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DEMobilIZATION.

During the past week the Demobilization force has been extremely busy returning the soldiers of the E. T. D. back to civil life. Since this work began there has been a perceptible speeding up of proceedings and the scribe has it from one of the staff that men are being discharged at the rate of about 100 a day. Virtually all of the railway men and students here have been demobilized and now attention is being paid to married men and men who came to St. Johns through the British Canadian Recruiting Mission, branches of which were scattered through the larger cities of the United States.

Demobilization is on every tongue these days and Daily Orders were never in greater demand than they are today for it is then only that the prospective discharge gets information which means a great deal to him. Some men have described the interval between Supper and six o'clock to a law court with the jury's verdict expected momentarily. Crowds congregate round the boards and there are whoops of glee when one man sees his name up and a silent turning away by those who seem disappointed.

Last Tuesday orders were given by the C.O. that men going through the gate with their kit bags should have these searched and only those whose certificates of discharge showed that they were entitled to their uniforms were allowed to keep them. A good many men still to be discharged and wishing their tunic and slacks as a memento of their soldier days went to the trouble to bargain with men willing to part with their uniforms and bought them, with the result that there are quite a few who have a full uniform on their hands. Their position is akin to the gentleman who was all dressed up and had nowhere to go.

The staff of non coms and officers has been considerably increased for it necessitated more men to parade the different groups to the medical board and later to different shops in St. Johns, there to procure civilian suits. There have been trials and tribulations for these non coms and countless questions to answer. Last Wednesday morning the Demobilization office was transferred to more commodious quarters, from room 36 to room 53 much to the chagrin of Sergeant Webb, and Lance Corporals Gordon Bell and Whiffin who last Saturday night went to great pains to decorate their new

abode with original "Knots and ashings" cartoons, flags bunting and lamp shades. On moving they carried out the task again.

The demobilization has been threatened with the insidious influenza which has broken out in a mild form thanks to the damp weather which preceded the Christmassy weather now being experienced. The prevailing low temperature combined with the precautions which every man should take at this time will probably be efficacious in stamping out the sporadic cases which are now being treated by the M.O. staff. Everyman owes it to himself and to his comrades to guard his health at this particular time. It is of prime importance that those who experience the earliest symptoms of influenza should at once seek treatment for, if taken in time, it can be warded off. It is obviously wrong for a man to 'try and tough it out' in the fear lest he should be denied his discharge. In this way the patient becomes seriously ill before the medical staff can treat him, besides carrying the contagion to others.

No official advices have been received concerning the use of the Depot when the present strength has been cut down to a permanent force or garrison. It is reported however that next Spring may find a large number of men here, these being the laddies who fought and won on their way back home from Europe and sent here as a clearing station.

Hot Not To Boil Eggs.

The corporal had been lucky enough to commandeer four eggs from a Belgian farm on his way up the line, and on arriving at the trenches he handed them over to a private to cook.

"Now," he said, "ever cooked an egg?"

"No," was the reply.

"Oh! it's easy enough—you borrow a "Primus" stove, put some water in a canteen, wait till it boils, then put the eggs in."

"But how long do I leave 'em there?"

"Three minutes each exactly. Got a watch?"

"Yes."

"Right-o—carry on."

A little later the eggs were brought to him as hard as lead.

"Great Scot!" he roared, "how long did you boil 'em?"

"Twelve minutes."

"Twelve minutes! I told you three minutes."

"Well," said the private, "there were four of them, and you said three minutes each!"

SUCCUMBS TO PNEUMONIA.

It is with painful regret that we announce in this week's issue the death at the Military Hospital of Sapper Ovide Begin, a French-Canadian volunteer who succumbed last Sunday night to pneumonia an influenza after a short illness. Aged 22 he enlisted on July 12th in Montreal, coming at once to the E. T. D. in St. Johns. He was a blacksmith by trade, and unmarried his birthplace being given as Wotten in this Province.

The gravity of his condition was realized on November 27th when he was taken from his bunk and admitted to the hospital where Medical Officers labored in vain to pull him round.

Sapper Begin was a "C" Company man and popular with his comrades, who saw him laid to rest on Wednesday morning in the Roman Catholic Cemetery following the service in the church of that denomination at eleven o'clock. The funeral cortege was formed in the square where he had drilled often, the coffin being enveloped in the Union Jack and placed upon the gun carriage. The firing party was composed of men of the Non Commissioned Officers' Class in charge of Sergeant Mallison, the men of "C" Company following at slow march.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the mother of the deceased, Mrs. Alexandre Begin who resides at St. Adrien de Ham, P.Q.

CARD OF THANKS.

We are asked by Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd of Crumlin, County Autrim, Ireland, to express their deepest appreciation to the Commanding Officer, Officers and men of other ranks at the E. T. D. for many kindnesses extended to their son, Sergeant James Boyd who recently died from influenza while attached to this command.

(It will doubtless be a source of satisfaction to the bereaved parents to know that all that skill and loving hands could accomplish was done during his illness and that an unusual display of floral tributes attested to esteem in which he was held here.—Ed.)

Sapper Burn" departure for Rochester leaves a large gap in the ranks of the Brotherhood.

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