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PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT ARRIVES IN CITY TODAY

"WE SHALL, WITH GOD'S HELP, SECURE A VICTORIOUS PEACE," WRITES THE KING TO GEN. HAIG

British Monarch Expresses Profound Admiration For His Armies After Paying a Visit to Troops On the Western Battlefront.

London, Aug. 15.—(Canadian Press Dispatch from Reuters, Limited).—The following letter has been sent by King George to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig.

France, Aug. 12, 1918.—My Dear Field Marshal—At the beginning of the fifth year of the war, I again have had the pleasure of being with my armies. Writing to you after my last visit on March 30 and after the then recent early withdrawal from certain of our positions, I dwell upon the impression made upon me by the splendid spirit of the troops which I saw during these days. Subsequent events have given ample proof that this was true impression, for never since that time has the spirit of the army faltered.

"We have seen it reasserting itself and carrying to a triumphant issue the operations of the past week. On these happy results, I must warmly congratulate you and the troops that fought so magnificently under your command. I gratefully recognize this high morale in part the outcome of hearty co-operation between the fighting army and the great organizations behind the line, the transport services by land and sea, and those vast industries in which women at home maintain the supplies of food and munitions of war."

I have heard on all sides of the inestimable value of the machine gun corps in the fighting line, and this was brought home to me by the fine appearance of the detachments which I saw in the different areas. I inspected detachments of the Royal Air Force. Its prowess and established superiority over the enemy made me proud to be general-in-chief of this last era in the fighting forces of the world. It was especially satisfactory that I was able

LATEST M. S. A. FIGURES SHOW 58,713 SECURED UP TO TUESDAY

Registrars Have Ordered 109,828 Men To Report.

Ottawa, Aug. 15.—(Times) "The military service act figures are being gradually straightened out. Investigation is now in progress by the various registrars to determine exactly how many men have been acquired who are properly to be classed as military reinforcements" within the meaning of the act.

Difficulties have arisen apparently, owing to differences in the classification of men by the registrars, and owing to the fact that a large percentage of men classed as deserters have joined the colors in other military districts. Revised figures, it is expected, will be ready within the next week or two.

So far returns available show that up to noon yesterday the net number of reinforcements secured under the M. S. A. is 58,713. This total is exclusive of those who have reported for service voluntarily since the act came into force. It is exclusive also of men discharged or on leave without expense to the public, including those who have been returned to the M. S. A. voluntarily reporting, 15,472; number discharged or on leave without expense to the public, 22,522; total, 109,715.

The total of 58,713 reinforcements secured under the act is made up as follows:

Number reporting late or apprehended as deserters, 12,518; defaulters (non-registrants) apprehended under the act, 2,500; total, 15,018; less discharged or on leave without expense to the public, 23,522; total obtained under M. S. A., 58,713.

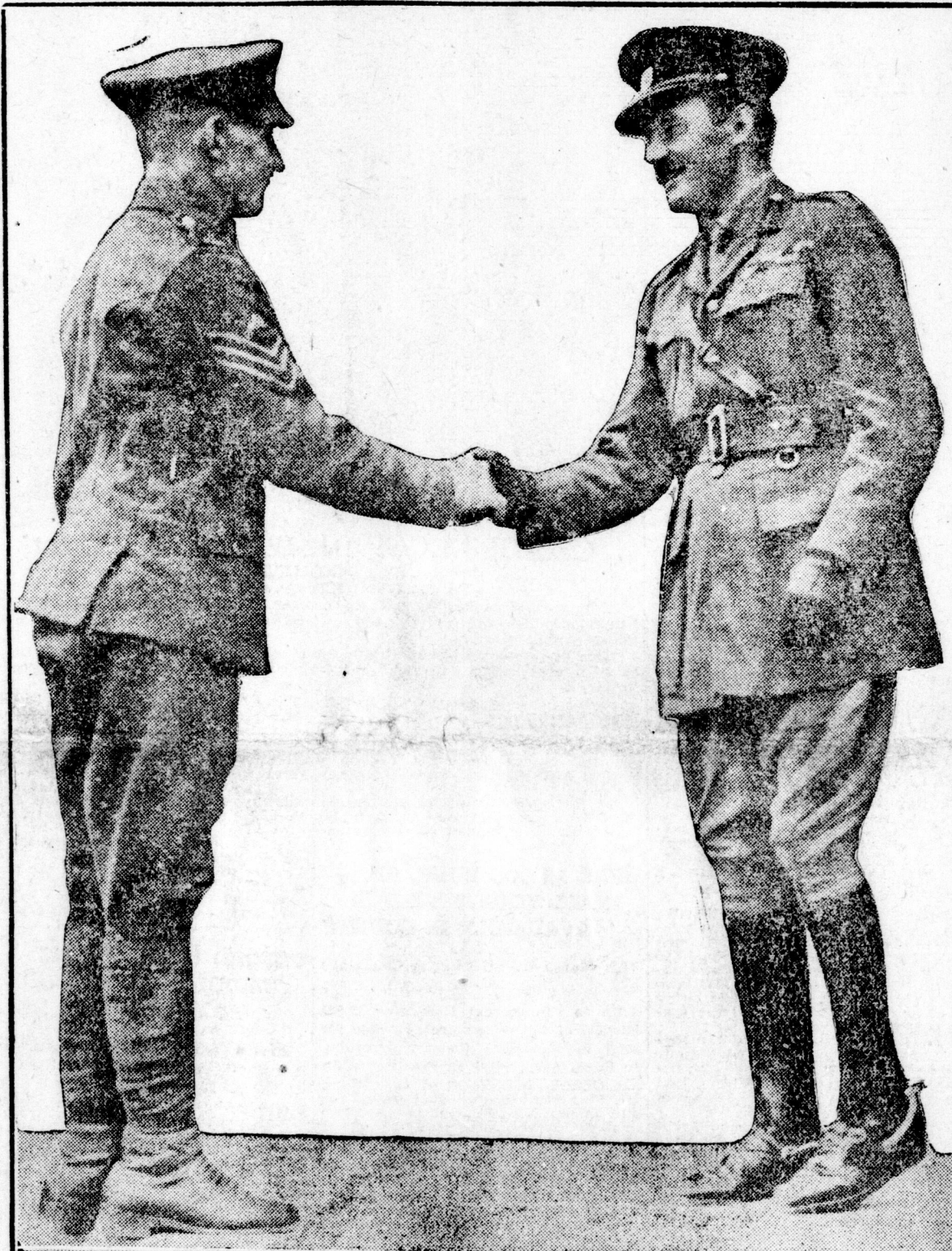
This total of 58,713 reinforcements comprises:

Obtained west of Great Lakes, 22,496; obtained in Ontario, 13,734; obtained in Quebec, 8,287; obtained in Maritime Provinces, 8,106; total obtained under the M. S. A., 58,713.

From the above 4,115 have been transferred to the Royal Air Service and the Inland Water Transport.

The total of men ordered to report by registrars is 109,828, and 37,000 are classed as having failed to report. It is expected, however, that the revised figures will indicate many more men having already reported in districts other than those from which the call was issued.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS GREETING A VETERAN



PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT.

BRITISH LINES IN RAINESCOURT HAVE BEEN ADVANCED

Since August 8th, French and British Troops Have Taken 30,344 German Prisoners—French Continue To Hammer Lassigny-Noyon Line.

FRENCH CAPTURE GROUND.
London, Aug. 15, 4 p.m.—The French have captured all the high ground on the Lassigny Massif and are working down the eastern and northern sides, so that a further retirement of the enemy in that sector is probable, according to advices received here this afternoon.

London, Aug. 15.—The British line has been advanced slightly east of Rainescourt, in the district northwest of Chaumes on the Picardy battlefield today's war office statement announces.

Since August 8, when the Allied attack in Picardy began, the British and French have taken prisoners to the number of 30,344. British patrols were active throughout last night in the district between Albert and Ayette, where the Germans began their retirement yesterday. The patrols have maintained close touch with the enemy in this region.

The British made further progress at several points along this front.

The text of the statement reads:

"Severe local fighting took place last night to our advantage east of Rainescourt. Our line was advanced slightly in this neighborhood.

"One of our patrols rushed a hostile post north of Albert, capturing a machine gun.

"Between Albert and Ayette our patrols were active throughout the night, and have maintained close touch with the enemy. Further progress was made at a number of points, and several prisoners and a few machine guns were taken.

"Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night southeast of Arras, near Gernille.

"The enemy's artillery was active east of Robecq and in the Scherpenberg sector (Flanders).

"The total number of prisoners captured by the British 4th army since the morning of August 8 is now 21,844. In the same period the prisoners taken by the French 1st army amount to 8,500, making a total of 30,344 German prisoners captured in the operations of the Allied armies on the Montdidier-Albert front."

QUIET ON NEW BATTLEFRONT FROM GURY TO THIESCOURT

With the French Army in France, Wednesday, Aug. 14.—Along the new battlefront, from Gury to Thiescourt Wood, the struggle came to a standstill today. In addition to the St. Claude and Ecouvillon farms, we hold ground to the north of Belval village and a footing in Plessier-de-Roye Park. The battle, therefore, has reached a natural conclusion and the danger of a counter-attack from Thiescourt Massif has been removed.

It is unknown whether the battle will be renewed or not, but if it is, it will be a new operation with stronger material and greater man-power on both sides.

FRENCH HAMMERING HUNS.

Paris, Aug. 15.—Both sides are gathering strength for a resumption of heavy fighting. That, however, does not prevent the French from hammering away at the Lassigny-Noyon line and doggedly struggling onward through gas-choked woods.

Gen. Humbert's men have carried Ribecourt, which barred the road running toward Noyon, between Thiescourt Ridge and the Oise, and protected the Germans in Ourcamp Forest, east of the river. It is a success that both endangers the Thiescourt Ridge and Ourcamp.

HUN RAID AGAINST THE BRITISH IN CHAMPAGNE IS REPULSED

London, Aug. 15.—The violent artillery duel between the Avre and the Oise continued during last night, according to the statement from the war office today. A German raid in Champagne failed. The statement reads:

"The night was marked by the rather intense activity of the artillery between the Avre and the Oise.

"An enemy raid in Champagne against the Marquis sector was without result."

PARIS, Aug. 14.—The town of Ribecourt on the road leading to Noyon and 6½ miles southwest of that town, has been captured by the French, according to the official statement issued tonight.

The text follows:

"During the day our troops, continuing their progress between the Matz and the Oise took, Ribecourt.

"East of Belval our infantry elements having discovered preparations for a German counter-attack, succeeded in taking as prisoners seven officers, of whom two were battalion commanders, and a certain number of soldiers.

STEEL MONSTERS SPITTING DEATH IS THE WAY CAPTURED GERMANS DESCRIBE THE BRITISH TANKS

With the British Army in France, Aug. 15.—(By the Associated Press).—In the battle area between Focoucourt and Roye the enemy appears to be in a fairly strong position. In the trenches behind wire constructed prior to 1918.

However, there are no immediate signs of a counter-offensive here or elsewhere. The enemy seems to have accepted defeat, preferring not to attempt any operations which might cost him heavy losses.

It is believed that the Germans themselves are somewhat nervous. According to the talk of prisoners, which may or may not be correct, at least five and probably more, enemy divisions were withdrawn from the fighting in an exhausted condition.

There have been only a few real re-positions on the British front in the past few hours. The Australians have cleared the enemy from the front line just south of Bray, straightening their line at the river and eliminating an enemy strong point. Southeast of Bois-leux-St. Mar, south of Arras, the Germans attempted a raid on the Allies' positions. Four managed to get in and one was killed and the others were wounded.

Huns Lay Man Traps.
The Germans have not desisted from the practice of laying man traps in the territory from which they have been chased. The body of a British officer found in a trench near a German machine gun was found with a German grenade attached to the wrist in such a manner that it would have exploded had the body been moved. In addition to a continuous harassing fire from the artillery, the Germans are suffering at the hands of the British air force. Tons of bombs are being dropped on them day and night and transports in towns and villages behind the line have been hit. Bridges across the line have been hit. Bridges across the line have been hit. Bridges across the line have been hit.

U. S. TO HAVE THREE MILLION IN FRANCE EARLY NEXT SUMMER

All Men Called Under 18 to 45 Year Old Draft To Be Overseas.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—In reporting the administration man power bill extending draft ages today, Chairman Chamberlain disclosed to the Senate that Gen. March, chief of staff, had told the military committee it was up to the United States to put enough men in France to win the war on the west front. The report revealed that the new American war program calls for 30 divisions, something over three million men, in France by June 30 next year, with 15 more divisions in training at home then.

All of the men called for active service under the proposed new draft ages—18 to 45—March told the committee, would be in France by next June. Secretary of War Baker informed the committee, the report said, that the president's policy called for concentration of American forces on the western front, including Italy, and that "the lightening of the fighting in the future is that we must force the issue and win on the western front."

Immediate extension of the draft ages was declared by the army representatives to be imperative in order that the United States may throw its full strength in the struggle.

RECORD SHIPMENTS OF ANTHRACITE COAL

Philadelphia, Aug. 15.—Shipments of anthracite in July attained a high record with two exceptions—last March and last October—and were the two largest ever reported in any one month.

For the first four months of the current coal year the shipments have amounted to \$7,208,073 tons, compared with \$6,255,118 tons for the corresponding period in 1917.

PRINCE ARTHUR PRAISES HOSPITAL WORK IN CANADA, Y. M. C. A. AND GALLANTRY OF MEN AT THE FRONT

Met at Depot On Arrival Here by Brigadier-General L. W. Shannon, C. M. G., and Staff, and Taken to Luncheon at Wolseley Barracks—Lauds Work of Women.

Wearing the uniform of the famous Scots Greys, in which regiment he held the rank of major, His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught arrived in London in the royal special train on the Canadian Pacific Railway at 1:40 p.m. today. Prince Arthur was received at the station by Brigadier-General L. W. Shannon, C.M.G., officer commanding this military district, and his military staff.

The guard of honor was provided by the 1st Depot Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment, in charge of Major Gillespie, M.C., and the 1st Battalion, Canadian Garrison Regiment, band, was in attendance. After inspecting the guard of honor, the royal visitor was conveyed to Wolseley Barracks along with his staff, where he was entertained to luncheon by the local headquarters staff. The route followed by the party was south on Richmond street to Victoria Park, while the park to Wellington street, turning east on Queen's avenue to Adelaide street, and along Adelaide street to Wolseley Barracks.

Immediately after luncheon, his royal highness inspected the troops in training at Carling Heights, along with members of the Great War Veterans' Association, the latter party being drawn up on the right. The headquarters staff has been doing in Canada. While I was in Toronto I saw the technical training of soldiers to fit them to take their places once more in civil life. I am delighted with this, as it means that they are going to be fitted for useful employment.

"In Winnipeg I was introduced to a man who is actually earning more money in a new trade than he would have earned in his old trade before he enlisted. I simply do not know what we should have done without the women during the war. In England they used to call them the 'Queens,' he said with a smile.

Praises Y. M. C. A.
"The Y. M. C. A. work at the front has been very wonderful. You find a Y. M. C. A. hut open within 24 hours of the occupation of any point, where hot drinks are served to the tired soldiers and wounded. I served for 18 months with the 4th Division of the Canadian army on the headquarters staff, and there is no more formidable Continued on Page Three.

CLAIMS GIRL AND \$300 DISAPPEARED

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Kingston, Aug. 15.—Malk Paroskiwa of Hamilton complained to the police this morning that his fiancée, Pauline Cauch, whom he was to have wedded here today, had skipped out with \$300 of his money. The couple arrived here yesterday afternoon and took rooms at a King street boarding-house. Paroskiwa went out to make preparations for the ceremony, and when he returned he found Pauline and his \$300 missing. Pauline left her photographs behind, and that may help some.

RELEASED FOR CONTEMPT.
Toronto, Aug. 15.—An order was granted by Chief Justice Falconbridge for the release from Guderich jail of Richard Kruse, confined for alleged contempt of court in not removing certain buildings in the village of Egmondville. He is to apologize to the court satisfactorily to the plaintiff in the action of Jones vs. Truckers.

ROOSEVELT REGRETS HE CANNOT FIGHT BESIDE HIS SONS

Paris, Aug. 15.—Col. Roosevelt's answer to condolences extended by President Poincaré on the death of John Quentin Roosevelt, is published by the newspapers.

"My only regret," the colonel wrote, "is that I am unable to fight beside my sons."

ALLIES HAVE TAKEN 73,000 PRISONERS AND 1,700 GUNS IN FOUR WEEKS' DRIVE

Great Success For Entente Armies Since Beginning of the War.

Paris, Aug. 15.—Just four weeks ago today the residents of Paris were awakened by the sounds of such a cannonade as they never had heard before.

It was Gen. Maiglin's "counter preparation" against the great German attack, which the enemy believed was to bring him to the gates of Paris.

In phrases tempered with joy, the morning newspapers outline the great change that one short month has brought. The enemy, who was at the gates of Amiens, Rheims and Compiègne, has been soundly beaten and out-generalled at every point, and initiative has been wrested from him by the military genius of Marshal Foch. The German command, it is said, has transferred the direction of operations to Gen. von Boehn, a specialist in retreats.

Allied troops have captured 73,000 prisoners and more than 1,700 guns. This is a greater number than the Allies have taken in four weeks since the beginning of the war.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 88; lowest, 67.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 69; lowest, 49.

TOMORROW—FINE AND COOL.

Toronto, Aug. 15.—8 a.m.

Light to moderate winds; fine today and on Friday, with about the same temperature.

The following are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	60	52	Cloudy
Calgary	60	52	Cloudy
Winnipeg	78	52	Fair
Port Arthur	78	52	Fair
Port Hope	78	52	Fair
Port Stanley	84	48	Clear
Buffalo	80	48	Clear
Toronto	80	48	Clear
Kingston	80	50	Clear
Ottawa	80	50	Clear
Montreal	82	50	Clear
Quebec	78	50	Clear
St. John's	78	50	Clear

Weather Notes.
Showers and thunderstorms have occurred in the Maritime Provinces, and a few light showers in Alberta. Otherwise very fine weather has prevailed generally.