

HURONS TO REMAIN FULL BATTALION IS STATEMENT OF O. C.

No Reduction to Three-Company Unit, He Says.

TWO OFFICERS DROPPED

Not Six as Rumored in Home of the 161st Battalion.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:—It is being circulated in Huron County that the 161st (Huron) Overseas Battalion, C. E. F., is being reorganized as a three-company battalion, and that six officers have been relieved from duty. I want to assure you that this is not so. The battalion remains a four-company battalion, and proceeds overseas as such, only dropping two officers.

Below I give a list of the officers who go overseas with the battalion:

Lieut.-Col. H. B. Combe, O. C.
Major J. S. Hays, second in command.
Capt. C. G. Vanstone, adjutant.
Major J. W. Shaw, medical officer.
Major H. D. McTaggart, paymaster.
Capt. W. B. Allen, quartermaster.
Capt. J. K. Fairfield, chaplain.
Major W. L. Wilson.
Major T. S. Sinclair.
Capt. H. Campbell.
Capt. P. C. Town.
Capt. A. P. Sturdy.
Capt. C. K. Macpherson.
Lieut. W. E. O'Neill.
Lieut. C. S. Hall.
Lieut. D. L. Scott.
Lieut. J. K. Holmes.
Lieut. D. L. Holmes.
Lieut. D. L. Scott.
Lieut. W. F. Reid.
Lieut. W. P. Grier.
Lieut. F. H. Scott.
Lieut. L. Hetherington.
Lieut. H. C. McLean.
Lieut. W. R. Clifford.
Lieut. P. N. Chitt.
Lieut. R. A. Walter.
Lieut. R. A. Cluff.
Young severely injured.
(Signed) H. B. COMBE,
Lieutenant-Colonel, O. C., 161st Overseas Battalion, C. E. F.,
Camp Borden, Ont., Oct. 24, 1916.

THREE LONDONERS MISSING; TWO OTHERS IN HOSPITAL

Ptes. L. G. Bridge and J. H. Hobbs Not Seen Since October 8.

Two more Londoners are reported missing and two more as admitted war hospital patients suffering from gunshot wounds in official messages from Ottawa received here today.

A telegram sent to Mrs. Bridge of 49 Brinsford street states that Pte. Leonard George Bridge has been missing since October 8. He was with an infantry unit. Another telegram to John Hobbs of 742 York street states that Pte. John Henry Hobbs, also of an infantry unit, has been missing from the same date.

Pte. Frank Wylie Pater was admitted to No. 10 General Hospital at Borden on October 19 with gunshot wounds in his legs and hand, according to the message, and Pte. William Rayner was admitted to the Lord Derby War Hospital at Warrington on October 25 with gunshot wounds, according to the telegram sent to John Rowson of 133 Wylie street.

Mrs. Mary Finnie, 516 Dorinda street, received a telegram from Ottawa today, stating that Pte. William Rayner, No. 40857, mounted rifles, had been officially reported missing since Sept. 15.

LIEUT.-COL. WIGLE TO REPORT FOR DUTY ON NOVEMBER 1

No Definite Arrangements Made as to His Duties Here.

Lieut.-Col. E. S. Wigle, late O. C. of the 15th Battalion, and for the past few months in command of the 3th Training Brigade at Camp Borden, will report for duty on Nov. 1 to Military District November 1st. No definite arrangements have been made as to what Lieut.-Col. Wigle will do in this district, but there is a possibility that two brigades will be formed of the battalions here, and Lieut.-Col. Wigle, and the other under Lieut.-Col. Colson.

The scheme has not yet been worked out, but Lieut.-Col. Wigle's well known abilities will certainly be used.

BODY OF STORM VICTIM TAKEN HOME TO GODERICH

Father of William Bogie Accompanies Remains Through City Today.

The remains of William Bogie, Goderich, local engineer of the steamer Merida, lost in last Friday's storm on Lake Erie, arrived in the city from Windsor at 10:25 today, on route to Goderich.

The body was accompanied by the father, William Bogie, senior, who left for Toledo on Monday to identify his son.

The bodies of three or four more are expected to arrive at 4:10 this afternoon.

ENGINEERS INSPECTED

Lieut.-Col. Caldwell Pleaded With Local Unit.

Lieut.-Col. Clyde Caldwell, officer administering R. C. E. arrived in the city from Ottawa this morning to inspect the local unit of the Engineers. He expressed himself as pleased with what he saw.

Capt. Caldwell, brother of the chief of the R. C. E., has been attached to the local unit. He reported for duty this morning.

WEDDING BELLS

McLEAN-McLAUGHLIN. A quiet wedding took place at the Broadway Christian Church, Los Angeles, Cal., on Tuesday, October 10th, at 2 p.m. Rev. J. Hays officiating, when Hazel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. McLaughlin of Toronto, Ont., and William McLean, youngest son of the late Alex. and Catherine McLean, of Ilderton, Ont., were married. They were attended by the groom's brother and sister, Charles and Elizabeth McLean. Immediately after the ceremony the party left for San Diego to visit the exposition, the bride traveling in a green broadcloth suit, with cream georgette blouse and black velvet hat with white satin crown. They will be at home to their friends in Los Angeles November 1st.

CITY

LIEUTENANT TRANSFERRED.—Lieut. L. B. Young of the 19th Battalion has been transferred to No. 2 Construction Battalion.

GETS ONE MONTH.—Benjamin Jones, an aged man, appeared in police court this morning, pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy, and was sentenced to one month at the county jail.

TWO BICYCLES STOLEN.—The theft of two more bicycles was reported to the police today, one a Cleveland number 261103, the other a Brantford Red Bird, rear nobby tread tire, number 189800.

\$43,680 RECEIVED.—The total receipts for the British Red Cross in Ontario are \$43,680. Money continues to come in, and it is expected that there will be sufficient received to make the amount \$45,000.

HAS NOT YET ARRIVED.—Lieut. Col. H. Milligan is evidently still on the Atlantic on his way home, as no word has been received by his friends of his arrival at Halifax. He cabled that he was sailing from London, England, on October 15.

FRIEND HAD LIQUOR.—The name of just one drunk appeared on the police court roster today. He stated that a friend with a bottle had passed him several drinks and he was dizzy before he realized it. He fined \$10 and costs or, in default of payment, one month at Castle Carter.

PATRIOTIC MEETINGS.—The Overseas Chapter, I. O. D. E., has made arrangements for a series of patriotic meetings to be held in the city. The first will take place next Sunday evening, when the total proceeds will be turned over to the British Red Cross.

COMMISSION MEETING.—The utilities commission will meet on Thursday afternoon. It is expected that some recognition will be made by the board of the long services of Miss Anna Clark, who is to be married this evening to General Manager E. J. Buchanan. The water question will be discussed at some length.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.—Two writs were issued in the county court today, William R. Clifford claiming action for unpaid damages against the Grand Trunk Railway for alleged negligence in delivering a consignment of potatoes to Mrs. Josephine E. Buchanan. The water question will be discussed at some length.

Y.M.C.A. STARTS SERVICES.—The Y.M.C.A. will open its Sunday school meetings this morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Lyric Theatre. Rev. Dr. J. W. Graham of Toronto will be the speaker. The use of illustrated songs will place the regular hymn book for audience singing. Miss Anna Cochrill, soloist, will sing a number of selections. All men are cordially invited.

PRESENTATION TO E. V. BUCHANAN.—The waterworks employees yesterday afternoon presented E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the utilities, with a handsome silver set of knives and forks, and cut glass bowls, as an appreciation of his kind words to the men. The presentation was made by Superintendent Thos. Hodgkinson, and was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Buchanan. He is to be married this evening.

VISITED HIS FATHER.—Rev. Robert McElhannon, minister, spent a few days in London yesterday afternoon, visiting his father, Secretary R. M. McElhannon, of the board of education. Mr. McElhannon was on his way home from a meeting of the Sunday school commission in Montreal. This young Londoner is making a name for himself in the church in the west, and has a Sunday school, which the average attendance is over 1,000.

MORE RECRUITS PASSED.—The following recruits have been passed as medically fit for overseas service by the medical board at the armories, composed of Major H. A. Kingsmill, Capt. F. H. Sutherland and Capt. J. L. Le Tard, H. P. Dennis, C. A. S. C. London; S. Mulligan, Engineers, Windsor; D. S. Newton, 21st Battalion London; N. Mulligan, Engineers, Windsor; W. A. Henderson, No. 2 Construction Battalion, London; P. S. Tomkinson, Engineers, London.

ACTION FOR \$5,000 BROUGHT AGAINST RICHARD ATKINSON

Relatives of Man Killed by Auto Sue Driver.

An action for \$5,000 damages was entered today for trial at the fall assizes against Richard Atkinson, of Biddulph Township, by Frances Agnes Pritchett and James McCormick, executors of the estate of the late Edward Pritchett, who was struck by an automobile driven by Atkinson.

The accident occurred on the afternoon of June 18 at the corner of King and Talbot streets, and Pritchett was struck while crossing the street. He returned a verdict that his death was due to injuries sustained as a result of the accident.

Atkinson was charged with manslaughter and will be tried on a charge at the fall assizes, to open on Monday next before Mr. Justice Lennox.

MOTORIST STRIKES MAN ON BICYCLE; IS CRITICIZED

T. R. Hodgins Thrown Off Wheel by Auto Bearing Chatham Number.

An automobile bearing license number 12,664, which was issued to H. L. McLean of Chatham, struck T. R. Hodgins, 311 Watland street, and the latter was riding his bicycle north on Clarence street, across Dundas street, at 12:15 o'clock today.

The driver of the car, a Ford runabout, turned out as he was going east to get ahead of Spettigue's milk wagon. Mr. Hodgins was riding in front of the wagon. He was thrown from his bicycle and the machine went under the auto. The driver of car disclaimed all responsibility, but was criticized by spectators and by the bicycle rider, who took his thunder.

The man in the auto drove away without discussing the matter when the comments of Mr. Spettigue and others became hostile. Mr. Hodgins will hold him responsible for personal and material damage to himself, his bicycle and his clothes.

LT. ERIC REID WAS OCCUPANT OF TANK ON ITS FIRST TRIP

Chosen for Memorable Attack on Courcellette.

TELLS LITTLE ABOUT IT

"Buster" Writes Father of Experience, But Gives Away No Secrets.

Lieut. Eric Reid, son of George M. Reid of this city, was in one of the famous British "tanks" that came up and caused terrible destruction after the charge of the Canadians that won the village of Courcellette.

Word has just reached his father that it fell to the lot of the young Londoner to occupy a place in the new British engine of destruction on the occasion of their first appearance in the great offensive on the Somme.

Enlisted in Montreal.

Lieut. Reid enlisted with the 23rd Reserve Battalion at Montreal, where he was attending McGill University. It left on February, 1916, and Lieut. Reid went to the 2nd Battalion. After giving valiant service in several engagements, he was wounded in the left hand in such a manner as to completely lose use of it, and this summer he was in the city on leave. When he returned to England he volunteered his services to be used in any capacity, and he was appointed assistant adjutant of the 3rd Battalion, to which he had previously been attached for a short time.

Given a Chance.

It was while serving in this post that he got the chance to help man one of the "tanks," probably for the reason that he was left behind at headquarters when his battalion moved forward. The Canadians were offered the chance of having a few men in the dash of the armored catpillars, and the London boy was chosen. His reference to the matter is brief, and he states that he is prohibited from giving the slightest hint of the appearance of the machine, although a photograph has been received in the meantime by The Advertiser.

"HALF-HEARTERS" CAUSE TROUBLE TO RECRUITING AGENTS

Willing at First and Later Back Down.

SOME MUST SEE MOTHER And Disappear, Sometimes to Return, But Often For- ever.

"One disheartening thing about recruiting," said a local recruiting officer today, "is that you often get men to the very door of the recruiting office, and then they back out."

"Some men," he added, "seem to be enthusiastic about the same one minute and the next minute they have commenced to think about home. Their sense of duty and adventure is overcome by the comforts of civilian life."

Some Nuisances.

"We have come to call these fellows the 'half-heaters,' and they cause us much trouble. Sometimes they come back. They are of the same kind who get into a unit and then by some means or other secure their discharge. There are some men who have been in a dozen battalions, and who will sign up again on the impulse of the moment when they get a chance. These are the fellows who are scared into recruiting and it proves that coercion is bad. They usually do not amount to a thing."

Another Kind.

The story is related of a big man 6'2" feet tall who agreed to sign up with a battalion. When he got to the recruiting office he said that he wanted to see his mother. He was taken to a house to make a visit to a nearby city. He promised to come back and if he keeps his word, the country gets a fine soldier, but if he does not, a recruiting officer wasted a lot of valuable time.

FRIENDS OF 142ND MEN WILL VISIT CAMP BORDEN

Take Advantage of Last Chance to See Boys Before Leaving.

A large number of the relatives and friends of the officers and men of the 142nd Battalion are taking advantage of the Thursday holiday at Camp Borden to go down there tomorrow, particularly in view of the fact that the unit is slated to leave for the east on Saturday afternoon.

The party is leaving by C. P. R. at 5 a.m., and any wishing to join those who are going can obtain further information from the railroad.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

DEATH OF THOMAS JONES.

Thomas Jones, a resident of the city for many years, died Tuesday night in St. Joseph's Hospital, after an illness of over a week. He was 75 years old and was employed by the McClary Manufacturing Company as a core maker. His birthplace was England and he was at one time a member of the 53rd Regiment. He is survived by his wife Catherine and one son, Thomas.

The funeral will be held on Thursday morning from the funeral parlors of Smith, Son and Clarke. Requiem high mass will be sung at St. Michael's Church at 9 o'clock and interment will be made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

POCOCK RECOVERING.

The condition of ex-Ald. Henry Pocock, who was injured in a wreck in Winnipeg, is satisfactory today, and he may be able to leave St. Boniface Hospital in two or three days. His son, who has been dangerously ill, is better today.

OLD MAN HURT.—A 55-year-old man named Gardner, who resides in South London, broke his arm in two places and received several other injuries when he tripped and fell while crossing the street in the vicinity of the Empire Theatre, East London, Wednesday afternoon.

KILLED BY WABASH EXPRESS



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH MARR, two victims of the accident which cost four lives at Delhi, Ont., on Saturday.

WESTERN HOTEL SOLD TO BE CONVERTED INTO A COLLEGE

Price Paid for Richmond Street Building Is \$14,500—Ground Floor Will Be Fitted Up as Stores, Upper Floor as School.

The Western Hotel at the corner of Richmond and Fullarton street was sold today by the owner, John J. W. Westwood, to J. W. Westwood, the consideration being \$14,500.

The building will be occupied as a business school and stores, the upper portion to be devoted to the school and the ground floor to be converted into stores.

Possession December 15. The new owner will assume possession of the building on December 15.

MACKENSEN CAPTURES

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engagements. Positions on the heights which we have captured remained in our possession."

Vulcan Pass Taken.

"On the Eastern Transylvanian front there were local engagements. The situation is unchanged. "North of Kimpolung our attack progressed. Vulcan Pass was taken by storm by German and Austro-Hungarian troops."

"In Dobrudja, Field Marshal von Mackensen's army group is continuing the pursuit of the enemy, as planned. Tchernavoda was captured this morning. No details are yet known. By this the Rumanian and Russian forces operating in Dobrudja have been deprived of their last railroad communications, and an important success has been gained."

"Quiet prevails on the Macedonian front."

MISSING BRAKEMAN COMES BACK HOME; HAS ROBBERY STORY

W. A. McDonald Taken to His Home in Ambulance.

W. A. McDonald, the railwayman who disappeared some days ago, and over whose absence much concern was felt, returned this morning, and is at his home. He says that he was taken away in an automobile and robbed and beaten, and only had 75 cents left from his pay. He seems to be in rather bad shape.

His story is being investigated. The man was taken to his home in an ambulance.

C. A. SOLDIERS WRITE.—Inspector Saunders of the Children's Aid Society, has received letters recently from Pte. Robert Robinson, of the 7th Battalion, now in Belgium, and also one from Pte. Fred Cuthbert, who enlisted with the 15th Battalion in this city, and later was transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. Both these young men were at one time wards of the children's home.

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COMRADE BELIEVES LIEUT. MILLS MAY BE HUNS' PRISONER

Missing Man Last Seen in German Trench.

PETROLEA MAN WRITES

Says London Officer Was Leading His Men at the Foe.

Lieut. Harris Mills of this city, listed missing in the casualty list several weeks ago, is believed to be a prisoner. Lieut. Chenney, a Petroleum man, writes William Mills, manager of Malaga bookshop, that it is probable Harris Mills is safe in a German camp. The following letter was received this morning from Lieut. Chenney:

France, Oct. 5, 1916.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mills.—When our battalion came out of the line on October 3 I received the sad news that your dear son, Harris, was reported missing. Since that time I have tried to get some information regarding his disappearance.

On October 1 our battalion made an attack in which Harris took part. He was leading his men towards the German trenches. Some of his men claim when they last saw him he was going into the German trenches. If this is correct, he may now be a prisoner in Germany. I sincerely hope so. If this is correct, then when the war is over he will return safe, to his dear ones. Harris has done splendid work since arriving in France. He was loved by all officers and his men.

I am inclosing a few letters which he had written in the notebook. I only miss Harris very much, as we have always been together for the last year. He surely was a dear friend; one never to be forgotten.

I sorely feel the loss of a very dear son and brother. Trusting he will yet turn up and with sincere sympathy, I remain,

LIEUT. J. A. B. CHENNEY.

BATTALIONS SETTLE DOWN COMFORTABLY FOR WINTER MONTHS

Efficiency the Watchword at Queen's Park.

UNITS WELL QUARTERED

Most of Officers and Men Satisfied With Arrangements Made.

The flurry and derangements attendant upon the transfer of the troops from Camp Borden to Queen's Park have been all straightened out, and the men have definitely settled down in comfort for the winter.

As the men know that they are not going overseas in the immediate future, the unsettling effect of constantly changing themselves to the highest point of efficiency of any battalion so far raised in this district. "One hundred per cent efficient" is their motto, and with their present spirit it is help they should unquestionably attain it.

The 149th Battalion, arriving first, were quartered under the grandstand. It has plenty of room and ventilation. The men mess in the Crystal Palace, where they have space to spare.

Ventilation Poor.

The men of the 118th sleep in the carriage and auto building, and are very comfortable, although it is claimed that the ventilation is not as good as light be. The tables of the 118th are in the building, and are immediately in the rear of the sleeping quarters.

The officers of both the 118th and the 15th mess in the dairy building and sleep in the ladies' work building. The officers' quarters are comfortably fitted up for active service units and most of the men are satisfied.

In addition to two latrines, A. S. C., the Field Postoffice, the Special Service Company and fifteen men of the Engineers, together with the Veterinary Corps Details, are located in the park.

The A. S. C. is quartered in the concrete machinery building and will be comfortable. The Field Postoffice is in the old building used last year. The Special Service Company is attached to the 118th Battalion, and is the most cramped for space of any unit there. This is being rectified at once, however, and the company will be given more room.

Officers Satisfied.

The C. A. V. C. under Lieut. Dan Stewart, more than 60 men in all, has charge of over 200 horses. The men of this unit are attached, temporarily, to battalions, with the exception of the few men enlisted by the O.C. Queen's Park appears to be considered a suitable winter training ground by the majority of the officers. There is sufficient ground for ordinary platoon and company drill and for physical drill. The trench fighting school is located conveniently in the centre of the park. It is proposed carrying on in the fullest sense of the term during the winter, irrespective of weather conditions. Headquarters has mapped out a



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When word comes to proceed overseas there should be some thousands of highly trained soldiers in the district ready to take their places in the firing line.

May Be Insane, But Has Speed

Man on Way to Asylum Dodges Attendant and Flees.

With a burst of speed that would have done justice to a greyhound, Cyrus Bush of London Township broke away from an asylum attendant at the corner of Dundas and Ridout streets at 11 o'clock today and is still at liberty. Bush was brought into the county jail on Saturday last and yesterday an examination was made of his mental condition. Papers were made out for his commitment to the hospital for the insane, and an attendant came to the jail this morning to convey Bush to the institution.

Cyrus was walking alone, giving not the slightest trouble, when he suddenly made a bolt and was away.

Hensall Youth in Thrilling Air Feat at Front

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hensall, Oct. 25.—The story of a thrilling adventure in the air in which a Hensall boy participated, has just been definitely settled down in comfort for the winter.

Pte. Acheson left Hensall with the 1st Battalion draft, and was in the trenches for several months before being transferred at his own request to the aviation corps. Early in his experience with the corps he went up to bring down a height of 4,000 feet. Something went wrong with the machine and the plane came down 4,000 feet like a piece of lead before it could be righted. Pte. Acheson thought they would land in the German lines, but luckily found themselves in their own territory.

It is related by young Acheson that he comes by his ability to fly by reason of daring feats in his youth. He was known in St. Marys as anxious to climb everything "that was being built, flapping his arms and crowing like a rooster to the alarm of the folk who watched him."

AUSTRIAN WORKS TARGET FOR ALLIED SEAPLANES

[Canadian Press.]

Rome, Oct. 24.—Venezia, Oct. 25.—Squadrons of Italian and French seaplanes have bombed Austrian military works in three places on the west coast of Istria, and escaped unscathed, says an official announcement from the Italian war office today. An aerial battle between the French hydroplanes and Austrian seaplanes, in which one of the Austrian machines was captured and another fell into a lagoon at Balesiege, on the Italian coast near Corle, also is reported. The Austrian squadrons had been throwing bombs on Corle.

McCree-Hebblethwaite.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the Hyatt Avenue Hotel, London, on Monday evening, October 23, when Hector McCree and Miss Marion Hebblethwaite, both of this city, were united in marriage by Rev. H. D. Meyer. Upon their return from their wedding trip they will reside in the city.

MASTERS OF THE AIR

photographs of the German defences made by British fliers.

Since the Germans began frantically to dig themselves in, after their first and second lines had been blown up or flattened out, hardly a foot of earth has been turned without the British making a photographic record of it. Recently the German air service has improved, but they have permitted the Allies to gain a lead that seems almost hopeless to overcome.

Villages Wiped Out.

Montauban, Contalmaison, Longueval and Mametz woods, like Fricourt, are names only. Piles of brick and shattered tree trunks are the only identifying marks remaining. Even the elements could not have made a greater destruction. In most places the ground was smashed to powder.

Fricourt is a good illustration of the way the Allies have attacked practically the strongest German positions. The British and German trenches were about 150 yards apart here, with the Germans in possession of the hill from which their machine guns commanded a wide area. It was practically impossible to take the village before storming the hill, as a frontal attack exposed the attackers to machine gun fire from the village, and the swell