

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE BATTALION

BY THE ORDERLY ROOM SERGEANT.

(Continued from last month)

JULY, 1917

- 1st. Battalion in training at Valcartier Camp. 89 men taken on strength.
- 2nd. Battalion leaves for Quebec to take part in Dominion Day Celebration. Reviewed in Quebec by Lieut. Governor, and returned to Valcartier the same day.
- 5th. 53 recruits taken on strength.
- 7th. Draft of one hundred men arrives at Valcartier.
- 8th. Open air service at Engineers Camp. Holy Communion (C. of E.) administered in the Ante Room of Officers Mess. Colonel Guthrie and Captain Black arrive in camp.
- 28th. 236th defeats 249th at base-ball 6 to 4.
- 29th. 29 N. C. Os. and men proceed to R. S. I. for N. C. O. course.
- 30th. 4 officers and 40 other ranks commence 21 day B. F. and P. T. course. 47 men categorized B II transferred to Q. R. D.

AUGUST

- 1st. 2 Officers and 88 other ranks arrive from Fredericton.
- 3rd. Lines again flooded by heavy rain.
- 4th. Colonel Guthrie and Captain Black report back to camp. Kit inspection by Q. M. Battalion sports

- other ranks proceed to Levis Forts Nos. 1 and 2, Martinière and Beaumont Battery to take over guard duty.
- 23rd. Special Order giving in detail the complete establishment of the battalion.
- 24th. Sergeant's Dance at Lake St. Joseph.
- 30th. 249 all ranks proceed to Quebec to take over Citadel and the St. Louis Barracks.
- 31st. Millerent (Weekly guard) sent out from Citadel.

SEPTEMBER

- 1st. Further detail of 1 Officer and 104



BATTALION CHURCH PARADE AT VALCARTIER CAMP.

- 9th. Colonel Guthrie and Captain Black return to Fredericton to complete organization of New York Campaign.
- 10th. The battalion mascot "Mac" stolen and sarch parties organized.
- 11th. Through the clever detective work of Sergt. Greenlaw the bear is recovered.
- 13th. Married Sergeants beat the single Sergeants at base-ball 19-12.
- 14th. Muster Parade on battalion parade ground.
- 15th. Draft of one hundred men arrives at Valcartier.
- 16th. Muster parade and pay day.
- 17th. First party from the battalion goes to the rifle range for shooting. Musketry being energetically pushed.
- 18th. Review and march past of all troops in camp, on the Plateau. Inspected by Lt. Governor of Quebec.
- 20th. Heavy wind storm and cloud-burst strikes camp accompanied by violent electric storm. Lines flooded and a number of men forced to take up quarters in Canteen and other places.
- 22nd. Categorization of all men in camp commenced. Percentage of rejections very small.
- 24th. Detachment of 27 men arrive from Fredericton.
- 25th. Strength 1160—men in camp 1001.
- 27th. 994 men out of 1001 categorized.
- held, 3rd anniversary Great Britain's entry into the war.
- 11th. Tents struck and inspection by Brigadier General A. O. Fages, G. O. C.
- 12th. Mayor James Curley of Boston, and Mr. Power, official secretary, arrive. Royally welcomed by all.
- 13th. Mayor Curley presides at a big bon fire and sing song. Address the men. Stirring and eloquent oratory.
- 14th. 23 N. C. Os. and men proceed to R. S. I. course.
- 15th. Mayor Curley and party bid farewell to the Kilties and depart in a ring-storm of cheers. 27 men transferred from Q. R. D. on recategorization.
- 17th. Heavy down pour of rain and lines again flooded; men taking refuge in Canteen and other buildings.
- 18th. 236th Brass Band gives concert in Y. M. C. A. tent.
- 20th. 1 Officer and 25 other ranks proceed to Levis Forts, P. Q. to take over guard duty.
- 21st. Establishment of H. Q. Staff and all details completed and Battalion placed on official established basis. Orders issued to concentrate all energy on musketry. Strength 1199
- 12 N. C. Os. and men proceed to R. S. I. for musketry courses.
- 22nd. Further detail of 1 Officer and 104
- other ranks proceed to the Citadel at Quebec.
- 4th. All troops in Citadel C. B'd on account of anti-conscription meeting.
- 6th. 95 men all ranks, proceed to the Citadel. 70 N. C. Os. and men return from Quebec to Valcartier to complete musketry.
- 13th. Battalion parades on Plateau at 10 a. m. for the purpose of having all "Group 1" men re-classified. 20 men taken on strength at Citadel Detachment.
- 14th. Detachment at outer forts relieved by detachment from the Citadel. Strength Quebec Detachment 550.
- 22nd. Strength of Battalion 1203
- 25th. 70 N. C. Os. and men detailed for duty at Immigration Buildings, Quebec City. Presentation of pipes and drums by Mrs. E. Atherton Smith at Valcartier, Battalion given a half holiday in her honour. First anniversary of organization of Battalion.
- 26th. 70 N. C. Os. and men detailed for duty at Immigration Buildings making a total of 140 men on guard there. Strength of detachment materially reduced making it necessary for guards to remain on duty for 80 hours.