

THE CANADIANS AT SHORNCLIFFE

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The 39th Infantry Battalion

The 39th Infantry Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, with the 36th and 48th is quartered under canvas at Upper Caesar's Camp. Day in and day out the officers and men look upon the remains of the ancient fortifications and earthworks of Castle Hill, forming the southern boundary of their camp; day after day they climb to the top of the hill, wander through all that is left of the various ramifications of the works and, coming from a new country, devoid for the most part of such relics of bygone ages, take the liveliest interest in the past history of the Castle Hill fortifications.

A Belleville Battalion.

The 39th Battalion was mobilized at Belleville, a pretty town and summer resort on the northern shore of Lake Ontario in the Province of Ontario, as recently as April 1. Similarly to the 36th Battalion the 39th is made up of nine different units contributed by as many Militia regiments of the 3rd Divisional Area. These units for many months past have been mobilized as such and trained for Overseas service at their respective headquarters; but on April 1 they were all centralized at Belleville and formed into a complete Battalion. From the time of its centralization until its departure for Britain, the 39th underwent a period of strenuous training in field work of every description. Whilst this training was in progress the equipment and organization of the battalion into its component parts was carried through and completed. Here at Shorncliffe the 39th, like every other battalion stationed in camp, is carrying through a programme of training arranged and planned according to a certain schedule. Each day, each week, each month has its allotted work. A stated period has to be devoted to musketry, another to bayonet fighting, another to field work, trenching, and so forth, and such operations as route marches, outpost duty, night marches and work, sea-bathing parades, etc., are sandwiched into the general scheme as opportunity arises. When the training programme as laid down is completed in its entirety, each man, each platoon, each company, and each battalion is considered to be ready to take a place in the firing-line. Machine gun sections, bombers, snipers, and signallers undergo separate training, and to this end are units until themselves.

The Contributing Regiments.

The 3rd Divisional Area with headquarters at Kingston, Ontario, has now furnished three complete battalions of infantry for active service overseas—the 2nd, now with the 1st Canadian Division in France; the 21st with the 2nd Division at Shorncliffe, and the 39th, acting as a Reserve Battalion, also at Shorncliffe. The Militia regiments which contributed units in the formation of the 39th Battalion were the following: 14th Princess of Wales' Own Rifles, Kingston, Ont.; 15th Argyll Light Infantry, Belleville; 16th Prince Edward Regiment, Picton, Ont., with companies at Black River Bridge, Allistonville, Rossmore, Northport, Wellington, and Bloomfield; 40th Northumberland Regiment, Cobourg, Ont., with companies at Campbellford, Brighton, Norwood, Grafton, Coburne and Castleton; 45th Victoria Regiment, Lindsay, Ont., with companies at Cameron, Omemee, Norland, Tory Hill, Woodville and Bobcaygeon; 46th Durham Regiment, Port Hope; with companies at Lakefield, Orono, Millbrook, Blackstock, Campbellcroft, Janetville, and Haydon; 47th Frontenac Regiment, Kingston, Ont., with companies at Inverary, Sydenham, Westport, Napanea, Verona, Tamworth, Odessa and Arden; 48th Hastings Rifles, Belleville, with companies at Stirling, Sidney, Madoc, Tyndinaga, Trenton, Bancroft and Marmora; 57th Peterborough Rangers, Peterboro, Ont. The latter regiment is allied with the Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regiment, of the Imperial Army, whilst the 54th Victoria Regiment is the regiment in which Major-General the Hon. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence served from May, 1873 onwards for upwards of 30 years, first as a lieutenant and latterly as Colonel Commanding the regiment. He is now Hon. Colonel of the 45th.

Belleville's Interest.

On the mobilization of the 39th Battalion at Belleville, the canning factory there was converted into barracks for the accommodation of the men. Very deep interest was naturally taken in the battalion by the people of Belleville and the surrounding municipalities and adjacent counties which had contributed to its formation. They organized a battalion fund for the purchase of field kitchens, band instruments, field comforts of all kinds for the men and for other

useful purposes. To this fund the Cheese Board of Belleville contributed \$600, the county of Hastings \$1000, and the city of Belleville itself a liberal amount. Separately the men of Belleville generously contributed upwards of \$600 to the Officers' Mess Fund, while the ladies of the local Women's Canadian Club purchased, worked and presented to the battalion its very handsome colors—both the King's and the Regimental. The presentation of these colors was a red-letter day in the annals of the 39th and the occasion of a gala day in Belleville, the Colonel Commanding and his officers receiving the colors for the battalion at the hands of the Minister of Militia and Defence, Major-General the Hon. Sam Hughes.

It is roughly estimated that some 75 per cent. of the rank and file of the 39th are of British birth. Many of these having had previous military training in the Imperial Army, and not a few of them have already seen active service in South Africa or elsewhere in the Empire. In physique, fighting qualities, and military bearing, as well as in other ways, this battalion is the equal of any of the battalions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and their training is so well advanced that one may expect before very long to hear of some of them at any rate taking their places alongside their comrades of the gallant 1st Division in the fighting-line. Battalion after battalion of infantry continues to arrive in Britain from Canada, but still there is no deterioration of soldierly qualities in the later arrivals. The standard set in the First Contingent is maintained in every way and what that standard is has been known to all the world since the Battle of Langemarck, at the end of April.

The Officers of the Battalion.

The command of 39th Battalion has been given to Lieut.-Colonel John A. V. Preston, who in Canada, commands the 46th Durham Regiment, of Port Hope, Ont., a regiment of Militia which has been in existence for nearly half a century. The other 41 officers of the Battalion are as follows: Lieut.-Col. Robert W. Smart (Second in command of the 46th Durham Regiment, Port Hope), second in command; Major Arthur E. Bywater (49th Hastings Rifles, Belleville), Third in command; Captain Basil B. S. Campbell (59th Stormont and Glengarry Regiment, Alexandria, Ont. Adjutant; Lieut. D. Thomas McManus (R.M.C.), Assistant Adjutant; Major Aaron G. Carruthers (57th Peterborough Rangers, Peterboro, Ont.), Quartermaster; Major Fred B. Carron (Canadian Army Medical Corps), Medical officer; Captain William A. McAdam, Belleville, Paymaster; Captain the Rev. Clarence R. Spencer (46th Durham Regiment, Port Hope) Chaplain; Captain William N. McQueen, Y.M.C.A. 'A' Company; Major Lorne T. McLaughlin (46th Durham Regiment, Port Hope), Officer Commanding; Lieut. Percy R. White, (59th Stormont and Glengarry Regiment, Alexandria, Ont.), Second in command; Platoon Commanders, Lt. Edward C. Snider (46th Durham Regiment, Port Hope), Lieut. Ernest R. White, (48th Durham Regiment, Port Hope), Lieut. Christopher H. N. Spafford (48th Durham Regiment, Port Hope), Lieut. William P. Eastwood (57th Peterborough Rangers, Peterborough, Ont.), Lieut. William H. Ketcheson (49th Hastings Rifles, Belleville), Supernumerary, 'B' Company, Major Roscoe Vandewater, (49th Hastings Rifles, Belleville), Officer commanding; Captain Lester W. Hopkins (45th Victoria Regiment, Lindsay, Ont.), second in command; Platoon commanders, Lieut. John E. McCorkill (15th Argyll Light Infantry, Belleville); Lieut. Bertram K. Allen (15th Argyll Light Infantry, Belleville); Lieut. Edwin A. Adams, (16th Prince Edward Regiment, Picton, Ont.), 'C' Company; Major Darius Green (49th Hastings Rifles, Belleville), officer in command; Captain William H. Hudson (Adjutant, 15th Argyll Light Infantry, Belleville) 2nd in command; Platoon commanders, Lieutenant John A. Dalton, (14th Princess of Wales' Own Rifles, Kingston, Ont.), Lieut. Gilbert Edwards (48th Durham Regiment, Port Hope), Lieut. Arthur B. Colville (40th Northumberland Regiment, Cobourg), Lieut. Gardner M. Boyd, (45th Victoria Regiment, Lindsay), Lt. Frederick C. Maud (47th Frontenac Regiment, Kingston, Ont.), Supernumerary, 'D' Company; Major Frederick D. Bogs, (Second in command, 40th Northumberland Regiment, Cobourg), Officer commanding, Captain Charles R. Cameron (57th Peterborough Rangers, Peterboro, Ont.), Second in command; Platoon commanders, Lt. Alexander Forth (Corps of School Cadet Instructors, Orangeville, Ont.), Lieut. Wm. W. Wallace, (49th Hastings Rifles, Belleville); Lieut. Richard G. H. Travers, (47th Frontenac Regt., Kingston), Lt. Geo.

M. G. Craig (49th Hastings Rifles, Belleville), Lieut. Charles O. C. Fenton, (40th Northumberland Regt., Cobourg), Lieut. Frederick McPhun, (47th Frontenac Regt., Kingston), Lieut. S. H. Powell (49th Hastings Rifles, Belleville), Supernumerary Signalling Officers, Lieut. Robert H. Hopkins (45th Victoria Regiment, Lindsay, Ont.), Lieut. R. J. Elliott, (49th Hastings Rifles, Belleville), Attached, Machine Gun Officers: Lt. Arthur S. Bleakney (43rd Duke of Cornwall's Own Rifles, Ottawa), Lt. G. S. Bateman (49th Hastings Rifles, Belleville), Attached.

The Officer Commanding.

Lieut.-Colonel Preston, has passed the Militia Staff Course, and 30 years ago saw active service with the Midland Battalion in the North-West Rebellion, for which he wears the medal alongside the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration for long service. He was promoted Lieut.-Col. in September, 1909 and has had command of the half-century old 46th Durham Regiment of Port Hope, since January, 1912. The Colonel's home is at Orangeville, in Ontario. By profession he is a lawyer; at the same time he is Registrar of Dufferin County. He takes a considerable amount of active interest in Sunday-School work.

Lieut.-Colonel Smart has been Second in Command of the 46th Durham Regiment since March, 1910. Like Col. Preston, he wears the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration and the North-West medal for his share of the fighting, with the Midland Battalion in the North-West Rebellion of 1885. Colonel Smart possesses the Certificate of the Canadian School of Signalling. He has retired from business and lives at the beautifully situated little town of Port Hope on northern shores of Lake Ontario.

Major Bywater is a capitalist of Trenton, Ontario. He has held a commission in the 49th Hastings Rifles for many years, and has passed the Militia Staff Course. Major Bogs is the Second in Command of the 40th Northumberland Regiment, of Cobourg. He has held a commission in that regiment for a goodly number of years, and wears the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration for long service. The Major is a Justice of the Peace in his home town of Cobourg. Major McLaughlin is a well-known farmer and agriculturist of Durham County, Ontario. He has many years Militia service to his credit as an officer of the 46th Durham Regiment. Major Vandewater is also a prominent farmer, who has held a commission in the 49th Hastings Rifles for many years. He lives near Sidney in the adjoining county of Hastings. Major Darius Green in civil life is a builder and contractor of Stirling, in Hastings County. He has been connected with his home regiment, the 49th Hastings Rifles, for upwards of twenty years and obtained his captaincy over ten years ago. Major Carruthers wears the Long Service decoration, and has held a captaincy in the 57th Peterborough Rangers, of Peterborough, Ontario, since December, 1911. He is agent in Peterboro of the Dominion Express Company. Major Carron, Medical Officer of the 39th Battalion, has given up a lucrative practice in Brockville to do his "bit" for the great cause. As a member of the R.A.M.C. he served through the South African campaign, and was awarded both the King's and the Queen's medal.

The Captains

Captain Campbell, Adjutant of the 39th, has held a commission in the 59th Stormont and Glengarry Regiment, of Alexandria, Ontario, for nearly seven years. He is a civil engineer in the Canadian Pacific Railway service. Captain Hudson is the Adjutant of the 15th Argyll Light Infantry, in which regiment he has held a commission for several years. He lives in Belleville where he carries on a real estate and insurance business. Captain Cameron is a well-known business man of Peterborough, Ontario. He has held a commission in the 57th Peterborough Rangers for nearly the last three years. Capt. Lester Hopkins is a graduate of Toronto University. He obtained his commission in the 45th Victoria Regiment of Lindsay, in November, 1913. Captain McAdam, Paymaster of the 39th, is the representative in Belleville of the firm of R. G. Dunn and Co. Capt. MacQueen has been associated with the Y.M.C.A. work in Canada; while Captain Spencer, Chaplain to the 39th has held a commission in the 48th Durham Regiment for several years. He was promoted Captain in December, 1913, and holds a curacy at the town of Millbrook, in Durham county, Ontario.

Lieut. McManus was born in Ireland. He has seen considerable service with the Essex Regiment (Imperial Army), and wears the Long Service decoration and that for the Coronation of King Edward VII. In civil life he is engaged in insurance business. Lieut. White holds an appointment in the Marine Fisheries Department of the Government of Canada, and joined the 39th Battalion from the Corps Reserve of the

59th Stormont and Glengarry Regiment. He obtained his commission in April, 1906. Lieut. Firth has a commission in the Corps of School Cadet Instructors, to which he was appointed in November, 1912. He possesses the Canadian School of Musketry Certificate. Lieut. Dalton is a member of the firm of J. D. Dalton and Co., of Kingston, Ontario. Lieut. Wallace carries on a real estate business in Toronto. He wears the South African decoration, and took part in that campaign with the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles. Lieut. Edwards obtained his commission in the 46th Durham Regiment in June, 1913. In civil life he is interested in the cattle trade. Lieut. Travers has given up the management of the Northern Crown Bank at Napanea to join the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Lieut. Snider is a well-known lawyer of Port Hope. He obtained his commission in the 46th Durham Regiment two months before the outbreak of war. Lieut. McCorkill's home is in Belleville, where he carries on the business of a chemist and druggist.

Lieut. Allen also lives at Belleville. He holds a responsible appointment in the Customs service there. Lieut. Colville, as solicitor to the Seymour Power Company, has given up a yearly salary of \$3,000 to accompany the 39th Battalion on active service. Lieut. Craig was born in Ireland. When not on military duty he is a member of the engineering staff of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

An Army of Bankers

Lieut. Wright is also a civil engineer in the employ of the C.P.R. and lives at Newcastle, Ontario. Lieut. Hopkins is a graduate of Toronto; while Lieut. Spafford, who was born in England, is another of the many C.P.R. engineers who have joined the Canadian Overseas Forces. Lieut. Adams is the manager of the Pictou branch of the Standard Bank; and Lieut. Fenton is engaged in the profession of a surveyor. Lieut. Eastwood is one of the army of bankers who go to swell the Overseas fighting force of Canada, an army that can no longer be counted by hundreds—they run into four figures now. He left the Royal Bank at Peterborough to accept a commission in the 39th Battalion for foreign service. Lieut. Boyd comes from Bobcaygeon. He is a graduate of McGill University, and a mining engineer by profession. Lieut. McPhun, who was born in Britain, is also a mining engineer. Lieut. Bleakney joined the 39th from Ottawa, where he is engaged as a lawyer. Lieut. Ketcheson has an insurance business in Belleville; and Lieut. Powell is a merchant in that city. Lieut. Maund left the mines of Cobalt, where he was engaged as a mining engineer to join the 39th Battalion for active service; while Lieut. Bateman gave up farming for the same laudable purpose. Lieut. Elliott is a son of the manager of the Standard Bank at Belleville, and prior to obtaining a commission in the 39th was a student at Toronto University.

"The Stowaways."

The two last-named officers are known to their brother officers of the 39th as "The Stowaways." Almost immediately before the Battalion left Belleville for England, Lieut. Elliott and Lieut. Bateman, together with other junior officers who were supernumerary to its full strength, had the misfortune to learn that they were not to be taken with the Battalion on active service. They were ordered to report to the base battalion. Instead, however, they procured private uniforms, and, unseen, smuggled themselves aboard the troop train among the rank and file. At Kingston they were discovered and reported to the Commanding Officer, who again ordered them to return home and report themselves for duty with the base battalion. With persistent determination, however, they managed to smuggle themselves aboard the train a second time, only to be rediscovered again at the station at Montreal. A second time the discovery was reported to Colonel Preston and a second time on the journey they were ordered to return to Belleville, chance of active service, they found but, still determined not to lose their way by devious strategy from the railway station to the transport lying at the docks, and in the hurry and confusion of embarking the battalion, managed to slip aboard the steamer and hide themselves in some convenient corner. But not for long. A third time they were found and hauled before the Colonel. Treating their unwelcome determination to accompany the battalion with sympathetic and judicial consideration, he reported the case to Major-General, the Hon. Sam Hughes, the Minister of Militia and Defence, who had come down to the boat to say "Good-bye" to the battalion. "Take them along with you," was the General's reply, and the "Stowaway" officers arrived in England with nothing more than their private uniforms with which they were clothed.

Of the 42 officers of the 39th Battalion, 36 are Canadian-born and 6 are of British birth. The Battalion Sergeant-Major is Sergeant-Major Dunkerly, who for

many years has been Sgt.-Major of the 57th Peterborough Rangers of Peterborough, Ontario. He is the Instructor for the 3rd Divisional Area.

Steel Train Carried Record Cargo of Gold

New York, Aug. 20.—A special train carrying \$50,000,000 in treasure, one-third in gold and two-thirds in securities, which had been shipped by the Bank of England from London via Halifax to this city, arrived at the terminal of the American Express company at Thirty-third street and Tenth avenue in seven steel cars garriaged by forty armed men.

The treasure crossed the Atlantic in a battle cruiser accompanied by a flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers. The gold, which is worth about \$20,000,000, weighs approximately seventy-five tons. The cost of shipping it to this country in the upkeep of the naval forces, in the elaborate guard maintained on its railway journey and in loss of interest is said to amount to about \$170,000.

When the armed train left Halifax it was preceded by a pilot engine for the purpose of testing bridges and trestles and to frustrate any attempt to wreck the treasure cars by dynamite. This precaution was suggested by the exploit of Werner Horn, the German reservist, who attempted to blow up the St. Croix River International bridge on Feb. 2 to stop shipments of munitions for the allies from this country to Canada over the Canadian Pacific railroad.

News of the arrival of the great cargo of treasure ever carried by a single ship did not get out of Halifax because of the rigor of the British censorship. It was learned, however, that before the treasure had been landed one day's delay ensued, for the reason that Admiral Beatty had orders to deliver the shipment directly to the American Express company, which had no offices of its own in Halifax and was represented there by the Dominion Express company. Admiral Beatty cabled back for instructions and was ordered to make the delivery to the Dominion Express company.

In this case one day's delay means a cost of thousands of dollars. The interest on the valuable shipment at 5 per cent would be \$2,750 a day, which was lost. The cost of keeping the fleet on the errand for an extra day and the expense of maintaining the express company's train and guard was also a heavy one.

No Hard Times in Haliburton County

The Echo became possessed of information a few days ago that should cause the residents of Haliburton county to smile, instead of talking "hard times," as some are doing; "borrowing trouble" from the fact that a war tax will have to be paid this fall. Let us consider for a moment what that means. One mill on the dollar of the taxable property of the County of Haliburton, as per the last revised equalized assessment, amounts to \$98.88, which may appear quite a large sum when viewed as a whole; but we receive from the Provincial Treasury the magnificent sum of \$7,379.20, as Legislative grant to our schools, being \$3,202.96 greater than came to hand from the same source last year, and we have the snug sum of \$2,904.08 less to pay than last year, allowing that the Municipal rates remain the same and that greater expense has not yet incurred. It is worth something to be properly represented in these matters. Besides we have good crops, prices are favorable, and we see no reason why we should not be well content, in fact, glad we reside under such favorable conditions.

—Minden Echo.

Campbellford to Raise \$10,000 in September

Last week's issue of the Campbellford Herald contained the following article showing that the citizens of that town are planning for a big patriotic effort next month:

The committee appointed to organize a campaign to raise funds for patriotic purposes have met and are making arrangements for the campaign some time in September. There will be a public meeting which may be in the open air. The idea is to have a patriotic picnic and addresses given by prominent speakers. Efforts are being made to get Sir Geo. Foster, Col. G. Sterling Ryerson and Trooper Mulloy.

The campaign committee have decided to set \$10,000 the figure to be aimed at. To many this may seem too high a figure, but the committee considered it well and have come to the conclusion that we should be well able to undertake it.

MANY PASSENGERS INJURED IN HEAD FROM EXPLOSION

Queenstown, Aug. 20.—The landing here yesterday evening of the survivors of the ill-fated White Star Line steamer Arabic was a pitiable scene. All of them were scantily clothed and none of them had had or head covering of any kind.

A large number of the survivors were suffering from injuries to their heads and other wounds or from shock and the effects of being forced to take to open boats scantily attired. Many of the women were in their berths when the liner was torpedoed and ran to the deck in their nightclothing. These were provided with blankets when they were taken from the boats and rafts by the crews of the rescue ships. A number of those saved were picked out of the water and arrived here in their seasoaked clothing. The people of Queenstown gave them every possible attention and provided fresh outfits for many of them. There were some pathetic scenes of grief over the loss of the members of some of the families on board the liner.

Crew Worked Splendidly.

A Hulme Nebeker, of Logan, Utah who when he arrived here had on only a bathrobe, said that the crew worked splendidly under Captain Finch's direction in the short eight minutes which they had to get the passengers into the boats, and but for the fine discipline maintained and the excellent work of the rescuing tug officers at least a couple of hundred persons would have been lost. The submarine, according to Mr. Nebeker, was seen before it launched the torpedo, but there was not time enough to escape it.

Captain Was Injured.

The American Vice-Consul here assisted the local authorities in aiding the survivors. Captain Finch, who is suffering from injuries to his leg, said last night that he did not see the submarine, but distinctly observed the torpedo approaching the ship. "It was then impossible to escape it," the captain said. "We had only eight minutes to get the boats away and save all on board."

Starving Man Fed on Refuse he Found in City Dump

Pitiful Tale Told to Recorder by Geo. Franco, Who Had Been Out of Work for Past Nine Months Found in Emaciated Condition Lying in Dump

Montreal, Aug. 20.—A shocking case of poverty and distress was uncovered this morning when Constables Lapointe and St. George of police headquarters found George Franco, a Roumanian workman, lying on the city dump in the North End, in a weak and emaciated condition.

He told the police a harrowing tale of poverty and distress. He said he had been ill in the field for eight days. Previous to that he had been living on crusts of bread and pieces of meat he found among the garbage every morning after the garbage men went away. He had been out of work for more than nine months and had neither home nor money.

Franco said he had visited all the labor agencies in the city, and had tramped up and down the streets of the city looking for work until he was sick and tired of life.

When he found he was going to starve to death amid plenty, he took to the dump, where he managed to live for some time.

With his clothing hanging in rags and his peaked face covered with grime, Franco presented a pitiful appearance when he was arranged before Recorder Semple on a charge of vagabondage. He entered a plea of guilty, but pleaded with the Recorder not to send him to jail in his present condition. He said he would try to find work. He understood men were wanted in the West to help with the harvesting, and he would do what he could to find employment. Recorder Semple said he would suspend sentence under the circumstances. He told the accused that he should have reported himself to the police, and would no doubt have been assisted by some of the charitable institutions receiving municipal aid.

Lord John Out on Suspended Sentence

William Russell, alias Lord John Russell, appeared before Judge Ward on Monday and pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a watch. As Russell had borne a good character previously, he was allowed to go on suspended sentence. His former employer offering to take him back. Colborne Enterprise.

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