

NEWS ON GOING TO PRESS.

Major Weaver and Captain Pinder are to be congratulated on the result of their Musketry Course. Both these gentlemen obtained first-class Instructorships of Musketry.

After a few lessons the men of this Battalion will be equal to as many Germans as care to face them.

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Major A. K. Hobbins, on hearing that one of his old officers serving on the staff of General Alderson had been awarded the D.S.O., wrote and congratulated him on the honour bestowed, and in reply received a letter of thanks and a request that he at once accept the command of a company in the first division. This would have meant to the battalion the loss of a grand officer, but we are pleased to note that he still remains true to the 49th, and decided that no matter what happened he would share his lot with his men. This decision is strengthened by the fact that we are no longer a reserve battalion, but shall go "somewhere" as a unit.

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We as a battalion should feel honoured and gratified to think that the Imperial Officers who were watching our efforts on the ranges congratulated the Battalion, through the Commanding Officer, as being the best disciplined and most cheerful battalion, both in regard to range drill and march discipline, that has passed through Hythe for the past few months.

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It has been brought to the notice of the Editor that several members of this battalion have relatives who have been awarded commissions, the D.S.O. and the Military Cross for bravery in the field.

We extend our congratulations.

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Extract from the Edmonton Journal:
49th BATTALION CHOSEN TO GUARD
KING GEORGE.

Letters received from England state that the 49th Battalion C.E.F. was chosen out of 48,000 troops to act as Guard of Honour to King George on the occasion of his recent visit to Shorncliffe.

Some Battalion. Eh! What!

We have received a copy of the "Can-tuarian," in which is published the result of our cricket matches against King's School. They appear to be disappointed that they were beaten, but give us credit for having a good team, also they thank the band for the splendid selections rendered by them. We might mention in passing that Lieutenant E. G. Merritt and Corporal H. R. D. Kingdom are old boys of this school.

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Extract from the "Citizen," Ottawa, June, 1915:—

"The Battalion is well trained, and when it marched into Parliament Hill it was given encouraging cheers from the thousands of citizens who were there to see the Westerners. The Corps has three bands, the brass band is well equipped, and a particularly good one. It played difficult selections in a marvellous manner when one considers that it must have been organised only a short time.

His Royal Highness was received with a general salute, the Battalion being in line across the lawns in front of the Houses of Parliament. The Duke carefully inspected the companies, talking with many of the men. Each of the officers was presented to His Royal Highness. He addressed the officers, complimenting them on the splendid appearance of the men and the sturdy personage of the corps, and wished them God speed. The Battalion gave hearty cheers for the King, the Duke of Connaught and the Premier.

Sir Robert Borden and Major-General Hughes also made short addresses, praising the Battalion and wishing it success.

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The members of this Battalion who have had the bad luck to be sick owe the Canadian nurses at Moore Barracks Hospital their best thanks for all their attention and kindness. Apropos of this the following is told:—

A member of another Battalion was overheard to say to his pal, "Tell the nurse you belong to the 49th, and you will get the best of everything, and be treated 'white.'"

It is also noticed that all the nurses wear the 49th badge. We are pleased to think that we are so honoured.