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## TO THE FRIENDS WE LEAVE BEHIND.

The 67th Battalion Western Scots of Canada sends you Greetings and most sincere thanks for your splendid demonstration of regard on the occasion of our departure from our home city, Victoria, and later from Vancouver. The many wishes and kind words expressed by you there are heartily reciprocated and the Battalion is as one man in its determination to conduct itself at all times in a manner worthy of the regard you have shown for it.

### OUR DEPARTURE.

After many months of hard training at the good old Willows Camp—already only a memory—the battalion is at last on board train bound for the Eastern Seaboard and eventually the object for which each of us enlisted. The battalion paraded for the last time on the oval at the Willows Camp at 11 40 a. m. Friday March 24th. Prior to that the non-commissioned officers and men had lunch served to them in their lines, while the commissioned officers were guests of the mess of the sister battalion, the 88th. Batt. C. E. F. Victoria Fusiliers. Lieut. Col. Rous-Cullin presided at a farewell luncheon that was most enjoyable. Kind things were said about the 67th. and Lieut. Col. Lorne Ross voiced the sentiments of the entire 67th. mess when he hoped we might soon have the 88th. with us on the great adventure.

The last march through the streets of Victoria will long be remembered by all ranks of the 67th. Through the foresight of the C. O. and the kindness of the B. C. Electric Railway Company the men's kit bags were transported by flat cars from the Willows to Douglas street where they were regained by the men with a minimum of lost time and the battalion then moved forward to the wharf. Rank on rank of smiling faces lined the route of march and as the men, again through the foresight of the O. C. proceeded in file, it was possible for all of them to bid farewell to friends with out seriously re-

tarding the rate of progress. So dense was the crowd on the Causeway that at this point the men were forced to proceed in single file.

As the final affecting scenes of parting were enacted, scenes such as rend ones feelings and strike the key note of the war itself. The battalion proceeded in 3 sections. Number 1 section, which included a detail of 100 men from the Army Medical Corps under Capt. Richardson, embarked on the Princess Victoria which sailed promptly at 2.30 amid the wild cheering of the crowds and the shrieking of whistles, through which came faintly the strains of Auld Lang Syne. By way of reply. one of No. 1 Coy's bandsmen rendered on the cornet, from the decks of the Victoria, "Then You'll Remember Me."

No. 2 section sailed a quarter of an hour later on the Princess Adelaide and half an hour after that the third section on the Princess Mary. On reaching Vancouver each section entrained independently. Here again were dense crowds, the only unfortunate feature being the inability of many friends who had hoped to see their dear ones to get close enough to the cars to exchange a last farewell. However the necessity for maintaining rigid discipline in order that the entrainment might be carried out without accident or mishap rendered the extension of more leniency out of the question, much as the officers

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