed heavily in the huckleberry marsh near Milverton Wednesday afternoon.

The training camp ground crew stayed at the Mansion House overnight and today made the trip to Milverton district in R.C.A.F. trucks which will haul the damaged fighter back to Camp Borden for repairs. The propeller was broken in landing in the marsh as well as the wheels and other under-rigging.

According to information from the Becker farm the ground crew has been hampered in its work of removing parts from the bomber by a heavy snowfall blowing over the district. It is planned, the informant said to lighten the plane so that the main body may be moved to the road and loaded on a truck. It was not known how long the operation would require.

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PRIVATE ROBERT BUTLER of the Perth Regiment, is a son of Mrs. Rose Butler, 5 Church street, city. He was born in Brantford on May 17, 1920, and came to Stratford as a young lad to receive his education in the Romeo public school and later in the Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute. In civilian life Private Butler was employed as a junior electrician. He is a member of the Ontario street Baptist church. Prior to enlisting with the Canadian Active Service Force, Private Butler was for three years a member of the local non-permanent active militia.

Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

Private Charles Albert Hunter, one of the many Owen Sound men in the ranks of the Perth Regiment, is a mighty popular fellow these days. He is the acting mailman during the absence of Lance Corporal W. S. Bell who is on furlough.

"It's a good job and one that a fellow appreciates doing," Private Hunter told the writer during the course of this brief interview. "The boys are always on the lookout for mail. There's only one thing I've got over the others and that is I get my own mail first."

The young mailman was born in Toronto and when nine years of age moved to the Georgian Bay city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Hunter. He was educated in St. Marys school in Owen Sound and after graduation entered into the employ of the Eureka Refrigerator Company where he was working for two and a half years. Private Hunter came to Stratford to enlist on October 3, 1939.

He has one brother, Melvin, and one sister, Molly, who is Mrs. P. Lipsett of Owen Sound.

Provost Sergeant W. G. Ferguson arrived back in barracks early today after spending a week's furlough at his home in Kitchener. The officer will probably never forget the final episodes of the first furlough as a member of the Perths. Along with Sergeant Ernie Hobson and a number of other troops, the provost sergeant was at a place in Kitchener waiting for a car to come along to bring the party to Stratford. The car was several hours late in arriving and when it finally did get out on the highway bound for Stratford it broke down. Repair efforts were futile and the soldiers were forced to hire a taxi for a \$1 ride back to the barracks. They got into the building shortly before breakfast was served.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding the regiment, said reports reaching him today were to the effect that members of the unit attended services in churches of the city on Easter Sunday in large numbers. There was no special parade in barracks and the troops were permitted to go out to churches of their own denomination. "The arrangement worked out very well and I am glad so many of the men exercised their privilege," the O.C. said.

A new setup is featuring the sandbox on the fourth floor of the barracks. The men are now studying the land contour of the little community near Drumbo known as Washington. The district has been laid out on a scale of one inch per thousand feet, complete with little church, main street and other general features such as hills, trees, houses and barns.

The troops find that the sandbox studies are much more interesting than personal visits to the localities under consideration. It is possible to stand and study the district and its various features and—as many will say—it's a whole lot easier than hiking to Washington on a long route March in the middle of March.

Private Vincent Smith, editor of the Perth Regiment News, announced after a consultation with Lieut.-Col. McComb, that a super-edition will be published early in April which will be available to the general public. The paper, which drew favorable comment in a recent edition of a Toronto weekly, will be created with a two-fold purpose. It is hoped to bolster regimental funds and to give the followers of the army in Stratford something in the nature of a souvenir.

The Perths have turned out two good papers since mobilization and both have been well received by the troops. There have been requests from outside the barracks for an edition that the public may buy so the decision to grant the favor has been made. Private Smith, who has had some experience in newspaper work in Kitchener and Toronto, has not decided, as editor, just what the paper will include but he's going to discuss the matter with the regiment's reportorial staff this week.

Major M. W. Andrew made the rounds of his fellow officers today and bid them goodbye. He's leaving for a vacation in St. Thomas and Toronto. Major Andrew had a heavy week prior to Easter looking after the troops voting in the Dominion election. The ballots, which were deposited in sealed envelopes by the soldiers themselves have been sent on to Ottawa where they will be recorded by the special returning officers. The soldier vote will be known next week, possibly Tuesday.

Lieut. Harold Snelgrove, who is attached for special duties to the Essex Scottish Regiment at Windsor, spent the weekend in the district. He visited the barracks and his home in St. Marys. The officers also welcomed Lieut. R. S. Reid back to the fold. He has been in London doing special work during

the absence of Capt. H. G. Clark on furlough. Capt. Clark is officer in charge of personnel in the military hospitals of London.

Capt. R. J. Stevenson is absent from the barracks on furlough and his place is being taken by Lieut. D. J. Gladman who is acting paymaster.

Private W. Watt of D company is bulletined as being discharged from the military hospital at Queen's Park in London while Private R. J. Priestly of Headquarters company has been discharged from the hospital at Perth barracks.

D company is carrying the brunt of household duties in the barracks, the Perth county men starting on the job today. They will continue at it until April 1.

About ten men who have been on furlough returned to barracks today. They were said to have preferred the routine of army life to that of civilians' freedom. The men on barracks duty have also started to fill the straw ticks for the group that will return to barracks the latter part of this week and early this next week.

When all the furloughs are completed the troops will get down to serious training again. That is not meant to infer that the soldiers in barracks at present are having any cinch. They're not. They follow through the daily schedules the same as they would if the house was full. There are gas lectures, signalling lectures, range finding lectures and, in fact, all the other lectures that an army man must attend, going on every day.

Sunday attracted quite a number of visitors to the barracks. A large number of friends and relatives from out of town took the opportunity to visit their soldier kin in headquarters. They were taken through the four-storey barracks in groups and many highly complimentary remarks about the cleanliness of the barracks were heard by the escorts.

One chap who is returning to civilian life because he cannot measure up to the physical requirements of the Canadian Active Service Force prepared himself for the rigors of cold weather when he visited the business district of Stratford before leaving the city—via motorcycle—for his home. He bought a leather coat, leather cap, leather leggings and a few pairs of good heavy socks. He was so well bundled up that Lance Corp-

oral Jack Chesney had to help him dress.

The clothing was bought with the money given him by the acting paymaster. Every man returning to civilian life gets a sum sufficient to outfit him with good clothing. In most instances the men have a few dollars left for pocket money.

Major Russell Beattie, M.C., chief recruiting officer in Military District No. 1, states that 204 applicants for enlistment were handled at his London office and at the district offices in Stratford and Windsor last week. There are still places available in district units for signal operators, qualified motor mechanics, automotive electricians, tool and die makers and other skilled tradesmen.

Notice in another dispatch from London where the non-permanent militia units of Western Ontario are going to camp at Carling Heights for one week this season. The Canadian Officers' Training Corps finishes the first week on June 15 after which the Second Brigade regiments such as the Highland Light Infantry of Canada at Galt and the Scots Fusiliers of Canada at Kitchener will move into camp. This will be the first year that the Perths, now in the C.A.S.F., will not go to the non-permanent camp. The "higher ups" are said to have other plans for them. What they are might best be described as military secrets.

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(BY WES. DAVIS)

Private George Swan of D Company of the Perth Regiment is one of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Swan of St. Marys. All are doing their bit for their King and Country, Robert being with the Royal Canadian Regiment and Alex in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The Perth was born in Hamilton, Scotland, where he was educated in the lower and continuation schools. Later he learned the butchering trade, at which he was engaged until he came to Canada in 1924—ten years after his parents moved to this country.

Since arriving in the Dominion, Private Swan had been working, as a civilian, with the maintenance department of the Canadian National Railways. He worked in the London division. It was on September 10, 1939, that he received leave-of-absence from the railway to enlist with the Perths.

He also has two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Windmill of Saskatchewan and Mrs. John Reid of Parkhill, Ont.

Private George Swan sat on the edge of his bunk in Perth barracks today and told the writer something about Hamilton, Scotland. He said that while it is in the centre of a great coal mining district, it is best known as a training depot for the British Army. It is at Hamilton the Cameronians, parent unit of the Perth Regiment, are located. There are a number of other regiments at Hamilton barracks, among them a regiment of the Sutherland and Argyll Highlanders.

"I have often been in Hamilton barracks," Private Swan said and then with a twinkle in his eye added: "And I still have hopes of getting there again some day." That is an ambition of many of the Perths who would like to have a look at their affiliated regiment and the vast barracks that Sergeant A. J. Murray, formerly of the Perths, often talked about in recalling his trip to Hamilton last summer.

Private Robert Swan of the Royal Canadian Regiment's training depot in Toronto dropped into town early Monday night for a brief rest while on his way to rejoin his regiment. He did not get a chance to call around at Perth barracks to see his brother George but had he done so the troops here would have had a first class opportunity to see what the well-dressed soldier looks like when he's all ready for a move. Private Swan had everything issued to him except his steel helmet, rifle and bayonet.

The R. C. R. recruits who are attending the training depot in Toronto prior to being sent overseas to join the main regiment have received their new leggings. They are not as high in the leg as those the marines wear but they are rather dressy. The legging is a two-button affair that fits in well with the new battle dress.

Private Robert Swan had a brief chat with Company Quartermaster Sergeant A. T. Kentish and Corporal W. McRobb, both St. Marys men with the Perths and also with Private J. Scott, one of the local military policeman. Private Swan was en route to Toronto after four days' leave-of-absence. He asked to be remembered to all the St. Marys boys.

Arrangements are gradually being completed for the visit to Perth barracks on April 2 of Lieut.-Col. the Rev. G. A. Welles, head of the Canadian army chaplain service. Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding the regiment here,

said that he has received acknowledgements and acceptances to the dinner from Major, the Rev. H. F. C. Cocks, senior Protestant chaplain in Military District No. 1, London, and from Major, the Venerable Archdeacon G. F. Scovel and Major H. A. Harris, officer commanding the 26th Field Battery of Guelph.

Lieut.-Col. Harold Ballantyne, officer commanding the Scots Fusiliers of Canada at Kitchener, has forwarded an invitation to officers of the Perth Regiment and their ladies to attend a mess party at the Kitchener armories Thursday night. It was intimated today by the local O. C. that a number of the Perths will make the trip.

No word has been received at the Perth headquarters as to when Major-General E. C. Ashton, inspector-general of Canadian forces, will come to Stratford to inspect the local regiment. While it was stated some weeks ago that the general would be here late in March or early in April, Lieut.-Col. McComb told the writer today that he had had no further intimation.

Lieut. Herb Mason, intelligence and recruiting officer of the Perths commenced his furlough today. It is understood that Lieut. Mason is attending to a few private matters in the city before going out of town for a few days' holiday. He has been on duty with the regiment almost since the first day of mobilization, back in September of last year.

Pay Sergeant Harold Creasy was as happy today as a youngster with a new toy. He has received a supply of the new type of pay sheet which will be used in the Canadian Active Service Force after April. The sergeant says the forms permit more space for the entry of pay details and as a result they will be easier to work with since the old forms were smaller and necessitated crowding the figures.

Major E. C. Shelley, officer commanding A company, who was school teacher in his civilian days gave the boys in his company room a treat this morning. He read a number of aphorisms—you'll have to look that one up to ascertain what it means—from one of the note books in his school teaching days. Private Vincent Smith, one of the company clerks, thinks it would make choice material for the coming edition of the Perth Regiment News since the editors who look over this column would never sanction publication in The Beacon-Herald.

One of D company's N.C.O.'s has been taking quite a ribbing from his associates. As a lance-corporal he has been made a temporary company sergeant-major over a group of B company privates who have returned from their furlough. The group was busy scrubbing floors and helping with the housework today, the acting C.S.M. keeping a weather eye on them.

Sergeant A. E. Thorn has left for London where he has been attached to the Royal Canadian Regiment for billet and rations while attending an instructional course at Wolsley barracks. Sergeant A. A. Cameron has just returned from completing the course.

Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant William Billings has also left for London to become a patient in Westminster Hospital. It is understood that he is undergoing an operation after which he will return to his duties with the Perths. During his absence Quartermaster Sergeant George Mogg is assisting in the quartermaster stores.

Major Frank Walker and Transport Sergeant P. J. Tyers were in Toronto today purchasing supplies for the motor mechanics' shop that is being established in barracks for the purpose of training the truckmen. They will form an important part of the mechanized unit which the Perths will be after they get their trucks. Whether the trucks will be delivered to the machine gun corps here or at some other point in Canada or overseas has not been learned in local barracks circles.

According to reports from London 22 second lieutenants from the Oxford Rifles at Woodstock, the Elgin Regiment at St. Thomas, the Highland Light Infantry at Galt and the Scots Fusiliers at Kitchener have qualified for the rank of full lieutenant. The examinations were held in December and the results are only being announced now.

Another London dispatch states that Major F. J. Gammage of the First Divisional, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, has been appointed supply officer for Military District No. 1. He has been attached to No. 1 Detachment of the R.C.A.S.C. at London. Capt. M. O. Elment, who has acted as supply officer for the past six months, has been made acting district supply and transport officer, succeeding Lieut.-Col. G. C. McArthur, who was recently moved to Ottawa.

Just as soon as the roads dry up the Perths will again engage in long route marches, Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding

the local regiment, said today. Route marches have been postponed while the roads have been bad. About the only marching the troops here have done of late is to parade to church services or to the armories on Waterloo street. The signallers make the hike to the armories every day for training on the drill floor.

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Private John H. E. Bishop, 17 Norman street, city, is serving in the Canadian Active Service Force with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals.

He was born in St. Marys on March 24, 1916, and came to this city as a child to receive his education at Falstaff public school and later at the Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute.

His military experience dates back four years prior to mobilization. He was a member of the signal section of the Perth Regiment in the non-permanent militia days. It was with the Perths that he enlisted early in September, 1939, remaining with them until February 23, this year, when he transferred to the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals at London, Ont. His regimental number is A11150.

In civilian life Private Bishop was a painter and a machinist. He attended Central United Church. His brother, Private Alfred Bishop is a member of the Canadian Dental Corps, attached to the Perth Regiment.

Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

Private Emmanuel Balls of D company is a native of South Shields, Durham, England. He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Balls.

The young Perth, who received his education in the schools of South Shields, came to Canada in 1929 and found employment on farms in Perth. Two years later he moved into Stratford and became an employee of the Brennan Construction Company, his work taking him to different parts of the province, where the firm did paving. Private Balls was with that company until he enlisted with the Perth Regiment for duty in the Canadian Active Service Force on Sept. 14, 1939.

His previous military experience was gained "as a plain buck" in the Perth Regiment when it was a non-permanent active militia unit. He was for nearly eight years a member of the Perths, first in the infantry and later in the machine gun regiment.

Private Balls is a married man residing at 30 Waterloo street. His wife is the former Miss Anne Howard of this city. He also has two brothers, Alfred and George in the British Army, and one sister, Gladys, Mrs. G. Ryan, London, England.

Somewhat of an artist Private Balls was noticed by the writer doing some very fine sketching of the regimental crest on a kit bag. He proved that he is quite adept at the art. In this connection it is also interesting to note that Private Lloyd Stephenson of A company, a lad whose home is in Palmerston, is also a sketcher. Prior to enlisting in the regiment Private Stephenson did quite a bit of the work on a commercial basis.

Among the troops back from furlough in the different companies are: Private M. G. Spiegelberg of the battalion headquarters company; Privates R. M. Boyes, J. E. Le Clare of B company; Privates T. G. West, W. J. Arthurs and C. E. Near of C company; Private S. C. Culbert of A company; Privates H. Gresham, F. McLean, R. L. Border and L. N. Graham of D company.

Apparently some soldiers just cannot stay away from the barracks and their company buddies for long stretches. One of the men just back from a vacation said he was entitled to 14 days but "I just could not stay away that long. Two weeks is too much all at one time," he said. "It would be swell if the furlough was split up into two sections." Then he added: "I guess the trouble was that I ran out of money."

Officers of the Perth Regiment tell the writer that there are evidences every day of the soldiers taking a bigger interest in their unit, especially in the companies to which they belong. They do not hesitate to stick up for their group, according to one of the officers who tells of a recent night when he accompanied another officer to a theatre. "We noticed about 15 soldiers sitting together and I inquired if that was the troops' corner. Informed it was we sat down," the officer related. "Then I asked the soldier next to me what company he belonged to and quick as a shot he said: 'A, the best company, sir.'"

Officers and N.C.O.'s in the Perths heard early election returns in their respective messes Tuesday night but from opinions expressed by mess members, especially those who live in the sergeants' quarters, there was not a great deal of interest shown in the way the civilian vote progressed over the Dominion. Once it became known that the Liberal Government was to be returned to power the men of khaki "hit the hay" and then heard newscasts tell of the later results before they resumed their duties today.

Quite a number round the barracks are interested in learning the details of the soldiers' vote throughout the Dominion. They are wondering if it will be announced individually by ridings next week after the ballots have all been counted. It was said that the figures from the Perths will be pretty well split up, though the big portions will go to candidates who contested Perth, the Waterloos, Bruce and Huron. Some 40 or 50 will be given to Grey candidates. "It won't make much difference, anyway," one fellow said, "because our votes will not be sufficient to change any majorities to the extent where it will mean victory or defeat." He said that from a perusal of press reports, candidates in the districts from which the Perths come chiefly, have sufficient votes to insure election or lack too many for the troops' figures to put them into office.

Another batch of N.C.O.'s stripes has arrived at the barracks from the ordnance corps and here and

there throughout the barracks one sees lance-corporals, corporals or sergeants busy with the needle and thread attaching the stripes to their new battle dress. The new badges are much brighter looking than the old ones.

Shooting and bowling was the chief recreation today on the occasion of the weekly sports afternoon. There are so many of the troops away on furlough that the schedules for inter-company competition have been curtailed. They will be resumed just as soon as the men return to barracks. Softball, boxing, wrestling, basketball, volleyball and other inter-company games are being arranged to keep the units occupied on Wednesday afternoons.

Talking of boxing reminds us of the visit to A company's room today. The writer was told that No. 6 platoon has Eddie O'Brien, Aggie Agnew and smiling Bill Kempthorne training diligently for future bouts. It was intimated that the platoon's ring stars may cast an open challenge to any of the other platoons in the regiment.

"Who's going to win the Detroit-Stratford M.O. hockey game tonight?" Lieut. R. S. Reid, Perth hockey expert was asked today. "I'll answer that," Lieut. Reid replied, "The team getting the most goals." There was no disputing the officer's word with an answer like that.

The Kitchener Record recently carried a news page story which says that Private Fred Belton, a former member of the Scots Fusiliers of Canada, now attached to a London, Ont., unit, suggests that the Kitchener Public Utilities Commission extend free transportation privilege to all soldiers of the Canadian Active Service Force who desire to use the street cars and busses when in Kitchener. At present the Fusiliers are allowed to ride free going to and returning from parades.

The Record's article adds that quite a number of Twin City men who are now in uniform were home over the weekend. It said: "Among these was smiling Jock Beatty who used to be quite active in striving to improve the lot of the unemployed. Apparently army life agrees with Jock for he never looked better than when he stopped to chat with a group of his old cronies." Jock, you should have told that Kitchener reporter that you have a new set of army teeth.

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PRIVATE RONALD C. HURAS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Huras, 170 West Gore street, city, was one of the first local men to enlist with the Perth Regiment. His regimental number is A11086. He signed up on September 6, 1939, and had no previous military experience.

The young Perth was born in Stratford on December 27, 1920, and was educated in Shakespeare public school and at the Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute. He is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran church. In civilian life he was employed by the Whyte Packing Company.

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(BY WES. DAVIS)

Two of the many Stratford men in the Perth Regiment are Privates Wilfrid Gallagher and Lawrence Gilbert Maslen. They are both members of D Company.

Private Maslen is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Maslen, 296 Albert street. He was born in this city and was educated at Ayon public school, after which he was employed by local grocery stores as a deliveryman. He enlisted with the Perths on September 26, 1939. Private Maslen is a member of St. Paul's Anglican church. His regimental number is A11413.

Leonard Maslen of Stratford; Albert Maslen of Owen Sound and John Maslen of Penetanguishene are brothers, and Mrs. Leslie Smythe of Toronto, Mrs. John Bell of Stratford and Mrs. W. Grainger of Stratford are sisters.

Private Gallagher, who is best known as "Slim" Gallagher to his buddies, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gallagher, 83 Inverness street. He was born in Stratford and was educated at Romeo public school. For about five years he worked in Northern Ontario. He was located in the Algonquin Park area when he returned to the city to enlist in the Canadian active Service Force on September 5, 1939. His regimental number is A11051. He is a member of St. James' Anglican church.

Private Gallagher has four brothers, Harry, Jack and Roy of Stratford and George of Hamilton, and four sisters, Mrs. Arnold Uttley of Kitchener, Miss Nora Gallagher of Kitchener and Margaret and Jean of Stratford.

Because of his approaching marriage, Private Frank Doxey, batman to Lieut. Herb Mason, recruiting and intelligence officer of the Perths, is taking quite a ribbing from his associates in Headquarters company. "He's getting married next week," one of the troops volunteered today. Then he added: "Frank's not eating and he cannot sleep at nights. He's not spending any money and he never smokes unless he gets a fag given to him." Those are the symptoms, we're told, of an approaching marriage.

Sergeants in the Perth Regiment read the newspapers and it's a safe bet that when there is anything in print that can be applied to one of their number the men with the three stripes, and some with crowns too, usually dig it out. Noticing a headline in Wednesday's press about a New York murder case involving Abe Rees, who has been dubbed "Kid Twist" the sergeants hastened to apply the moniker to Company Sergeant Major R. G. Twist. Now he's known as "Kid Twist, the romantic gunman."

Somebody around the barracks was wondering the other day if the 100th and 97th Field Batteries at Listowel have received their new uniforms. This column learns that the battle dress for the troops at Bennett barracks arrived last week and has been distributed. It is said that the battarymen are quite

order is for 25 men of ordinary rank.

During the absence of Lieut. Herb. Mason, the Perths' recruiting officer, men desiring to seek admission to the Canadian Active Service Force are being interviewed at the local barracks by Lieut. J. E. Tipler, the adjutant. He had two Stratford men call on him Wednesday to ascertain facts about enlisting. Lieut. Tipler will be glad to meet others at his office.

Word was received at Perth barracks this afternoon from Westminster hospital that Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant William Billings, who underwent an operation there this morning, "came out of the anaesthetic in good shape" and "is doing nicely." He made the trip to London Wednesday.

pleased with the improved appearance.

"The Dukes"—that is what the soldiers in D company are calling themselves. As the Pride of Perth they arrived at the name so as to retain the D, their company letter.

Privates L. Schuknecht, C. A. MacCallum, G. Long and V. Saunders have returned to the barracks from their furlough. Other arrivals include Private W. P. MacMillan of Headquarters company, Sergeant A. A. Cameron, only recently back from an instructional course at Wolseley barracks in London, also has been given leave-of-absence for a holiday.

Corporal Clarence L. Harvey of B company was about town Wednesday night and announced his intentions of departing for Brantford today to continue his furlough. "I've got a cousin down there," he told the writer. "I have promised to take her out and show her a good time." Corporal Harvey's mail from the Telephone City has been heavy of recent weeks. Not every soldier gets so many letters from a cousin.

According to dispatches from Owen Sound, where many of the Perths are on furlough at present, workmen have completed alterations in the former North American Furniture Company's factory, which will be used as a barracks by the Grey and Simcoe Foresters.

The newspaper report says that A. A. Kennedy, officer commanding the unit in that city, says that instructional drills will be held in the new quarters twice a week as training prior to any orders for mobilization that may be received.

The Owen Sound barracks is equipped with dormitories which, if need be, can accommodate 300 men; two large lecture halls, a sand table lecture room, a fine rifle range, quartermaster stores room and a shower room. When the time comes to quarter men permanently in the building there is other space available which might be used for dining rooms and kitchens.

Everybody entering Perth barracks these days is being challenged by the guards. It appears that the men at the front door have received specific instructions to this effect so. Mr. Civilian, if the guard delays your entrance don't take it out on him. He's simply doing his duty.

Corporal Steve Cordell and Private Warren Welch, both members of the Perth Regiment and former employees of the Stratford branch of Silverwood Dairies Ltd., were guests of honor at a party tendered them by the male employees Wednesday night. As a remembrance of their association with the firm, the employees presented the two soldiers with sterling silver identification discs.

Major Russell Beattie, M.C., officer in charge of recruiting in Military District No. 1 at London, writes to Perth barracks to say that the army needs some more men from Stratford to fill vacancies in different units being recruited. The No. 1 Army Field Workshop and the Royal Canadian Engineers need tradesmen and technicians, while the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals and the Royal Canadian Regiment also have openings. Men for the R.C.R. depot must be at least five feet, six inches tall and between 19 and 35 years of age.

For the No. 1 Army Field Workshop 15 experienced motor mechanics, seven automotive electricians and nine die and tool makers are wanted; for the 11th Field Company of the Royal Canadian Engineers six blacksmiths, two masons, two watermen and five engine hands, experienced in Diesel and gasoline engines are required. The Artillery asks for two artificers, one driver mechanic and one equipment repairer. The Signallers seek one filter, one instrument mechanic, four signal operators and one keyboard operator. The R.C.R.'s

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Signalman Grant A. Whiteman, who is with the 3rd Signal Corps of the Canadian Active Service Force at Aldershot Camp in England, enlisted at Hamilton in September of 1939. He was born at Shakespeare on November 19, 1903, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Whiteman. Coming to this city as a boy, Signalman Whiteman received his education at Romeo public school and at the Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute. In civilian life he was employed as a sales manager by a Hamilton firm. He is a member of the United Church of Canada. Signalman Whiteman, whose regimental number is B-34652, has two sisters, Mrs. Charles Lloyd, 62 Church street, city, and Mrs. Lloyd Lynd of Port Credit and one brother, Russell Whiteman, 13 Trow avenue, city.

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Lance-Corporal Gilbert Manktelow of the Perth Regiment is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Manktelow, 11 Kent Lane, this city. He was born here on June 4, 1915, and was educated at Shakespeare public school. Lance-Corporal Manktelow, who enlisted on September 14, 1939, has regimental number A11165. He is a member of St. Paul's Church. In civilian life he was a hotel employee.

Notes On This 'n' That From Perth Barracks

(BY WES. DAVIS)

Private Philip Dempsey of D company is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dempsey and a nephew of the Misses L. and M. Dempsey, 117 Caledonia street, Stratford.

Born in Seattle, Wash., Private Dempsey went to Edmonton as a child with his parents and there received his education in the public school and later at the Edmonton College. In the latter institution he took a course in journalism.

Following his graduation he worked in a service station for a time and also was on the staff of the Edmonton Journal for a short time in 1938. He came east in May of 1938 and was employed at the Imperial Rattan Co., Ltd., until he enlisted with the Perths on September 11, 1939. His regimental number is A11191.

Army life with the Canadian Active Service Force was not a new experience for Private Dempsey. He had for some three years been a member of the Royal Alberta Dragoons, a non-permanent active militia unit with headquarters in Edmonton.

Private Dempsey has one brother, Walter, in Los Angeles and a sister, Mrs. R. Fisher, in Toronto.

According to word received at Perth barracks today, Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant William Billings, who underwent an operation in a London hospital Thursday morning, had a restful night and his condition is very satisfactory.

Capt. R. J. Stevenson, paymaster of the Perths, and Mrs. Stevenson have returned from a holiday trip to Toronto and Ottawa. The paymaster was back at his desk in the adjutant's office today.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb, officer commanding, has granted Private L. A. Stephenson of A company permission to marry. The name of the bride-elect is not included in orders published at the barracks.

It isn't the intention of this column to inject new ideas into army life, but here is one the Australians used extensively in the Great War. Walter Cull, of St. Marys, a member of an Imperial army mechanized unit in the last war, who addressed the Optimist Club banquet at the Mansion House Thursday evening, explained it in the course of his address. If an officer was in disfavor with his men they would simply start counting until they reached the number 10, and then would shout "Out!" From then on the troops wouldn't take orders from that officer unless he had his rank reduced or apologized for his unpopular action. He could be counted in again if he was reinstated in the favor of the men.

When the then Prince of Wales visited Palestine in 1917 there was a guard of honor of the Aussies at the station to greet him. Somehow or other His Highness failed to pay attention to the guard. He had gone only a short distance beyond them when they began to count him out. The royal visitor was much perplexed until the commanding officer explained what had happened. The Prince then returned to the guard, apologized and was immediately counted back "in".

Every time one of the soldiers in the barracks ribs a fellow member through this column the "victim" endeavors to find out the identity of the man giving the writer the information. It is generally considered unethical in journalistic circles for a newspaperman to divulge the source of his information so its no use asking "where you got it."

Notice where Private I. H. Woods has returned from furlough and rejoined B company. Another order appearing on the bulletin boards announces that Private Woods was married while he was away. Mrs. Woods is living in Goderich.

Other members of the unit reporting back after furloughs in different parts of the province are: Privates George Weames, W. Culbert and C. E. Diebel of C company; R. H. Locking, E. C. Porter and J. R. Fraser of B company.

Reports are current that one of the men in C company, who is on furlough, is being married up Dunnannon way today. No information about the wedding was available at the barracks today.

"Put something in the column about B company," one of the troops said today as he lugged a big straw tick through a dormitory to a bunk that is being prepared for the return of men on furlough. He suggested we say that B company men are thrashing these days. The operation consists of filling ticks with new straw and carrying them to the bunks.

"I don't deny that I'm getting married and that I'm saving my money, but the reason I'm not smoking nowadays is because Private Jack McComb used up all my tobacco," Private Frank Dooxey of Headquarters company said today in reference to an item which appeared in this column Thursday.

Private R. Lee of A company heads the range takers' tests for members of his company. It was learned today. He scored 99 points. Other results are: Privates F. Baker, 95; W. Hansford, 77; R. Turner, 66; L. Hughes, 60.

The new summer caps for the Perths, which are something similar in design to those worn by the air force, have arrived at the barracks. They will not be issued until the weather is suitable. According to an order issued to all companies the proper head dress is the winter cap and these will be worn until further notice.

Acting Corporal Richard Erbsen of Mr. and Mrs. John Erb, 32 Ontario street, is in the city for his Easter leave from No. 1 Manning Depot of the Royal Canadian Air Force at Toronto. He has been in the air force since January 13 and says he likes the work very well. At the Manning Depot, air men are pooled at the Canadian National Exhibition grounds for preliminary training prior to being sent out to the various training centres being established under the Empire air scheme.

When Hon. Lieut.-Col. the Right Rev. G. A. Wells, C.M.G., V.D., principal Protestant chaplain of Canadian forces, visits London next Sunday he will preach to troops of the Canadian Active Service Force, units of the non-permanent active militia and officers of headquarters of Military District No. 1 at a special soldiers' service in St. Paul's Cathedral. More than 800 officers and men are to attend the service which will be conducted by Hon. Major the Rev. H. F. Cocks, M.C., district chaplain for

the Protestant forces. Brigadier I. J. Macdonald, officer commanding the district, will take the salute following the service when the men return to Queen's Park and Wolsey barracks.

Prior to joining the Canadian Active Service Force Hon. Lieut. Col. the Right Rev. G. A. Wells was Anglican Bishop of Caribou. He is coming to Stratford on April 2 and will speak to the troops and also a dinner being tendered him in the Officers' Mess. During the course of his trip through M. D. 1, Bishop Wells will also visit the headquarters of the Essex Scottish Regiment at Windsor.

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(BY WES. DAVIS)

A former resident of Stratford Private Francis John Costick of R.R. 2, Gadshill, had the honor to represent D company today as orderly for the officer commanding, Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb.

Private Costick was born in this city on December 6, 1918. He was educated at Avon public school. In 1926 his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Costick moved to a farm at Gadshill where Private Costick worked until he enlisted with the Perth Regiment. He had no previous military experience.

He has three brothers, Gordon, Stanley and Lloyd and one sister, Miss Myrtle Costick, all at home and one sister, Kathleen who is Mrs. Albert Searl of Toronto.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb announced today that Lieut.-Col. the Right Rev. G. A. Wells, director of Protestant chaplain services for the Canadian troops, who will visit Perth barracks next Tuesday, will address the officers and men of the Perth Regiment at 3.45 p.m. and in the evening he will be guest of honor at a dinner in the Officers' Mess. The dinner is slated for 6.15 o'clock.

With the distinguished cleric, who in civilian life was Bishop of Caribou in the Church of England, will be Hon. Major the Rev. H. F. Cocks, director of Protestant chaplain services in Military District No. 1. Other guests at the dinner will be the commanding officers and their chaplains of the 97th and 100th Field Batteries of Listowel and the 26th Field Battery of Guelph. Lieut.-Col. McComb states that Brigadier R. J. Macdonald, officer commanding Military District No. 1 will be unable to attend.

Announcement was made at the barracks today that six N.C.O.s from the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps at London will report to the local unit on Monday. They will be attached to the Perths and will assist in the work for which they have been especially trained and in which they were proficient in their civilian life. The tradesmen are: Acting Armour Sergeant W. G. Mollen, an armorer; Acting Sergeant W. O. Christie, Acting Corporal J. E. McEachren, Acting Corporal C. R. Milmine, Acting Corporal Y. Groul, all of whom are fitters for motor vehicles and Acting Corporal F. E. Young, an electrician.

The attachment of the London men is taken as a general indication in local regimental circles that before the Perths leave here they will receive a few motor vehicles, such as trucks. It is not expected, however, that the full complement of vehicles will be turned over to the regiment while it is stationed here. The balance, it is suggested, would be placed at the disposition of the Perths at another destination sometime after the unit leaves the city.

So far as this writer has been able to ascertain there is no definite knowledge available as to when the Perths will leave Stratford or to what point they will be transferred and if the information was available it would not become public property since troop movements come under the ban laid down by censor.

Privates W. W. Page of battalion headquarters company, A. Schell, L. G. Moller and H. E. McArthur of B company have reported back to the barracks after being on furlough.

Private Page tells us that when he was in Brantford the other day he met Corporal Clarence L. Harvey and had the privilege of being introduced to the corporal's "cousin." "I must say I admire Corporal Harvey's choice and you can put that in your column," Private Page declared.

Lieut.-Col. W. E. Gardiner of St. Catharines was a visitor to the barracks today. He paid high tribute to the fine surroundings in which the Perths make their headquarters. During the noon hour he visited the men's kitchen and dining quarters and was greatly impressed with them. He was a dinner guest at the barracks.

Private Frank A. Slugoski, the young Kitchener man who was a clerk in C company's room, is a patient in Westminster Hospital at London. He returned to that institution for further treatment following a brief recuperation period spent at his home in Kitchener. Private Slugoski recently underwent an operation.

Capt. R. J. Stevenson says that his car was sideswiped by another machine on Front street Friday night about 10 o'clock. A number of children viewed the accident and reported to him that the driver of the car failed to stop. Capt. Stevenson is of the opinion that the motorist did not realize he had damaged the left rear fender of the Stevenson car. It is estimated that \$8 or \$10 worth of damage was done. "I'd be very glad to hear from the driver of the other car," the captain said.

Lieut.-Col. S. H. McComb conducted his weekly battalion and barracks inspection today and told the writer he was much impressed with the appearance of the men and the quarters. The personnel of the unit continues to show improvement and the quarters are in excellent shape.

Corporal W. H. Dickey was at the barracks for a short time today. He had been on furlough at his home in Elmvalle and was called back on a matter of army business. He left shortly before the noon hour for Elmvalle where he will finish his furlough. Corporal Dickey says the roads in that district are very bad, the trip here requiring several hours of his time.

According to a list of specialized men required by Major Russell

Beattie, M.C., chief recruiting officer in Military District No. 1, the army of today is a highly technical business. He is listing men at present who have had experience and training as instrument mechanics, topographical draftsmen, heliographers, trigonometrical computerers, lithographer draftsmen, lithographing machine menders, lithographer provers, storemen, topographical surveyors and trigonometrical surveyors. Men who volunteer for this service will be called as needed.

Pat joined the engineers and was learning bridge building. At a single plank Pat paused, doubtfully.

"What's the matter, Pat," said the instructor, "afraid to walk on it?"

"No," replied Pat, "I'm not afraid to walk on it, What I'm afraid of is walking off it."

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Private Kenneth Carl Pratt of D Company, Perth Regiment, is a son of Mrs. Margaret A. Pratt, 23 Grant street, city. He was born here on December 1, 1922, and was educated at Juliet and Shakespeare public schools. In civilian life Private Pratt was employed in local stores as a deliveryman and clerk. He is a member of Parkview United Church. Without any previous military experience, Private Pratt enlisted in the Perths on September 6, 1939. His regimental number is A11069.