

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE BATTALION

BY THE ORDERLY ROOM SERGEANT

In last month's issue of "Breath O' The Heather," the history of the battalion was traced from the time of its authorization through the period of its organization up till the end of March. In this issue Sergt. T. L. McGloan, Orderly Room Sergeant, has brought it down to the 7th of May.

APRIL

- 2nd. Concert Party leaves for Campbellton
3rd. Capt. Irvine appointed temporary medical officer.
4th. Concert party returns from Campbellton. Strength 575.
5th. Col. Guthrie, Capts. Sturdee, Eason, Godenrath and Lieut. McLean leave for Halifax to attend exhibition of B. F. & P. T. at Halifax. Lewis Machine gun course is started in Old Govt. House Bks. 14 men and 1 N. C. O. attending.
6th. Capt. Pidgeon, I. A. R. of M. D. No. 6 inspects records and documents. Capt. Jago, of Engineering Staff here to arrange miniature rifle range in Armoury. Strength 580
7th. Col. Guthrie and others return from Halifax. Two officers, one N. C. O. and five men return from Halifax, after having completed courses in B. F. & P. T.
9th. Meeting of Sergt's Mess.
10th. Lieut. G. H. McKinney reports at Headquarters, and is posted to No. 1 Training Co. for duty.
11th. Strength 584.
13th. 3 N. C. O's and seven men to Halifax to attend B. F. & P. T. School.
14th. Signalling School at Old Gov't. House resumed.
15th. New system of pay inaugurated, pay-books being issued to every Officer, N. C. O. and man and all payments being made in cash instead of cheque as formerly.
16th. Battalion parades to Q. M. Stores for adjustment of equipment issued to N. C. O.'s and men. 11 Officers, 6 N. C. O.'s and 14 men leave for Halifax to attend Royal School of Infantry. "Reveille" changed to 6 a. m. Physical Training at 6.45 daily.
17th. Every available man on recruiting duty, leave, etc., recalled to headquarters for Medical Board. M. O. Capt. Wilson. Concert Party leaves for St. John.
18th. Final Medical Board sitting. Number of rejections very small. Concert Party returns from St. John after their most successful performance, playing to more than 1,800 people at the Imperial Theatre. Ceremonial Guard Mounting with full Bands. Strength 591.
19th. 3 officers, 6 N. C. O.'s and 7 men leave for Halifax to attend R. S. I. First issue Breath O' The Heather published.
20th. Machine Gun Course at Old Govt. House Barracks, 2 N. C. O.'s 11 men attending.
21st. Commanding Officer's Parade on Queen St. Barracks Parade Ground at 9 a. m.
22nd. Battalion parades with E. W. V. A. and W. V. R. et al to Christ Church Cathedral. Anniversary 2nd Battle of Ypres.
23rd. Staff and details commence drilling from 9.00—10.00 daily.
25th. Capt. Pidgeon, I. A. R., and Sergt. Major Fraser make final inspection of documents and records. Wearing of winter caps forbidden.
26th. Lectures started at Exhibition Barracks for N. C. O.'s of No. 1 Training Company. Strength 601.
27th. Kiltie Concert Company plays in Opera House, Fredericton.
28th. Major C. G. Geggie, M. O. of the battalion transferred to "B" Unit, Military Hospital Commission Command.

MAY

- 1st. Pay day, \$15,000 disbursed. Two N. C. O.'s return from cookery course in Halifax.
2nd. Major C. R. Mersereau married to Miss Ethel McLean.

3rd. Clothing Board composed of Lieut. Col. A. H. Anderson, St. John, Major C. J. Morgan, 236th, and Lieut. K. Love, C. A. S. C. sits at Officers' Quarters.

7th. St. John recruiting campaign closed. Capt. T. H. R. McNally, officer in charge, returns to headquarters. Medical Board.



OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE BARRACKS

The Old Government House Barracks, at present occupied by the 236th Battalion, was erected shortly after the burning of the original edifice in 1825. They have been successively the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor, a Deaf and Dumb Institute and a barracks. King Edward VII, at that time Prince of Wales, spent several days there in 1860 and the room where he slept is now used by the Brass Band. It is proposed to utilize Old Government House as a Convalescent Hospital for returned soldiers after the departure of the Kilties.

"You've got to obey me I'm 'Darkey' B-y-rs," announced Bugler H--st-n as a final effort to make some of his fellow buglers obey his commands.

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Sergt. D-th-- (tragically—on being told that he is "up for office" for not attending P. T. Parade) — I can't stand it, no man can stand it.

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It is said that "a deserter is a thing ordained of God for the benefit of the Quartermasters." We understand that the next unfortunate is to be charged up with our lost Brass Band.

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We regret to report that the "Chief Officer's Batsman" resigned soon after his appointment.