

KHAKI KOLLEGE KLIPPINGS

December Report shows Big Increase in Students Enrolled.

In his report for the month of December of the Overseas Ministry, on the work of the Khaki University of Canada, the President, Col. W. M. Tory, presents some interesting facts, which show clearly the enthusiasm with which the Canadian troops are entering into this splendid educational scheme. The report points, too, to the great success of the Government's plan for improving the education of Canada's soldiers, in this way making them better fitted to take their part in civil life than they ever were before they entered the Army.

Organisation Complete in France.

In France there are, naturally, greater difficulties to be overcome in carrying out educational work than there are in England. No statistical report has yet been received for December, but the general organisation within the Corps has been completed, and schools are being organised in the battalions. In addition, the organisation for the hospitals is practically in readiness.

The difficulty in getting books to France has been a great handicap, but by the use of the mails and special transportation a fair supply of books has been sent to the French areas. During December about 30 tons of books and literature were sent. Captain Gilmour, of the Khaki University Staff, left on Christmas Day with 16 tons of books, having obtained special permission from the War Office to take those by Boulogne. Capt. Gilmour succeeded in getting three railway trucks at Boulogne, which he loaded, and then accompanied the 16 tons to their destination, staying with them the whole way. Within six days he had succeeded in securing their distribution.

Big Attendance at Classes in England.

The statistical report for Great Britain shows that work has been carried on through the Correspondence Department, and at the following places during the month of December:—

Basingstoke,	Epsom,	Shorncliffe,
Bramshott,	Knockando,	Witley.
Buxton,	Orton,	London.
Cooden,	Seaford,	

The total number of students registered in classes and through the Correspondence Department for the month was 8,678

There were 3,818 new registrations during the month and 1,505 withdrawals due mainly to men returning to Canada, leaving a registration at the end of the month of 7,548

The registrations were divided as follows:

Agriculture	1,566
Commerce	1,431
Engineering and Practical Science	2,672
Languages	408
University Matriculation ...	625
University Courses	232
Elementary Courses	1,621
Miscellaneous	123

The total attendance at class lectures during the month was 52,690. The number of teachers actually working during the month was 276, including those lent from the battalions.

Bureau of Information for Soldiers.

The Khaki University of Canada is establishing a Bureau of Information for Soldiers where any information concerning Government plans or assistance that may be of value to them can be secured. This Bureau will be at 31 Bedford Square, London, W.C. 1., and the officer in charge will be Capt. George McKean, V.C., M.M., D.C.M.

Dominion and Provincial reports and literature are being collected there and as far as practicable all other material that might be of service. The information so gathered is at the service of the men in the Canadian Army and will be distributed through replies to letters of enquiry addressed to the Bureau and also through pamphlets and other channels that may offer themselves from time to time.

We take great pleasure in welcoming Lieut. A. E. Humphrey to the London College. He will take up the work of soils, drainage, fertilizers, etc.

Sergt. T. F. Sudbury, of the Forestry Corps, has taken charge of the Commercial Work at Bordon, where 50 students are being instructed now, and 150 more are anxious to take up Commercial studies as soon as more space is available for the work. Additional huts will be ready next week it is expected. Considering the size of Bordon camp there are a very large number of men enrolled in all courses.

Contrary to all migratory laws the Canadians at Bramshott are moving northward in the winter-time. By the 27th they expect to be settled in their new quarters at Ripon, in Yorkshire. This will probably mean that the Commercial students will not have their bi-weekly visit from Sergt Grimes, of Headquarters, who expresses a sincere regret at leaving his enthusiastic, responsive class.

Professor G. M. Wong, Professor of History, Toronto University, has recently arrived to assist in the work of the Khaki University. He has been lecturing for the Extension Department at Bramshott, Witley, and Seaford, and all his lectures have been well received.

The report of the Extension Department for last month showed that 103 lectures were arranged in the Y.M.C.A. Huts, Hospitals, etc. These lectures were attended by 30,815 men—an average of 291 at each lecture.

Lately a series of parade lectures has been started by the Extension Department in different camps. The aim has been to secure Canadian lecturers to lecture on some Canadian topic. This has up to the present been possible, and consequently the lectures have been quite popular.

Capt. E. E. B. Smith has recently been appointed Khaki College Officer at Rhyl Camp. He will endeavour to get to the soldiers returning to Canada all information as to what the Government will do for them.

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES.

Opportunities for Members of the O.M.F. of C. while awaiting demobilization.

It is authorised that the General Staff, Headquarters, O.M.F. of C. operating through the Khaki University, may select personnel of the O.M.F. of C. up to a limit of 100 each from England and France, who are awaiting demobilization and can be spared from their military duties.

Such personnel will be placed in British Universities for the Spring Term which commences immediately, and which will be completed in six months. They will be granted leave with pay and allowances of rank at regimental rates including subsistence allowance as and where payable for the period of the courses. The following points should be specially noted:—

1. Certain British Universities have offered educational facilities to members of the Overseas Forces.

2. Arrangements have been made by the Khaki University whereby attendance at British Universities will be credited to students on their courses in Canadian Universities.

3. It is now impossible for students to return to Canada in time to save the current year of their courses.

4. Attendance at British Universities will offer great advantages to the individual, and Canada in general will benefit thereby.

5. Only such officers and men will be selected as can be spared from their military duties, and whose attendance at their courses will not interfere with demobilization.

6. The cost to the Canadian Government will be limited to ordinary pay and allowances.

Full information may be obtained from Col. H. M. Tory, Director Educational Services, O.M.F.C., 31 Bedford Square, W.C. 1.

UNIVERSITY GRADE STUDENTS.

Concentration Camp.

Arrangements for the transfer of the Concentration Camp for University grade students from Bramshott to Ripon have now been completed. Accommodation has been placed at the disposal of the Khaki University for 500 students and already 375 applications have been received. The Camp is well situated, within five minutes' walk of Ripon, and is splendidly adapted for the purpose for which it is to be used. Already arrangements are well under way—books and libraries have been forwarded to Ripon, and the apparatus for the Chemical Laboratory is on the spot and is being set up. For the efficient running of this Concentration Camp a teaching staff of about thirty professors will be needed. Of these, twenty-two appointments have already been made, and by the time this issue of THE BEAVER reaches its readers, the College will be well under way.

SOME OFFICE BOY!

Office Boy: "I tell ye the editor ain't in. I've just looked."

Visitor: "That's too bad; I wanted to pay him some money I owe him."

Office Boy: "Wait a second. I'll look again."