

Austrians Making Great Drive Against Italians Commission is Enquiring Into the Irish Revolt Colors Were Presented This Morning to 125th

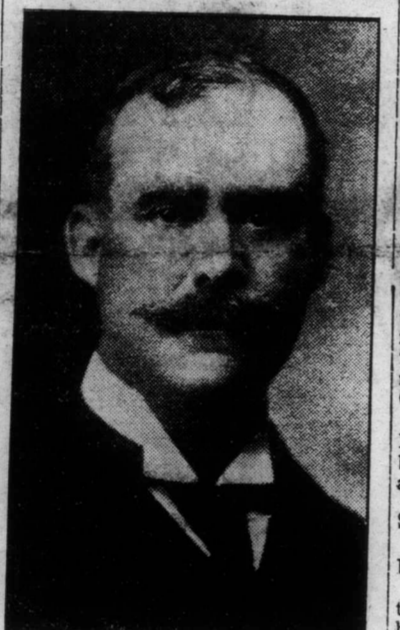
LADY HENDRIE AND MRS. W. F. COCKSHUTT PRESENTED COLORS TO THE BRANT BATTALION

Beautiful and Impressive Ceremony This Morning in Agricultural Park, When the Whole Battalion, Drawn up in a Hollow Square, Witnessed the Dedication of the Colors and Then Their Presentation From the Donor and the Wife of the Lieutenant-Governor

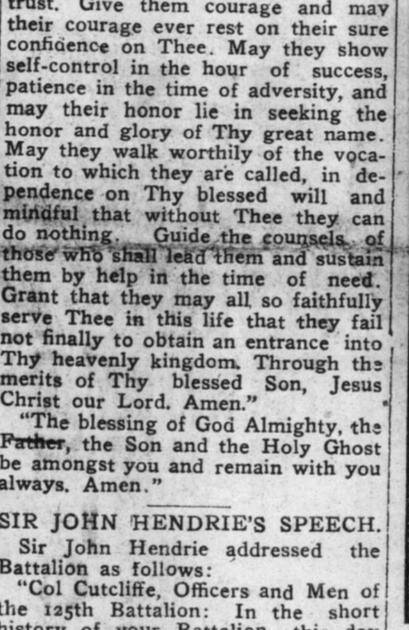
Brantford and Brant County's Own Battalion, the 125th, this morning were honored by receiving from the hands of Lady Hendrie, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, and Mrs. W. F. Cockshutt, colors to be treasured and borne in the lifetime of the regiment as one of the sacred possessions which must at all times be retained.

formation from single line to that of a hollow square, while the drums of the band were formed into a pyramid in the centre of the open field and draped with a Union Jack.

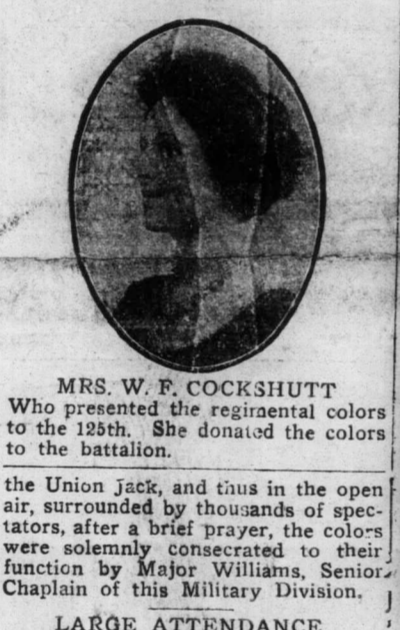
Answer: "And with Thy spirit," "Our Father."



SIR JOHN HENDRIE Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, who was present at the ceremony of presenting the colors to the 125th Battalion this morning in Agricultural Park.



MRS. W. F. COCKSHUTT Who presented the regimental colors to the 125th. She donated the colors to the battalion.



LT. COL. M. E. B. CUTCLIFFE C.O. 125th Battalion

THE INSPECTION. Promptly at the hour of 10 the guests of honor entered the park in motor cars and proceeded to the field, where their arrival was awaited by the full battalion drawn up in single formation.



LADY HENDRIE Who presented the King's colors at this morning's ceremony.

LARGE ATTENDANCE. Despite the most inclement weather, there was a very large attendance at the park, and the affair throughout proved most solemnly impressive.

THE RELIGIOUS SERVICES. THE PRAYER "Dearly beloved in the Lord, forasmuch as men at all times have made themselves signs and emblems of their allegiance to their rulers and of their duty to uphold these laws and institutions which God's providence has called them to obey, we, following this natural and pious custom and remembering that God himself led his people Israel by a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day, are met together before God to ask His blessing on these Colors, which are to represent to us our duty towards our Sovereign and our Country. Let us therefore pray Almighty God, of His mercy, to grant that they may never be unfurled save in the cause of justice and righteousness, and that He may take them to be to those who follow them a sign of His presence with them in all dangers and distresses, and may increase their faith in Him who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

Answer: "Who hath made Heaven and Earth," "The Lord be with you."

THE CONSECRATION. "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost I do dedicate and set apart these Colors, that they may be a sign of our duty towards our King and country in the sight of God. Amen."

NOT HERE. Brigadier-General Logie was unfortunately unable to be present, as he is engaged in straightening out the trouble at the internment camp, Algonia district.

DESCRIPTION OF FLAGS. The King's Flag—A Union Jack, made of rich silk, the different colors sewn on in separate pieces. In the centre a circle. Outside of circle the words "Brant Overseas Battalion" in gold letters on a red ground. At the bottom of the circle the letters "C. E. F." also in gold, on red ground. Inside of the circle, a Maple Leaf in green and on it the emblem of Brant County in brown—a bear standing on two logs, a palm and an oak. Below the bear, but still on the leaf, the number of the Brant Battalion in Roman numerals CXXV. Over the top of the circle is the Imperial Crown in gold picked out with red and black. There is a gold fringe all around the flag which is three feet 9 in. square.

discipline and an encouragement for that esprit de corps so vitally important to the welfare and efficiency of every unit in the service. Without these ideals, no Battalion can hope to attain the highest degree of merit to which every body of soldiers should aspire. I do not know what the intention of your Commanding Officer may be as to the disposal for the present of these Colors. As you know, Colors are not now carried in action. They are generally deposited in some suitable public place, such as a cathedral, or armouries, or other place where they stand displayed, the emblems, as well as the rallying point of the regiment. But wherever they may be deposited your thoughts will turn to them with a loyal devotion as your most sacred possession and trust, and the thought of them will animate you with fidelity and inspiring enthusiasm in whatever duty, no matter how difficult it may be, which you will have to face. I cannot too strongly impress upon you that as associated with these Colors must always be your best determination to



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BRIGADIER GENERAL LOGIE, G. O. C. 2nd Military Division, who was presented at the last moment from being present at the ceremony.

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HAS SEEN SERVICE. Capt. Hendrie, who was one of the aide-de-camps for his father to-day, is of the striking appearance so characteristic of the men of the family. He went with the 11th Battery at the front and saw action continuously from the time the first contingent crossed to France, receiving promo-

tion from lieutenant to captain. He was not long ago called back to organize and take command of the 48th Battery, which is now in course of being raised. When that is accomplished he will again go to the front.

MAJOR W. F. NEWMAN After the ceremony, Lt. Col. Cockshutt, M.P., had as his guests for luncheon at the Brantford Club, His Honor the Lieut-Governor, and Aide-de-Camps, Lieutenant-Colonel M. B. Cutcliffe, Lt.-Col. H. Cockshutt, Major Newman, Major Schultze, Major Newman, Major Williams, Capt. Van Someren, Capt. Emmerson, Capt. Bingle, Capt. James, Capt. Wallace, Capt. W. A. Cockshutt, Capt. W. W. Patterson, Capt. Jordan, Lieut. Coggin, Lieut. Sheppard, Lieut. Eric Cockshutt, Mayor Bowdler, T. H. Preston, F. D. Reville.

GREAT DRIVE ABOUT TO BE LAUNCHED BY AUSTRILIANS INTO THE PLAINS OF ITALY

Vicenza Plain the Objective of the Enemy--French Authorities Satisfied That the Drive Will Fail--Much Aerial Activity.

Rome, May 17.—Via Paris May 15.—An official dispatch from Italian headquarters at Udine reports that Austrian aeroplanes are displaying great activity and have made several attacks on towns in the vicinity of Venice. It is stated that these attacks have caused insignificant material damage, that no lives have been lost and no military result accomplished.

Paris, May 18.—The attack launched by the Austrians against the Italian front in the southern Tyrol and which has gradually extended to the Austro-Italian front is being followed here with close attention. It is generally believed in military circles that the great Austrian offensive, which has been expected for some time past, has at last begun.

Earthquake in Italy, Shock Was Repeated Many Times. Rome, May 17.—The vast region in central Italy, extending from Aquila, through the Abruzzi provinces to Perugia, Pesaro, Forli and to Ferrara, on the north, and including the republic of San Marino has been shaken by an earthquake, the shocks being repeated many times Tuesday night and throughout yesterday. So far as is at present known, there are no casualties, but details reaching here are still meagre. At Pesaro some houses were damaged.

LUNCHEON. After the ceremony, Lt. Col. Cockshutt, M.P., had as his guests for luncheon at the Brantford Club, His Honor the Lieut-Governor, and Aide-de-Camps, Lieutenant-Colonel M. B. Cutcliffe, Lt.-Col. H. Cockshutt, Major Newman, Major Schultze, Major Newman, Major Williams, Capt. Van Someren, Capt. Emmerson, Capt. Bingle, Capt. James, Capt. Wallace, Capt. W. A. Cockshutt, Capt. W. W. Patterson, Capt. Jordan, Lieut. Coggin, Lieut. Sheppard, Lieut. Eric Cockshutt, Mayor Bowdler, T. H. Preston, F. D. Reville.

Formerly Here. Regina, Sask., May 16.—Rev. S. J. Farmer, of the First Baptist Church, here, has accepted a call to an Ottawa church. Rev. S. J. Farmer was once pastor of the First Baptist Church in Brantford, leaving about 7 years ago. Bangor, Me., almost wiped out by fire five years ago, has since rebuilt and is now larger and better than ever.

THEATRE OF FEATURES Mae Murray In TO HAVE AND TO HOLD Coming Thu., Fri. and Sat. Charlie Chaplin In BURLESQUE ON CARMEN YOUR WAR TAX 20c, 25c, 35c Tickets 2c

Opera House MAKER, MGR. Only May 19 Same Superb Cast and Massive Scenic Production That Has Played Three Times at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Toronto.

BUY BATES POST IN MARIE TENTMAKER A Sumptuous Persian Love Play by Richard Walton Tully, author of "The Bird of Paradise."

FRIDAY EVE. MAY 26th Important Event of the Season WILL PRESENT

TOR HERBERT'S SMASHING OPERATIC TRIUMPH PRINCESS IAT by Henry Blossom and Chorus Herbert Orchestra Seat Sale at Boles Drug Store Special Car to Paris

Theatre 10c W. MANAGEMENT AND TUESDAY "LONDON'S LEGACY" AND THURSDAY "Almost a Widow," "Patriot's Willful Way."

AND SATURDAY "Valley of Hate," "Father and Mabel," "Love and Artillery."