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KING PAYS VISIT TO FIGHTING 26TH

Officer Writes Interesting Account of Visit—Men Viewed at Ordinary Work

Headquarters, 26th N. B. Battalion, France.
 To the Editor of The Graphi:
 Dear Sir,—Herewith is an account of the recent visit of the king to our battalion as written by one of my officers.

I am forwarding this to you as I am sure the people of Restigouche will be pleased to read of this visit through the medium of your paper.

I remain,
 Yours very truly,
 A. E. G. MCKENZIE, Lt.-Col.
 - O. C. 26th N. B. Battalion

The account follows:
 "On Monday the 14th of August was a red letter day in the history of the New Brunswick battalion.

RESTIGOUCHE PERCENTAGE LOOKS VERY GOOD

Estimate of the Number Recruited in Each County Since Nov. 1915

It is estimated by Provincial military men that New Brunswick has contributed 20,000 men to the Empire. This includes men who have enlisted throughout the Dominion but natives of the province. The exact number recruited since the appointment of Major L. P. D. Tilley as chief recruiting officer for the province, on Nov. 4, 1915, is 8,826. This number is made up of all who have enlisted in any battalion, artillery, hospital unit or Army Service Corps. St. John, since Nov. 4th, 1915, has contributed 2,349, which is practically twice the number enlisted by the second on the list, Westmorland, which gave 1,314 men to the Empire.

THE GATHERING OF THE SCOTTISH CLANS

Grand Spectacle Planned for Monday Evening—Arrangements for Restigouche

Every preparation for the opening of the recruiting campaign for the N. B. Klities, has been completed and it is expected New Brunswick will be fired with Scottish enthusiasm as never before.

This is a Scotch Regiment—a Scotch Highland Regiment—why then should we not go back into Scottish History for our methods of calling to the colors the sons of New Brunswick who may have a drop of Scotland's blood in their veins?

There will be fifteen meetings in the Province on Monday night, which meetings shall be addressed by fifteen of the most prominent speakers in Canada, also by fifteen returned soldiers who have come limping back to take their places in the Klities.

Fifteen of the highest peaks in the Province have been topped by trestles upon which have been piled fagots and oil barrels ready for the torch.

At eight o'clock on the night set, just as the chairman at each of the fifteen meetings rises to announce the beginning of the campaign in his district the pile will be fired and the sky shall blaze forth in the red call of war, and there shall be neither man, woman or child in this province, who standing on the door-step of their home, whether it be in city street, country home-stead or silent lumber camp, gazing at the sky can see there the reflection of one of these fires of Creigh-gowan Height."

132ND NORTH SHORE BATTALION TO SUSSEX

Orders Issued to Proceed to Quarters There—Protests Being Sent

Word was received here this week that the 132nd Battalion, instead of proceeding overseas as was expected, have been ordered to proceed to Sussex to go into barracks there.

Letters and telegrams of protest have been forwarded to the department as it is felt that this Battalion is fit to proceed overseas. If kept here longer it will injure recruiting.

The Chatham World thus states the case:—
 "The sending of the 132nd to Sussex may mean only that it is necessary to make room at Valcartier for others, and that the corps goes to Sussex for a temporary stay only; or it may mean that it is to pass the winter there. The Acting Minister of Militia says he doesn't know, and we infer from this that nobody knows. We know, however, that the policy of delay and uncertainty, of which this is a simple instance, had for recruiting. The battalion has been raised for a long time and has attained a high state of efficiency, and if more men are needed for overseas service, it should be sent to England. If not, discharge them and let them go. We are not in need of an army in Canada.

The detention of battalions in Canada, long after they have been drilled into efficient military units, will necessarily kill recruiting in Canada, for who wants to spend a year or more at home after volunteering to fight the Huns, and who will aid in the work of recruiting when there are already more men in camp than the authorities have any use for?

And if the men of the North Shore battalion are to be detained in Canada all winter, let them be sent back to the North Shore and not to Sussex. Chatham can readily provide quarters for the whole battalion."

"Sometime during the morning the word came that the king was coming through our district, that he would watch an artillery shoot and then motor to our camp. Nothing of a formal nature, the notice read, must be done in the way of receiving him should he decide to inspect our lines. Of course the news spread to all ranks and many war worn garments received fond attention. It was a beautiful day, rather windy for Belgium, but a bright sign of summer day. The old windmill threw its great red sails about industriously but not with more gusto than our men put into the various exercises and drills they were practicing. "Carry On" As For Eleven Months.

"Orders had said to carry on with the usual work. We did. We had been carrying on with the 'usual work' for eleven months and knew how. So it was that as the king's car drove up along the parade, the men of the 26th Battalion were carrying on in their usual snappy style, every phase of infantry fighting was being practised on the parade ground. Lieut-General Byng, the commander of the Canadian corps, the O.C.'s of the Canadian divisions and staff officers of many and high degrees were gathered at the corner of the field to receive his majesty. And so for many minutes before our royal visitor arrived our boys were the object of many a critical and critical glance. They were also the object of many comments from this brilliant gathering and some of these remarks were overheard, and they were flattering indeed.

"The cars stopped and his majesty, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, General Sir Herbert Plummer and more staff alighted. He was first seen to shake hands with General Byng, then with Generals Turner, Currie and Lipsett, then we saw our O. C. being presented, saw the salute at the hand-shake and saw them start our way. "Proud and Happy Day" for Battalion.

"So there was going to be an inspection of a Canadian battalion and we were that battalion. We were going to be inspected informally, by the King of England. It was a proud and happy day for the 26th New Brunswick Battalion. His majesty accompanied by General Byng and Lieut.-Colonel McKenzie went through our lines, went into the men's huts, watched up as we drilled on the parade ground. Of course despite orders against giving receptions, despite instructions to carry on in the usual way, there was a brief stop, only a short one while our fellows cheered till the welkin rang. Then they got right back to work and what his majesty saw, was as fine a lot of brawn and brains as ever made up a British regiment, saw some of them practising the handling of those great little Lewis guns, some looking like goblins in their grey masks were doing bayonet fighting, others practised rapid loading and unloading their rifles and a dozen other things that are all part of the day's work for modern infantry. He saw them put that swing that snap, and ginger into their drills that they have so consistently put forth against the Boche, the stuff that has earned for them the name of 'The Fighting 26th.' A battalion that has stood four-square to everything that has come along—the bloody initiation at the Crater, October 13 last year, a long wet raw winter when the trenches practically crumbled away and the communication-trenches ceased to be; that last week in March when the Huns pounded us with unerring aim and took heavy toll. Then came the stormy days in April when the St. Eloi trouble was on, when we put in extra long tours in the trenches and extra short periods out, when we rebuilt trenches under heavy steady fire from his big guns.

Hardest Test In Gunns.
 "But the battalion got its hardest test when it took over a piece of newly captured line on the evening of the 14th of June and endured practically a constant heavy bombardment for five days and as many nights—when our casualties were a fourth of the number we took into the line. That time we took the 'come back' from the concen-

County	Recruiting Officer	Aug. 1915	Til.
St. John	Captain F. F. May	161	2349
Kings	J. D. McKenna	8	247
Queens	Col. W. H. Grey	28	242
Charlotte	Captain G. P. Ryder	28	499
York	J. J. McCaffrey	92	874
Carleton	T. C. L. Ketchum	18	613
Victoria	N. J. Wootten	3	403
Madawaska	Captain A. Lawson	3	165
Restigouche	A. McE. McDonald	11	677
Gloucester	J. B. Hachey	10	367
Northumberland	R. A. Murdoch	26	701
Ken	H. G. Fairbanks	1	185
Westmorland	Major J. W. S. Black	3	1314
Albert	F. M. Thompson	10	190
Total			8826

THURSDAY BULLETIN

Russians delivering sledge hammer blows along eastern front. Local successes for Russians conceded in Carpathians by Teutonic allies.

Roumanians thrown back in Transylvania; holding their own in Dobrudja.

Bulgars hard pressed on Grecian border.

Powerful counter attacks by Germans against French in neighborhood of Friez Farm and were beaten back.

send into the hills and doles, the highways and by-ways, the field and the forest the stirring pibroch call to arms! Who will resist it, who will not be stirred, what laggard will wait and refuse to answer when the Klities call? The Campbellton meeting will likely be held, if it is fine, at the vacant lot near the Alexander store, Water Street.

trated artillery that had worked such havoc during the third battle of Ypres. No wonder we felt proud and happy that fine day when the King inspected us, and when he chatted with some of our men, asked them questions, and looked carefully at their sleeping and eating quarters. Then the boys felt that fighting for the king really meant something after all.

"And now we have come to the stage of the 'old-timer' but not as fed up as some of Bainsfather's characters thought just as callous, just as ready to start 'something' or to take on 'anything'.

"Two interesting things have been done lately, first was the raid carried out so successfully by Lieut. Winter, Sergt.-Major Gunn and a party, a thing that for sheer nerve and daring would be hard to equal, but of that you know. The other was a fine stand up fight that a party of our people had with a trench full of Huns. That time our party had little cover to hide them and they were seen. The enemy lined the parapet and opened up on our boys with everything he had, and our fellows stayed with it till their bombs were all gone and them retired to our own lines, peppering the Huns with a Lewis gun. Everyone got back safe while many of the enemy were known to have been put out of business. It was a great scrap with the Germans fighting behind their strong parapet while our boys stood out in the open in 'No Man's Land.' As one of them said when he dropped over the parapet to safety: 'Gee, but that was sure a fine party.'

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