

VALCARTIER CAMP AGAIN ALIVE

Where Some of the Eastern Canada Boys are Getting Their First Hard Training



More heroes in training—The 55th Battalion, C. E. F., from Nova Scotia, arriving in camp, July 16th.



Canadian Mounted Rifles breaking camp before embarking at Quebec.



Trench diggers of 60th returning to camp after a day of instruction.

EVERY military training ground in Canada is now at its busiest stage. Seventy-five thousand men, fully equipped and fairly well trained, have crossed the ocean and are either fighting in Flanders or finishing their training at Shorncliffe, England. Thirty-five thousand more are being equipped and trained and will go forward some time during the autumn.

The First Contingent was collected together at Valcartier, and thirty-three thousand men left in October, 1914, on the one flotilla for England. Since then Valcartier has been much less important as a training camp or as a mobilization centre. The Second Contingent was not mobilized before it left Canada. The various units



40th Battalion C. E. F. (Maritime Provinces), on route march from camp to parade ground.

were trained at the different district headquarters and went straight from these various points throughout the country to St. John or Quebec for embarkation. It was found by actual practice that the kind of training required could be given best at district headquarters rather than at a huge mobilization camp like Valcartier. Bigness spells confusion.

Valcartier is now merely the training camp for certain Eastern units, as Niagara is for Ontario units, Camp Sewell for prairie units, and Vernon for British Columbia units. So long as the summer lasts, Valcartier will be a very important training centre, but it will never again have the importance that it had in August and September, 1914.



More Field Artillery for service in Europe—25th Field Battery leaving camp for a training jaunt over the country roads.