

"Tommies" at "Ex" Camp Rounding Into Condition

Everything seems to be going swimmingly at the mobilization camp at Exhibition Park. There are now between three and four thousand men encamped there. And almost every day there is a visible improvement in them. They are coming on, the officers tell one, as well as can possibly be expected, and better than had been thought likely in some quarters. Their physical progress is very marked. The better set of them look smarter and better set up this week than they did last. There has been some difficulty in getting uniforms that fit for some of the men. But this difficulty is being overcome. And this is well, for a uniform has a peculiar psychological effect on a man. The moment he finds himself in it he feels more of a man than as yet ununiformed man amid untorn comrades feels (and looks it) like a fish out of water.

All recently the men have been "lucked into shape" individually as it were. Now they are going through a similar process more as a whole. Their work consists mainly of squad drill, company drill, physical drill, route marching and musketry practice. And in every department good progress is being made.

A CONTENTED LOT
A more contented camp it would be difficult to imagine. The officers are as keen as mustard on their work. And the same thing is true of the non-commissioned officers. "A better lot of N.C.O.'s you couldn't find, was told by men of more than one regiment. Of course there are "kickers." But their comrades have speedily learned to appraise both them and their "grousing" at its proper value. And the real "grouser" is remarkably rare. For speaking generally, the spirit of contentment is visible everywhere. As why should it not be with men who are, day by day getting themselves into the very pink of condition, amid congenial companions, allowed every reasonable latitude of which discipline permits, and with plenty of plain, nourishing grub?

For, spite of one or two "spellers" in the correspondence columns of newspapers—one of them pathetically signs himself "Always Hungry"—the majority of the men whom one meets assert emphatically that they "have no kick coming" about the "grub." Indeed, "Always Hungry's" letter came in for a good deal of caustic criticism at the hands of some of them. "Say, this guy thinks he's out for a Sunday school picnic!" "One of 'mammy's darling blue-haired boys'." Such were some of the comments aroused by his effusion. One thing is sure. Neither the quantity nor the quality of the food issued by the Army Service Corps gives the least ground for any reasonable complaint. A reporter examined the rations issued by it on one day last week—and did the same again this week—and tasted some of them, and is satisfied as to the quality. The daily ration for one man, published in detail last week, is a sufficient guarantee as to the quantity. Hence, any kick that is coming must be against the cooks of the various regiments. And if there is any kick there is no reason why it should not be made known. For at every meal an officer asks if there is any complaints. At one meal, a man complained that the food was insufficiently cooked, and the G. O. C. started an investigation immediately with the result that the cook of one regiment in the 20th battalion was fired. Of course everyone knows that food is supposed to come from heaven but not so the cooks!

AMUSEMENT OFF DUTY
Off duty, the men have no difficulty in amusing themselves. From 5 to 9:30 a well-conducted man is able to get a pass to go downtown, provided a certain percentage are left in camp. And mightily keen men in some of the rural regiments are to get these passes. Nor is there any lack of recreation for those in camp. Playing football on the parade

ground, when the latter is not in use for purposes of drill, is the favorite outdoor amusement. Football, however, has been rather handicapped lately by an order to keep away from places where there is grass.

There are two recreation rooms—one of these in the Dairy Building, is under the auspices of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, and the other in the Art Gallery, under those of the Y.M.C.A. In both of these men smoke, and play all kinds of indoor games—among others, checkers, draughts and dominoes. In both, too, full play is allowed to the charms of music. A camp band has been started by Lieut. Slater of the 48th Highlanders, while Major Forbes is training a camp choir. Several of the men are thoroughly competent musicians, and many possess excellent voices. A dramatic society, which has been started among the men, is safe to prove a great draw. Care is being taken that a certain number of men as well as officers and N.C.O.'s, receive instruction in both French and German. This instruction is being given by a staff from Toronto University, under Professor Squair.

Every Saturday the Y.M.C.A. conducts a series of athletic events which are hugely enjoyed, and at which there is a monster attendance. Last Saturday these athletic events comprised, among others, a hundred-yard dash and a two-lap walk across round the Transportation Building. Unless one walks it, one has no idea what a distance it is round this building. Then there was a high jump, a broad jump, and fencing and boxing competitions. Last Saturday there was a program of similar kind. Prizes, consisting of ribbon badges are awarded to the winners of the events.

In every direction there is recognizable a tightening-up of discipline in the camp. Punctuality, cleanliness, sobriety—such are some of the soldierly virtues on which such tightening-up is laying emphasis. There is little larkiness in the camp. But that little is going to be stamped out.

Capt. Newman On a Visit

Capt. Bert Newman of the 38th contingent, now at Toronto, training for active service, was in the city on Sunday, renewing old acquaintances. The report that he had been promoted to be a Major, he said, was entirely without foundation, as he was not the senior captain, as reported. In fact there were several captains his senior.

As regards the Brantford contingent, Capt. Newman said they were all doing excellently, although he did not want to mention any names. The non-commissioned officers were doing very well indeed, and knew their work. There had been one or two cases where close confinement in barracks had been necessary but this was to be expected where there was so much spirit and life. These penalties would, in the long run, result in good purpose. As regards food, pay, etc., the men were very well satisfied and the work was not proving too onerous. The officers had lectures up until January 2, showing that the departure of the troops is not anticipated for some weeks.

Capt. Newman was in the best of health as is all of the other Brantford boys. While here, he took back a very neat present for Pte. Ankets, from the latter's friends.

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Fred C. Robertson, Inspector of C. P. R. telegraphs for Ontario, died at Port Hope after some months illness.

Canadian trade fell off nearly seventy millions in the three months August to October, as compared with last year.

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Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 276.

W. A. Grant of Ottawa, was a week-end visitor in the city.

N. W. Bain of Ottawa, spent the week-end in the city.

Mr. Robert H. Hope and family spent the week end in Hamilton.

Mr. Harold Good is spending a few days with his brother in Toronto.

Mr. J. A. Adams spent the week end with friends in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence left the city this morning for Ames, Ohio.

Miss Belva Tait is the guest of Mrs. Gordon A. Elliott, at Waterloo St.

Sergeant Fogle was on leave from Toronto and in the city as a week-end visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Finch of Woodstock, were visitors with William street over the week end.

Pte. G. Cocks of the ambulance Corps, attached to the 38th is leaving for England.

Mr. Alex. MacDonald of Toronto, spent the week end at the parent's home, Buffalo street.

Mrs. Gordon A. Elliott will receive the first Wednesday of the month at her home, 41 Waterloo St.

Mrs. Graham and daughter, Miss Helen Graham, West street, have returned from a visit to Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hoggard, of Kanigon, were visiting in the city over the week-end.

Lieutenant Leonard Bishop of the 25th Brant Dragoons, now at Toronto spent the week-end in the city.

Miss Grace Sullivan, Woodstock, and Mr. Albert Trembert, Toronto, were visitors with Mrs. Trembert, 9 Bedford street, on Sunday.

Mrs. Stevenson of Greenwich St., leaves this week for New York en route to Old England here she will spend the winter with friends.

R. G. Brown of Petrolia and formerly of Brantford, was a week-end visitor in the city, the guest of Jas. T. Whitaker, Darling street.

Major Heath of the Customs Department retires from active service this week. He has been a customs officer. His superannuation allowance begins to-morrow.

Mrs. J. A. Smith is now settled in her new home, 147 Drummond street and will receive on Wednesday, December and from 4 till 6, and after that a series of evolutions to make possible the throwing of bombs, some on the aviation field and others on the village of Cally. These evolutions made it possible for the French machine to come up.

The lieutenant opened fire on the Germans and discharged about 100 bullets from his machine gun.

This tire damaged slightly the German machine, but the lieutenant was not successful in striking either the pilot or any vital part of the mechanism. Nevertheless this machine descended to the ground.

The French sergeant then approached another German aeroplane, this one of the albatross type, which was flying over Cally, and prepared to attack it. The pilot of the albatross, in a skillful and a desperate manoeuvre, made a rapid half turn and precipitated his machine at full speed at the French aeroplane. The French sergeant to avoid collision threw his machine back to such an angle that the rapid tire gun was detached from its fastenings and fell down inside the car. By the

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Great Fights in Mid-Air-- Paris Tells Thrilling Tale

PARIS, Nov. 30—A recital of an aerial engagement, was given out officially Saturday afternoon. It follows:
"Towards half-past six on the morning of November 18, a sergeant of one of our air squadrons, having on board his aeroplane a lieutenant-observer, was returning from a reconnaissance along the front. He was about over the French lines when he perceived a German going machine going in the direction of Amiens. He at once started in pursuit of the enemy, but the speed of his machine was slightly inferior to that of the German, and it was impossible for him to overtake the enemy. In front of Amiens the German executed a series of evolutions to make possible the throwing of bombs, some on the aviation field and others on the village of Cally. These evolutions made it possible

for the French machine to come up. The lieutenant opened fire on the Germans and discharged about 100 bullets from his machine gun. This tire damaged slightly the German machine, but the lieutenant was not successful in striking either the pilot or any vital part of the mechanism. Nevertheless this machine descended to the ground. The French sergeant then approached another German aeroplane, this one of the albatross type, which was flying over Cally, and prepared to attack it. The pilot of the albatross, in a skillful and a desperate manoeuvre, made a rapid half turn and precipitated his machine at full speed at the French aeroplane. The French sergeant to avoid collision threw his machine back to such an angle that the rapid tire gun was detached from its fastenings and fell down inside the car. By the time the Frenchman had recovered his equilibrium the German machine had had time to get away. At about this time another French aviation sergeant, who had just landed on the aviation field of Amiens from a reconnaissance along the front, perceived the machine of the enemy in the air over the city. Accompanied by a mechanic, he took the air again, and lifting at once to a considerable height, he started in pursuit of the German machine which had eluded the Frenchman by the desperate expedient of charging him. The second French machine came up with the German just as he was getting away from Amiens and was successful in preventing him from getting within the German lines. He followed him as far as the region of Mont Didier. The mechanic in this car fired the rifle shots at the German machine without succeeding in crippling it. In the meantime the German had not been idle, and the Frenchman had received three bullets, one of which had gone through the gasoline tank and another the seat reserved for the third passenger. Lack of ammunition made it necessary to abandon the pursuit.

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It is reported that Roumania has seized 125 railway trucks of Turkish war supplies. (Deletion by censor.)
Owing to the murder of two Christians at Ulejdak, the entire population of the village fled panic-stricken to Smyrna. The Turkish authorities at Smyrna have fortified the whole coast from that town to Vourlah and have placed guns about the town and suburbs. They have also seized nine locomotives and three hundred cars on the Smyrna railway and 15,000 sacks of barley, belonging to Mr. Whitall, British subject, (deletion by censor.)

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