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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 Graph:  
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.  
"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 past 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 bracing sort 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 expert and critical glances. 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 car 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 and 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 Hun 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 recaptured 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-

**RESTIGOUCHE PERCENT-AGE 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.

York County comes third with 874, and Northumberland follows with 701. Madawaska has enlisted since the above date the smaller number of any of the counties, recruiting only 165 men. The list of the counties and the total number of men recruited for the month of August and from Nov. 4th up until the end of the same month follows:  
**County Recruiting Officer. Aug. Til.**  
St. John Captain F. F. May.....161 2349  
Kings J. D. McKenna..... 8 247  
Queens as Lieut. 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  
Kent H. C. Fairbanks..... 1 185  
Westmorland Major J. W. S. Black..... 3 1314  
Albert F. M. Thompson..... 10 190  
Total..... 8826  
A resident has figured out the percentages for the different electoral districts as given in the last census and the results are as follows:—  
St. John, 9  
Restigouche, 8  
York, 5.5  
Carleton, 4.7  
Westmorland, 4.6  
Charlotte, 4.3  
Northumberland, 3.7  
Victoria, Madawaska, 2.8  
Albert, 2.8  
Kings, 2.7  
Queens—Sunbury, 2.2  
Gloucester, 1.4  
Kent, 1.4  
This is for the past year. Previous to this however, Restigouche had sent a large number of men over with the 12th, 26th and 56th Battalions and other Corps. It is estimated that over 1200 men have gone from this county.

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 Bairnsfather's characters though 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 Hun. 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 were all gone and them retired to our own lines, peppering the Hunns 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.'

**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 homestead or silent lumber camp, gazing at the sky can see there the reflection of one of these fires of Creigh-gowan Height.

Fifteen little girls in MacLean tartan one at each meeting will step to the front of each of the fifteen platforms and recite "Light, light the fire on Creigh-gowan Height." Out from the meeting there, shall go either by auto or motor-cycle a man with a flaming torch shaped like the Cross of St. Andrew, which shall be carried blazing through the roadways of the Province from shire town to shire town. Re-lays shall be arranged so that all the districts shall be covered and a circle of the Province shall be made from Fredericton to Woodstock to Andover to Edmundston to Campbellton to Dalhousie to Newcastle to Richibucto to Dorchester to Hillsboro to Hampton to St. John to St. Andrews to Gagetown to Oromocto to Fredericton.  
Just a little way from each centre the auto will be met by a man on horseback who will carry the torch to the place of meeting. The horse, very likely, as in the case of horses of old, will fall from fatigue near the scene of the meeting and the rider dressed in the tartan of the Clan MacLean, with streaming locks and blanch cheeks and flashing eyes, carrying the lighted torch will dash through the assembled crowd and cast it at the feet of the speaker, who pausing in his utterance will hand it to another MacLean-clad warrior who will race with it on its way to the next shire town.  
At each meeting there will be a pip-er who with his MacPherson pipes will

**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 sample, is bad for recruiting. The battalion has been raised for the war, it has been drilling 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."

**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.

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