

# News of Men In Training For Great War

## 34TH BATTALION MAKES GREAT IMPRESSION ON ITS FIRST CITY MARCH

Splendid Showing of Soldiers This Morning Causes Many Compliments From Those Who Witnessed Passage of Third Contingent Regiment.

Londoners had an opportunity today of seeing for the first time the 34th Battalion on a public march of the downtown streets. The battalion marched to Victoria Park for a little preliminary training prior to the presentation of its colors there tomorrow, and its passage through the downtown thoroughfares elicited the most favorable comments.

Owing to the condition of the roads the march was made under what could hardly be called favorable conditions. However, in spite of all that, the universal comment was that the 34th was a splendid looking lot of men.

The drill that the battalion has been getting for the past five months has rounded it into fine shape and

although London is very partial to its 18th Battalion, now overseas, the statement was freely made that the 34th compared very favorably with the 18th. Col. Wile's men of the second contingent.

The 34th brass band, under the direction of Bandmaster Baldwin, too, came in for some exceedingly warm tributes from musicians and bandmen who heard it.

Lieut.-Col. Oliver was in command of the march, and an incident that marked the popular commander's thoughtfulness occurred when he halted his battalion in order that a young woman, who had just alighted from a street car, might cross the sidewalk without waiting for the soldiers to pass.

## CANADIAN ARTILLERYMEN NOW IN ENGLAND



Some of the men of the 16th Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, who made a name for themselves as marksmen when the unit was in training at Toronto. The 16th is commanded by Major Wentworth Irving, D. S. O., who served through the South African war.

## THE DIARY OF MARS

The Italian invasion of the Trentino, which heretofore has met with little opposition, is now challenged by the Austrians. A force of 25,000 Austrians left Trent yesterday, and is advancing against the Italians on the Riva Rovereto front.

Heavy fighting has occurred on the Isonzo front, north of the Gulf of Trieste. A dispatch from Innsbruck, Austria, says the Austrian casualties in the vicinity of Corz and Gradisca have amounted to 1,500, with nearly as large a total for the Italians.

Although the German war office claims to have recaptured some of the lost positions north of Arras, mention of reverses is made in today's communication from the French war office. It is said there have been no new developments of importance.

Premier Asquith today moved in the House of Commons a vote of credit of \$1,250,000,000, and estimated the expenditure of the next three months at not less than \$15,000,000 daily.

The losses of men in the British navy up to May 21 were given officially in London today as 13,547, of whom 8,245 were killed.

Although recent press dispatches have stated the Italians have crossed the lower Isonzo were pushing forward toward

Trieste, skirting the head of the Gulf of Trieste, an official announcement from Rome today gives no indication of a further advance in this direction. The situation along the Isonzo is dismissed with reference to minor engagements, and the statement that the Austrian losses have been serious.

Elsewhere along the front small Italian victories are claimed. The Italian war office charges Austria with encouragement of brigandage in the territory occupied by Italy.

The extent of the new Austro-German victory in Galicia is in doubt. Although Berlin and Vienna assert the whole Russian line over a 45-mile front north and east of Przemyśl was broken down, it is said officially at Petrograd that the Russian captured on Sunday almost all the advanced trenches north of Przemyśl on Saturday. Further south in the region of the Wisluta River, successes for the Teutonic forces are acknowledged.

An announcement from the Turkish war office claims a victory over the Russians in the trans-Caucasus. The Turks, it is said, occupied Russian positions in the direction of Olti, near the Russian border.

Reports that the British battleship Agamemnon had been sunk by a German submarine at the Dardanelles were denied officially today in London.

## CAPT. WARE GIVES GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF GREAT BATTLE

Staff Officer of Gen. Mercer Describes Rescue of Lieut. Chester Butler.

### WILD, WONDERFUL NIGHT

How a Wounded Pig Came As Providential Offering To Officer.

Possibly one of the most interesting letters describing the battle of Langemarck was received by a friend of Capt. F. B. Ware, staff officer of Gen. Mercer, of the 1st Infantry Brigade. Capt. Ware left London with the 7th Regiment last summer.

"It is not necessary for me to tell you of the terrible struggle that has been going on, for you undoubtedly know of the glorious stand and advance made by our Canadians, and of the great honor, dearly purchased, which rests on the name of the 1st Canadian Division," writes Capt. Ware.

"The day before the action began, we were all asked to the sports which the 1st Battalion was holding, and as we sat at tea, from a distance of about four miles, came the heavy roar of a terrible artillery duel. We hurried back to our quarters, and in an hour enormous crowds of refugees, escaping with all their effects in a small bundle, passed by; some of the more wealthy were in wagons, but the majority of them were on foot, and many were shedding tears as they thought of the ruined homes behind.

Awaited Their Hour. "Then came military transport, and second line wagons, which were being removed farther back to a line of safety. The curt message which we received explained all the rush and excitement: 'The Germans have broken through at —.' Cunningly they had awaited the hour, and with the wind blowing in exactly the right direction, they discharged vast quantities of a chlorine gas, which spread in heavy yellow clouds all over the land, and the wind carried it over the French lines, and without opposition, the enemy rushed forward and occupied the places of the asphyxiated soldiers. What can you do against such a foe?

"Our orders, expected of course, soon arrived, and two of our battalions marched away in the dark, and at 1:30 a.m. the remaining two started. I had to remain behind to bring on one battalion, the Brigade, H.Q.S., and the Divisional Signal Section, and so followed the column with these units at 2:30 a.m. Having got the last section of the columns together, I left them to work my way up to the general at the front, but the congestion of traffic was too great and I had to fall in with the next leading battalion, and I need only refer to my feelings on the following night when we were counting the

cost, to remember again the absolute horror of war.

With Gallant Heroes.

"With this magnificent battalion, I continued until we reached the point of assembly, half a mile behind the line. I rode through the darkness with that gallant gentleman, Lieut. Arthur Percival Birchall, formerly of our own brigade staff, and with his adjutant, Capt. Glover, and fate had apparently singled both out, but as the evening of that 23rd of April drew near, and we realized that our brigade by its magnificent advance had saved the day, we were hearts of those left to mourn. Col. Birchall, Capt. Glover and all his officers except three, were either on the battlefield or rushing away to the hospitals at the base.

"At 6 o'clock I heard that Chester Butler had been wounded early in the morning, and that he was in a cellar up near the firing line. Moreover, the barn nearby was burning, and so, collecting three 7th Fusilier men, Nelson Porto, Sergeant Walsh (H company) and a boy named — who had been himself wounded, we set out and found Chester down in a cellar, for the house had been shelled over him, and eventually we got him back to a place of safety, and the doctors were soon making him comfortable.

"All through the night a constant stream of wounded came pouring down and much of the night we did such little things as helped, and all the while were pondering over the situation and making plans for the morrow.

The Second Terrible Night.

"After the second sleepless night the day broke and it was one of deep storm and anxiety. At 1:30 our remaining and terribly shattered battalions moved off to support a part of the line on the right, and by dark we arrived in our night post. The enemy were shelling the large city only a few miles away, and the great cathedral and other places were in flames. Every few minutes over our heads would we hear the fearsome scream of a shell passing on its way of destruction.

"A conference of generals at midnight and a little later to eat, and at 2:30 a.m. we were off again to prepare for an attack that was to take place the next day. Again a day of great anxiety and much vigilance. It was impossible to get our supply wagons through the night before, so we had only the remains of our yesterday's supper, and so subsisted for the entire day on some very old and hard biscuits which we found in a deserted house, also a pot of jam. Fortunately, a stray shell near our brigade headquarters struck a fine pig in the foot and the boys decided to take it out of its misery, and in an incredibly short time it was stripped, cleaned and hanging up, and about 9 p.m. we had a most delicious roast with potatoes and tea under trying circumstances. It was a cheerful party that gathered in the general's little bomb-proof shelter.

Wild and Wonderful. "Good news came soon after and at 9:30 we were on the road home. It was a wild and wonderful night, with the thousands of troops, some moving in and others out, great trains of transport with supplies and the ever-present long line of ambulances. Everyone was quiet and carried out his individual order, and no confusion ensued, and ordered every minute by the clock would come crashing at the road one of the great German 'coal boxes,' as they are called.

"Next morning we were back at the scene of our first action, and the battalion had an afternoon's rest, but were ordered at night to hold bridge trenches. Next night all four battalions were sent up in the darkness to build an advanced line of trenches. At 5 a.m., after six days of the most wearing tasks, our brigade headed for a rest station. I started out at 3:30 a.m. to get some

place for them to sleep, and billeting in the dark is not nice work, I assure you. However, as my escort, I took two stalwart military police, and as a demand for accommodation was simply made, the general and all had a place to rest their weary heads. After two hours' sleep, I got on my knees, and with my escort, set out to find a more satisfactory place, and now our little headquarters is most delightfully situated in a little wood, one side of which opens out on the broad lawn of a chateau. In five hours the engineers had for me a fine office, mess room, cook shed, and a splendid dug-out for the general and Major Hayter.

Ten Hours' Sleep in Week.

"During the week, Major Hayter and I did not have more than ten hours' sleep. I am now feeling in great shape, as for the first time in eight days I got my clothes off. Yesterday as I passed through the town which before the action had been our headquarters, I saw our postoffice, or what was left of it, and a great hole was torn through the roof and down through the three stories into the basement. We hope in a day or so, as soon as the situation clears, to be permitted to go back some few miles into the country, where we can reorganize and get fit again, as the poor battalions are much in need of rest.

Capt. Ware tells how, after many days without being near a bath, he sought the seduction of a lady dell and with the aid of two biscuit tins and a piece of soap rain was able to bring about some resemblance to his former self.

## PIPE BAND TO BE FORMED BY 34TH

When the Satisfactory Instruments Arrive, Battalion Will Have Third Band.

Scotch blood in the 34th Overseas Battalion and elsewhere is to be stirred by the skirl of the pipes, for the battalion is to have a third band, and this one will be a pipe band.

Pipes for the band were purchased some time ago, but they are of the concert type, and not the marching variety. As soon as the marching pipes arrive the pipers will be lined up and the band will be formed.

Pipe-Major J. C. Bowie, late of the 29th Highland Light Infantry Band, and for twelve years a piper in the Black Watch will have charge of the new pipe band of the 34th in all likelihood.

## AGAMEMNON SAFE

Report of Battleship's Destruction in Dardanelles Officially Denied.

[Canadian Press.] London, June 15.—Official denial was made today of the report circulated in the United States that the British battleship Agamemnon had been sent down in the Dardanelles by a German submarine.

It was further announced that no other fighting unit, not already officially reported, had been lost at the Dardanelles.

Soldiers of the second contingent now in England declare that the Canadian pattern army boots are not as good a type as those supplied to the men of Kitchen's 'army.' In writing to 'The Advertiser' one of them declares that the hills of Kent, where the 18th Battalion was then stationed, were playing hob with the boots.

## VETERAN BANDSMAN OF 34TH BATTALION

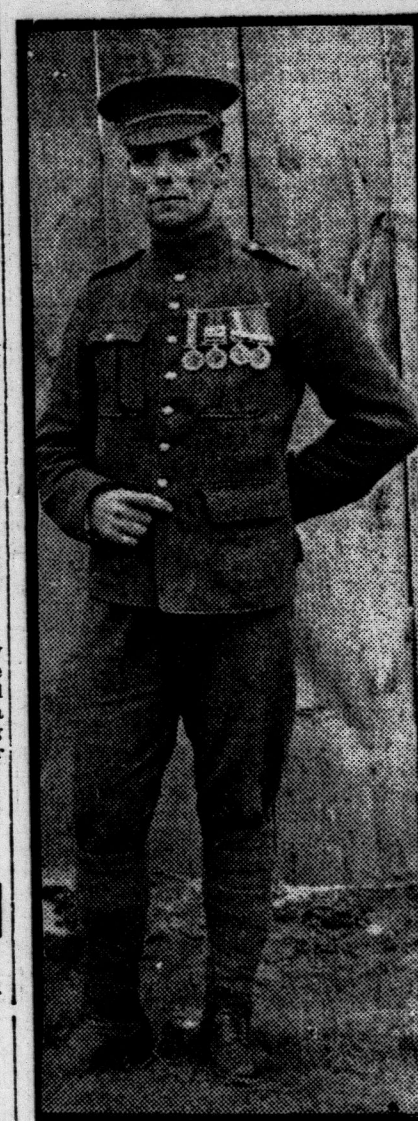


Photo by MacKintosh & Roy. PTE. ALBERT EDWARD SMETHURST, cornet player in the 34th Brass Band, who has sixteen years' service in the Imperial army to his credit. His medals are Sudan, '98; Kitchen's Khartoum Medal, '98, and the King's and Queen's South African Medal, the former with two clasps and the latter with five. His home is in St. Marys, where his wife now resides.

## HAVE FILM CONCERT

34th Boys Enjoy Five-Reel Program in Canteen-Theatre Last Night.

Five reels of motion pictures were shown last night in the canteen-theatre of the 34th Battalion. Although given its try-out Sunday evening, the new moving picture machine of the battalion was not used for a program until last night.

A fireproof "box" has been erected to the side of the big canteen tent, and the reels are shown from there, one side of the tent being lowered to enable the "rays" to strike the screen. "Like the construction of the theatre and the other 'trimmings' of the show, the operation of the machine is done by the men of the battalion. There are several qualified operators in the ranks, and these will turn the crank when the performances are given.

## PREPARE FOR COMING OF MAJOR GENERAL HUGHES TO PRESENT THE COLORS

34th Rehearses Its Part in Victoria Park, While Headquarters Is Ready For General Inspection of the Camp.

Although at 1 o'clock today no one at Divisional Headquarters had been notified as to what time Major-General Sam Hughes, minister of militia and defence, would arrive in London tomorrow, everything was in readiness for his visit.

Primarily, of course, the major-general is coming to present the colors to the 34th Battalion on the invitation of Lieut.-Col. A. J. Oliver, commander of that regiment, but he will conduct a review of all the overseas troops now here, and will also inspect the mobilization camp.

It is further expected that he will go over the entire local situation, and will be taken out to the tactical area secured for the militia department by the local Board of Trade.

The arrangements for the color presentation are in the hands of Lieut.-Col. Oliver, and he announced that it would take place in Victoria Park. The 33rd Battalion, Infantry, the 7th C. M. R., and "C" section of the No. 2 Field Ambulance depot will parade with the 34th to the park, and the "march past" and review will take place there.

Col. L. W. Shannon, divisional officer commanding and camp commandant declared that while unaware of what would be expected, everything was in readiness for a general review and inspection of the camp and troops.

This morning the 34th Battalion, at full strength, marched to Victoria Park, where the presentation will be made, and given a little dress rehearsal of what can be expected tomorrow when the colors are handed over by the major-general.

The 33rd Battalion was given battalion drill during the morning.

## PROMISE SOME SURPRISES

34th Has Some "Dark Horses" Among Its Athletes for Field Day.

Although the 34th Battalion failed to make any great showing in the sports carried out here on May 24, the battalion is by no means down-hearted, and the members are promising some surprises when the Manufacturers' Athletic Association field day sports are pulled off on Saturday.

There are a number of splendid runners and sprinters in the battalion, and also many "dark horses" that are scheduled to beat out the 33rd cracks in the open events.

The 34th boys declare that their best runners were out of the city for the May 24 events, and as these are now back they are expected to make a great showing.

## SIGNALERS HARD AT IT

Getting Special Course in Flag Work Under Major Hennessy.

The special course for signallers that is being conducted by Major Talbot Hennessy is in full swing, and the signallers of the 33rd and 34th Battalions are hard at it every day.

Flag work is being specialized on now, and the whole company is "flag wagging" all day long.

## Outbursts of Everett True—By Condo

PARDON ME, PASTOR, BUT I WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT WHILE YOU WERE OFFERING THE OPENING PRAYER JUST NOW, THE MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR HAD THEIR HEADS TOGETHER GIGGLING AND CUTTING UP! IT DON'T LOOK RIGHT TO ME, AND I THINK THE BUNCH OUGHT TO BE BAWLED OUT!!



Advertiser Illustrations.



Advertiser Illustrations. A private wheeling his wounded officer through the streets of Berlin in a baby carriage.

## UNCLE SAM'S MAN ON THE JOB IN GERMANY



Advertiser Illustrations. Henry C. A. Damm of Tennessee, who fills the post of American consul at Stettin, Prussia.

## ALL KINDS OF DOGS

Canine Mascots by the Score in Camp, But They Cannot Go Overseas.

Since the announcement has been officially made that no dogs will be allowed to accompany the future Canadian contingents to England there has been much genuine regret expressed by the soldiers here. A canine mascot seems part and parcel of every regiment, and the ones now in training at the mobilization camp in this city are no exception. There are scores of dogs at both Carlisle Heights and the fair grounds. Not only has every battalion got its private mascot, but almost every platoon and section as well.

There are all kinds and conditions of "pups" running through the camp lines from puppies to aged dogs. Whether it is the military rats that attract these dogs or the military life and spirit, it seems hard to say, but suffice it that they are there.

## Bringing Up Father



By George McManus