

THE WASTAGE BY MONTHS.

The total wastage by months was as follows:—

January	4,396
February	21,955
March	6,161
April	16,894
May	13,247
June	7,913
July	7,906
August	13,232
September	10,990
October	5,920
Total	108,723

THE RECRUITING BY MONTHS.

The infantry recruiting by months was as follows:—

January	5,707
February	2,356
March	2,286
April	1,794
May	1,208
June	1,595
July	1,419
August	1,064
September	1,232
October	1,756
Total	20,506

Returning to the question of the present available reinforcements. The troops in England consist of the Fifth Division, now rapidly disappearing, men in hospitals, administrative troops and reserve units of the four divisions in France.

THE FIFTH CANADIAN DIVISION.

The Fifth Division was organized with the hope of increasing the Canadian Army at the front to five divisions, and the formation was fully organized ready to take its place in France. A sudden heavy call for men came, and the Fifth Division, having trained infantrymen ready, had to furnish the reinforcements from its infantry establishment. Before the Battle of Passchendaele the Fifth Division had been reduced to 12,000 or 13,000 men, of which only 10,000 were infantry. The artillery was able to go to France in a body. *The history of the Fifth Division is a clear example of the*

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