

Staff and Company Commanding Officers Are Announced for the Brant Battalion

- Commanding Officer: Lieut.-Col. M. E. B. Cutcliffe; Majors: Major H. J. G. McLean, Major W. F. Newman; Adjutant: Capt. A. C. Emmons; Assistant Adjutant: Lieut. K. V. Bunnell; Quartermaster: Capt. George Sager; Paymaster: Capt. A. P. van Someren; Medical Officer: Capt. G. M. Hanna; Machine Gun Officer: Lieut. Sheppard; Signalling Officer: Lieut. Thorburn; Company Commanders: Capt. P. A. Shultis, Capt. W. W. Patterson, Paris, Capt. P. E. James, Capt. Ashton Cockshutt, Capt. Henri K. Jordan

The above constitutes the staff of the 125th Battalion, the regiment which will help to uphold the honor of Brantford and Brant County. Hundreds of men have already gone from here for the front, but as portions of other regiments we are to have one of our very own, representing city and county.

So many offered for the different commissions that Col. Cutcliffe had a very difficult task in making his selections, but it will be generally agreed that he has handled the task well, and that he will be surrounded by most competent officers.

COL. CUTCLIFFE. Col. Cutcliffe is a son of the late Mr. J. C. Cutcliffe of My Pleasant. His



Capt. Ashton Cockshutt

He came to Canada in 1869 from Devonshire, and resided in the city for some five years, and the Captain was born here. Later, the family returned to a country residence in the county. The Cutcliffe has spent all his business life here, and at an early age took an interest in military matters. He first of all joined the Dufferin Rifles in 1894 as a private of "A"



Capt. A. C. Emmons

Company. He showed such adaptability that within two years he became a corporal and then sergeant. Finally he was promoted to be lieutenant of "B" company, and later became Captain of "H" Company, which, in fact, he organized. He was also latterly Acting Adjutant and when Colonel Genet left, he received the command of the Dufferin Rifles. He successfully passed a field officers' course at Niagara Camp last summer and holds a Field Officers' certificate. In all departments of military life and activity he has most emphatically made good and without any question will equally do so in his new post.



Major H. J. G. McLean

He is a partner in the firm of Turnbull, Cutcliffe and Company.

UNIQUE RECORD. The appointment of Col. Cutcliffe as the head of a battalion adds still further to the unique record of the Dufferin Rifles in this essential as he is the sixth to be selected from that regiment. The list reads—Col. Howard, Col. E. C. Ashton, Col. M. A. Colquhoun, Col. Nelles Ashton, Col. H. A. Genet and Col. M. E. B. Cutcliffe.

In addition Colonel Brooks, who is a near-by resident of the city in the county has also a command.

MAJOR McLEAN was born in Brantford, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McLean. After leaving the Collegiate Institute, he entered the Waterous Engine Works, where he is at present the chief draughtsman. He joined the Dufferin Rifles in 1904 as a private in "B" Company. He was promoted to Sergeant in December of the same year and was Secretary of the Sergeants Mess for a while. He was promoted to Color-Sergeant and then took out a commission under Capt. Cutcliffe of "H" Company. At the end of three years he became Captain Commanding "E" company. This last summer he took a Field Officers' course at Niagara and passed successfully. In June, when Major Ballachey left with the 58th Battalion, Major McLean was made adjutant of the Dufferin Rifles and has since discharged those duties with marked ability.

MAJOR NEWMAN was born in Owen Sound, the second son of Mr. E. H. Newman, and he came here some ten years ago with his father. He is a member of the well-known jewelry firm of that name and his only other brother, Major Newman, has been at the front for some time. The subject of this short sketch joined the Dufferin Rifles as a private nine years ago, then became Corporal and Sergeant, when he secured a lieutenant's commission some five years ago. He was gazetted Captain in 1912.



Capt. A. P. van Someren

ADJUTANT. Capt. Emmons was born at Mounts-burg, Ont., the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Emmons of that place. He came to Brantford in 1907 and has been accountant with the Mickle Dymond Co. for the last four years. He joined the Dufferin Rifles in 1906 as private and went through the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, Color Sergeant and then Lieutenant in 1911. He took out his Captain's certificate this year. He has been instructor in musketry.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT Lieut. K. V. Bunnell was born in Brantford and is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Bunnell. He attended the public school and Collegiate Institute and next entered the Bank of Montreal, having held a place on the staff of that institution, part of the time here and part in Hamilton, during a period of four years. He then resigned to become Vice-President in the firm of K. V. Bunnell and Company. He is an officer in the Dufferin Rifles and after taking full school course at Toronto, successfully passed as Lieutenant. He has also taken the Captain's course, but the results in this test have not yet been announced. He has latterly been Assistant Recruiting Officer in the Brant District.

QUARTERMASTER Capt. George Sager was born in St. George, Brant County, the son of Mr. N. Sager. He was for a while in Cainsville, and then came to Brantford as shipper for the W. Paterson Co. and, finally became traveller for the firm. He joined the Dufferin Rifles in 1891 as private of "F" Company, and then in turn became Corporal, Sergeant, Color-Sergeant, Orderly Room Clerk, and Quartermaster Sergeant. He became a Lieutenant in 1913 and a Captain in August of 1915.

PAYMASTER Capt. A. P. vanSomeren is a native of Plymouth, Eng. He came to Canada in 1886, first living in Ontario, and then going West, having been manager of Union Bank branches in Holland and Morden, Manitoba; McLeod, Alberta, and Saskatchewan, Sask. He joined



Capt. G. M. Hanna

the C. O. F. and became actively identified with that order, reaching a place on the executive. In November of 1911 he was appointed High Secretary and then moved to Brantford to assume his duties in the head office here. He joined the Manitoba Dragoons as a private and was promoted to be corporal. He joined the Brant Dragoons as Lieutenant in 1912 and qualified for that post at Stanley



Capt. George Sager



Lt.-Col. Mostyn E. B. Cutcliffe

brothers and also as Captain. He has three nephews serving at the front. His experience as bank manager and latterly as High Secretary of the C. O. F. will make him an ideal paymaster.

MEDICAL OFFICER. Dr. G. M. Hanna, is the eldest son of Dr. F. Hanna, Wellington street and is in medical partnership with his father. He came to Brantford with his parents as a boy some eighteen years ago, and after attending the public schools and Collegiate, went to the University of Toronto, where he graduated as M.D. in 1910. He was afterwards in a hospital for one year in Ottawa, and then took post graduate course in New York. He has been practicing medicine in the city during the last four years, and has taken a prominent place among the younger physicians. While at the Collegiate he was captain of the Cadet corps, and he holds a com-



Capt P. E. James

mission in the Army Medical Corps. He has been surgeon for three years of the Dufferin Rifles in conjunction with Dr. Palmer.

CAPTAIN P. A. Shultis was born in Brantford, the only son of Mr and Mrs. Adam Shultis, 44 William street. His father is commercial master at the Collegiate Institute. At the Collegiate he went through all ranks of the Cadets, and ended up by being captain in his last year there. In sports he won the Collegiate Institute championship as an all round athlete three years in succession. He joined the Dufferin Rifles as a private some nine years ago, and became a corporal and then lieutenant. He took the latter course in 1910, and captain's course in 1912. He is now qualifying for his equitation and field officer's certificate. He is chief recruiting officer of the 125th Battalion.

CAPTAIN W. W. Patterson is the member of an old Paris family, and was born in that town. After graduating at College he took up the profession of dentistry, and enjoys a large practice. He has been an officer in the 25th Brant Dragoons ever since the organization of that corps, and has been Acting Major of "D" squadron for some time past. He has been very active in the work of recruiting since the war started, and has been quite prominent in the enlistment of over 200 men. He is highly thought of by all with whom he comes in contact. He is a brother of the Mayor of Paris.

CAPTAIN P. E. James was born in Brantford,

the son of Mr and Mrs A. E. James, Murray street. After leaving school, he was for five years in the Standard Bank, and then with his father formed the well-known business of James Bros. He was a private in the Queen's Own, Toronto, and on returning to Brantford joined the Dufferin Rifles as lieutenant in 1910. He qualified as captain last Spring, and has been in command of D Company.

CAPTAIN Henri K. Jordan was for many years organist of the Brant Avenue Methodist church and the popular conductor of the Schubert choir. He left Brantford for Winnipeg a year ago last June to take a responsible position of organist of the Young Memorial Methodist church in that city. Captain Jordan was attached to the 33rd Battalion Goderich, and has always been a very enthusiastic military man. Whilst a resident in Brantford he was universally popular in musical and other circles.

ASHTON COCKSHUTT, is the eldest son of Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M. P., and he has already seen honorable service at the front. He was born in Brantford, but as a youth went to Calgary to be in the office of the Cockshutt Plover company at that place. He joined the militia there as a private and worked up to a corporal, then sergeant and Lieutenant. He offered his services at the inception of the war, and saw service for fifteen months with the 10th Battalion. He was wounded and not long ago returned to Brantford, his hurts necessitating a serious operation from which he has fortunately made a complete recovery. His brother George, Mr. Cockshutt's second son, is now on the firing line.

MAJOR SHEPPARD Machine Gun Officer was born in Bruce County, and came to the city about five years ago. He has always taken an interest in military matters, and about three years ago joined the Dufferin Rifles as Lieutenant. He is a member of the jewelry firm of Sheppard and Son.

SIGNALLING OFFICER. Thorburn is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thorburn, and was born in Brantford and he was prominent in the



Capt. P. A. Shultis

Cadets, especially in the signalling department. Joining the Dufferin Rifles he became Sergeant of the Signalling Corps, and holds an instructor's certificate.

SUNDAY RALLY. Major Thomas W.P.P., will be the speaker at Sunday night's recruiting rally in the Brant. He was formerly a well known pastor here.



Capt. W. W. Patterson, Paris

Stick to Its Policy.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 3.—After a session lasting until one o'clock this morning the prohibition party passed a resolution reaffirming its fixed determination to adhere to the policy laid down by the convention last August; that their attitude to the plebiscite and to all political parties would be decided at a convention to be held shortly, and pledging those present to stand for the principle of prohibition in preference to any political party.



Major W. F. Newman

Russians Invade Bulgaria

By Special Wire to the Courier.

LONDON, Dec. 3, 12.56 p.m.—"News that the Russians have entered Bulgaria has aroused intense interest, and there is much speculation as to the next development," Reuter's correspondent at Saloniki telegraphs. "It is expected this move will have a far-reaching effect on the internal situation of Bulgaria and will modify the whole aspect of affairs in the Balkans."

No direct and specific confirmation has been received in London of this message. It is recalled, however, that last week Emperor Nicholas was said to have promised Premier Pachitch of Serbia the appearance of the Russian army in Bulgaria within a week.

Can't Play Hockey

By Special Wire to the Courier. Kingston, Ont., Dec. 3.—At a meeting of Queen's Athletic committee last night it was decided that no student should be allowed to play with an outside hockey team, without first getting permission from the committee.



Lieut. K. V. Bunnell

CRUISER HIT AND TORPEDO BOAT ASHORE

Turks Announce That is What Happened to Allies Yesterday.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Constantinople, Dec. 3.—The Turkish war office announced to-day that in the fighting at the Dardanelles a cruiser of the allies had been hit three times and forced to retire. An allied torpedo boat was attacked by a Turkish aeroplane after it had stranded on the coast of the Bay of Saros. The statement follows: "At some points on the Dardanelles front there has been fierce fighting with bombs. Two hostile cruisers near Anafarta, and two near Ari Burnu participated with land batteries in a bombardment. Our artillery replied, damaging trenches of the enemy and destroying machine gun positions at Ari Burnu. "Our artillery thrice hit a hostile cruiser near Seddul Bahr, compelling it to retreat. One of our aeroplanes dropped bombs on a torpedo boat of the enemy which had stranded on the northern coast of the Gulf of Saros, two miles west of Cape Eridische."

Fine Record.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 3.—It is claimed that every artillery officer who has left Canada for the front since the war commenced has qualified at the Royal School of Artillery at Kingston. Approximately 400 officers will have qualified at the close of the present course and 25 applications have already been received for the next course which opens January 10th.



Lieut. Sheppard

Charles M. Schwab of Bethlehem Steel, had a house which he wished moved jacked up over trees rather than destroy them.

John A. Salve, Oradell, N.J., has left the Nyack hospital practically well. Last June he broke his neck, diving into shallow water.

Col. Chas. T. Stanton, colonel of the Twenty-first Connecticut Volunteers in the civil war, is dead.



Sig. Officer Thorburn