

# CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE KILTIES

## NEW ENGLAND RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

Boston, Mass.

1917

**SUNDAY, June 3rd.** Lt. Col. Percy A. Guthrie, Officer Commanding, 236th Overseas Battalion—The Maclean Kilties of America—Sir Sam's Own, Canadian Expeditionary Force, accompanied by Capt. T. H. Rand McNally and Capt. J. Douglas Black, arrived in Boston with authority from the Adjutant General, Canada, to carry on recruiting in the United States. A conference with Colonel F. B. McCoy, Chief Recruiting Officer for the New England States, was held in the morning at the United States Army Recruiting Headquarters. Arrangements were completed for the beginning of the Kilties' campaign in Greater Boston, and Colonel McCoy placed part of his offices, at No. 3 Tremont Row, at the Kilties disposal.

At noon Capt. McNally spoke in Tremont Temple before a large audience, while Colonel Guthrie

and Captain Black were conferring with Colonel McCoy. In the afternoon Colonel Guthrie spoke at the annual memorial services of the Grand Clan of Mass. O. S. C. at the Parker Memorial Hall.

Colonel Guthrie, accompanied by the first five Boston recruits—all being officers of Clan MacKinlay—left for Fredericton, N. B., to attend the "Farewell Field Day" held at the battalion headquarters.

Captain Black remained in Boston to organize the campaign in the New England States and to take charge of the publicity work in connection therewith; Captain McNally took charge of the Kilties' recruiting office.

**MONDAY, JUNE 4th.** The first recruiting meeting held by officers of the British Army took place at noon on Boston Common, being addressed by Captain McNally and Captain Black, who spoke from the American Army recruit-

ing stand and secured a number of recruits.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 5th.** Recruiting meeting held at Boston Common and the second lot of recruits from Boston for the Kilties left North Station that night for Fredericton. At 10 p.m. Capt. McNally and Sergt. R. M. Finlayson addressed a meeting of the Boston Caledonian Club.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6th.** Lt. Col. Guthrie, accompanied by Mrs. Guthrie and their three children, Ronald, Margaret and Douglas, Capt. and Mrs. Percy F. Godenrath and Lieut. H. A. Seely, arrived in Boston from Fredericton in the evening with the Kilties' Pipe Band of thirty-six pieces. They were greeted by representatives of the Canadian, Scottish and British organizations of Boston, together with the Highland Dress Association Pipe Band, who escorted them through the city to Boston Common. Estimates of the number of people who welcomed the Kilties on the line of



FIRST RECRUITING RALLY HELD ON BOSTON COMMON

Left to right: Captain J. Douglas Black, Captain John A. Pearson, U. S. A., Captain T. H. Rand McNally and Sergt. J. Roberts