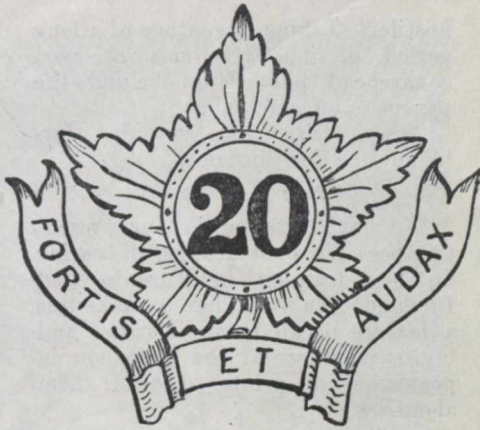


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# The Twentieth Gazette



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## Editorial.

The *Gazette* has now been an accomplished fact for the long space of one year, and the Editors have therefore decided to close Volume I with this issue. In spite of our every effort we have been unable to produce an issue every month. We have tried, but the task proved more than we could accomplish. At any rate we are now one year old and we think that a fit way to celebrate our birthday is by saying good-bye to Volume No. 1 and aiding Volume No. 2 on its entry into this world of mud and strife which we are now enduring.

The original *Gazette* was a small, unpretentious thing, written in ink on two sheets of foolscap and a few odd scraps of paper which the fireman in the old Women's Building in Toronto had neglected to sweep up. It contained a few stale jokes and some horribly personal things written against very highly respectable members of the regiment.

These were passed around; laughed over, and enjoyed until finally they found their way to the Orderly Room—where, be it confessed, the "editor" feared he would find himself on their account. The awful cloud passed off, however, when our own secret service agents reported that the Mysterious Powers that reign over Parade States actually smiled and suggested that they "weren't too — bad."

The — decided us.

With trumpets and shawms and the sounding of the loud timbrel a manuscript was sent to a publisher and in due course the *Twentieth Gazette* made its appearance.

Our readers will remember the sleepless nights experienced by the Battalion when the Toronto papers made a point of insisting upon every thing worthy of praise being ascribed to the 19th Battalion. The indignation meetings held in the Horticultural Building, the outburst of frightfulness against the unfortunate *Star* reporter when our Battalion Guard was attributed to the sister regiment, when our Band was referred

Our arrival in France last year, accompanied by all the thousand and one things that occupy a battalion *ex itinere*, obliged us to hold back the *Gazette* for an indefinite period. In December last, however, the editors, pursuing their self-appointed *métier* issued the first trench edition in a duly apologetic manner.

Followed then our Christmas Number, with another unfortunate blank in the first two months of the year. Our February number was not issued until the Middle of March, followed rapidly by the present one—the end of Volume No. 1.

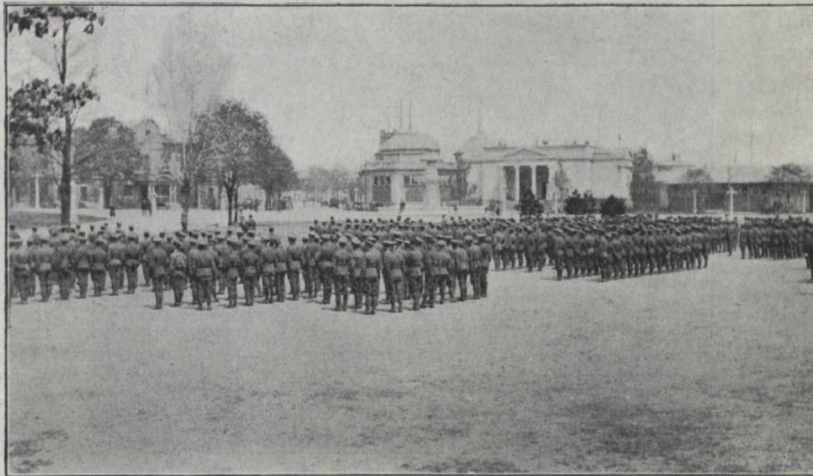
The editors feel that, since coming over to the Front, the Battalion has given us its most enthusiastic support and the success of our little paper has been ensured by the tremendous interest and expectancy with which each succeeding number is awaited.

The *Twentieth Gazette* is the history of the 20th Battalion—grotesquely represented, perhaps, but nevertheless real. Our efforts may appear to some to be amateurish,

to others incomplete, we admit that; to a few successful, we are sorry; to a few successful, we are tickled.

In any case, our readers realise the difficulties we experience each time we get back to billets, for it is the editors' pride that at no time has the work of the *Gazette* interfered with the military duties of those responsible for it. On one happy occasion, we were excused a short route-march. That is one of the sweet memories of a glorious past, and was a concession which made our last number possible.

On four occasions the *Gazette* was used in recruiting meetings in Ontario, and, we are told, was instrumental in gathering in a not



BATTALION ON PARADE AT TORONTO.

to as belonging to the 19th, all the grievances which this Battalion held against the Toronto press gave the *Gazette* its opportunity.

It devoted itself entirely to commenting on the doings of the 20th and incidentally straffed vigorously the "lack of intellectuality" displayed by Melinda Street reporters.

Four numbers were issued in Canada, and the popularity of the *Gazette* increased. A large gap followed until, in August, a belated issue was sent forth in Sandling announcing to the Battalion that notwithstanding the days of strenuous training, and long route-marches, the editors were still alive.