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MEN OF 24TH KENT REGIMENT WON HONORS AT ST. THOMAS

Participated in the Splendid Centennial Celebration there Yesterday—Acquitted Themselves Well—Bands Discounted all Others—St. Thomas en fete—Notes of the Trip.

"Well done, 24th!"

"It has been my privilege to attend military camp some sixteen times, and I never yet was attached to a regiment which conducted itself in a more gentlemanly, sober and proficient manner than has done the 24th of Kent at St. Thomas. I thank you all; I am proud of you all."

With these words of hearty congratulation Lieut.-Col. J. B. Rankin, B. A., K. C., last evening dismissed the members of the regiment on their return from the St. Thomas camp.

A moment later the drill hall rang with three rousing cheers and an enthusiastic tiger for "Our Colonel"—He's all right," from the soldiers.

The companies dismissed and the excursion became a memory—and an exceedingly pleasant one.

"St. Thomas is all right," was the unanimous verdict of the soldiers of the 24th Kent Regiment, and the three cheers that the Chatham contingent gave for St. Thomas, the 25th and the ladies, was merely a general expression of what had been individually stated all day by the soldiers of the 24th. The Maple City Battalion left here about 3 o'clock, and arrived at St. Thomas a little after five o'clock. The regiment then detrained and marched in fine order out to the camp grounds, Pinafore Park, a distance from the depot of about two miles. Here the tents were found pitched and ready, the fatigue party sent ahead having done good work.

The camp ground was the orchard on the links of the Elgin County Golf Club, adjoining Shore Lake Park. The Royal Grenadiers, of Toronto, about 500 strong, were camped on the same grounds. Arrived at camp the boys had supper, then began collecting their blankets and rubber sheets and staking down the tent in readiness for the night. To see the members of the 24th Regiment get to work on the camp fodder and on the tents, one would think that they were old veterans. There was little sleep in camp, most of the tents had a bit of candle and, although lights were supposed to be out at 10.30, there was a glimmer from many a tent after that hour. Sergeant-Major Embrey really did try to have a dark camp, but when he was heard coming the candle was covered with the wash basin till he had disappeared. Some of the boys found the night chilly, and others comfortable. Some tents had more blankets than they needed, and in other tents three fellows would try to squeeze under two blankets.

At 6.30 a. m., reveille sounded and the boys were soon up and washed, shaved and dressed. After breakfast they were able to take it easy till nine o'clock, when the regiment assembled for parade and marched about seven miles through the streets of St. Thomas. Seven of the Grenadier Guards and five of the 25th Regiment, of St. Thomas, were overcome during the march and had to drop out, but the 24th Kent Regiment never lost a man and the march was completed with all in the ranks and in good condition.

A stop was made at the three regiments were drawn up on the parade grounds and speeches were delivered by the commanding officers, the Mayor of St. Thomas and others. The 24th then returned to Shore Lake Park and were dismissed for dinner. At 2.30 the Regiment was assembled and marched to the parade ground, where they participated in the feu-de-joie and march past, and then watched the Royal Grenadiers trooping the colors.

About four o'clock the soldier boys from Chatham were marched back to the camp ground and were free until seven o'clock, when they marched from the park to the station and entrained for home.

St. Thomas was left about 8.30 and the men arrived home shortly after ten o'clock, happy and, if tired, not ready to acknowledge it.

"Tra-lah, tra-lah, tra-lah" gaily the bugles sounded on Tecumseh Park on Sunday afternoon, and the drill hall and vicinity was lively with cardinal-coated men rushing hither and thither getting their knapsacks ready and arranging their knapsacks in preparation for the jaunt to St. Thomas. It was nearly two o'clock before the different companies marched out in sections from their armories and took their places in the drill hall in readiness for formation. Soon all were in readiness and Colonel Rankin gave the marching orders. The Regiment issued from the drill hall in fours and, after circling the parade ground, began the march to the G. T. R. station. The bands were ahead. Colonel Rankin and Major Schofield rode at the head of the Regiment. Adj. Colhart was also mounted. Quartermaster Cornell, Surgeon Tye and Paymaster Hall brought up the rear. They were also mounted.

The Regiment made a pretty sight as they marched to the train, and Chatham was put en masse to see the boys depart. The march to the station and the entraining was accomplished with military precision. The ride in the cars was uneventful, but the boys in red passed the time merrily, making their own fun and enjoying themselves as only soldiers can. All through the trip the men were very orderly indeed. Each company occupied a car by itself and guards were placed at each door to keep the companies together.

At Glenora, Harry Massey and Tom Fairbanks were discovered talking to a bevy of fair maids. Will Jahneke, who was on the train with the boys, joined the parade. This gave the soldier boys a chance to get off their surplus enthusiasm and they gazed the Maple City young men unmercifully.

When the Regiment arrived at St. Thomas they found everything in readiness for them. There was a very large crowd of people at the station to receive them, and as they alighted they were greeted with cheers and applause.

Representatives from the 25th of St. Thomas, were at the station to meet the soldiers and guide them to the camp ground.

The people of St. Thomas evidently knew that the 24th were coming in on that train, for as the Regiment passed down the street both sides were literally lined with people who were anxious to catch a glimpse of the Chatham soldiers and to hear the Chatham bands. In both of these they were not in the least disappointed. The marching of the 24th was equally as good as anything ever seen in St. Thomas before, and, to use the words of the St. Thomas bystanders, the best band in St. Thomas yesterday.

In speaking of the brass band one of the Grenadiers asked if a number of the players were not Detroit men. He was very much surprised to find out that every player in the band is a Chatham man. The people of St. Thomas, too, evidently appreciate good music, and all during the march and in fact whenever the Chatham band made its appearance it was very heartily applauded and cheered, more so than any other band.

The 24th soldiers made a very pretty sight as they marched down the street in their party uniforms. Arriving at Pinafore Park, where all of the regiments were camped, the soldiers were dismissed to their tents. The march to the camp was uneventful, beyond that it was executed with splendid military precision, and the 24th did itself and Chatham credit. After supper, most of the boys wandered off to see the city and get acquainted.

At nine o'clock the next morning, being Monday, 25th of May, the 24th Kent Regiment paraded through the streets of St. Thomas on a march of about eight miles. This was the longest march yet attempted by the Regiment, and they acquitted themselves splendidly. When it is considered that they held their own with the crack Toronto Regiment and distanced the 25th of St. Thomas, in marching, drill and snap, then indeed could the Colonel of the gallant 24th compliment his men and congratulate them on their excellent showing.

At the opening of the armories addresses were delivered by Mayor Maxwell, Jabel Robinson, M. P.; Lieut.-Col. Stimson, 10th Grenadiers; A. B. Ingram, M. P.; Lieut.-Col. Rankin, 24th Regiment; Dr. Wilson, Judge Ermatinger and Lieut.-Col. McLachlin.

All the speakers took occasion to compliment the 24th Regiment, and when their commanding officer was called upon the Chatham boys rose en masse and gave three rousing cheers and a tiger for "Our Colonel," which Col. Rankin acknowledged by saluting.

NOTES.

Sergt.-Major George Embrey did herculean work. He handled all the tents in splendid style.

Everyone, during the long morning march, was complimenting Chatham's bands. All the other musical organizations took a back seat when the Maple City musicians were playing.

Sergt. Geo. Smith, of B Company, and Sergt. Walter Elliott, of C Company, came in for repeated applause from the people on the march-out for their soldierly bearing and the brisk manner in which they swung their sections along.

Lieutenant O. L. Lewis heaved spasmodically and wore an agonized expression during the long hot march-out. This may account for the fact that Lieutenant H. D. Smith, who followed him, wore a smile of seraphic contentment throughout.

The decorations and illuminations of St. Thomas were simply magnificent. The railroad city certainly did itself proud. Pearl Street in particular was gorgeous Sunday evening with its canopy of a myriad Chinese lanterns.

Well, the boys showed St. Thomas what a real good band was like, anyhow.

A lot of credit is due Adjutant Wm. A. Coltart. He's got them all beat.

"Bob" McGarry, drummer of the bugle band, got mixed up in the sports and pulled off a second prize in a foot race.

Lieutenant Jewett had the laugh on his fellow officers yesterday. He was officer of the day and stayed in camp, escaping the long march-out.

The new St. Thomas armories are splendid, which reminds Chathamites that it's almost time the Government was doing something for the Maple City.

Sergt. A. Bethune, B. A., who accompanied the Chatham regiment, was officer of the day Sunday, while Lieutenant A. E. Jewett acted on Monday.

Colonel Rankin's popularity among his men was well shown by the three rousing cheers which they gave him as he addressed the people before the armories.

What's the matter with Chatham having a military day and old Boys' Reunion for Labor Day. What St. Thomas can do, surely the Maple City should be able to discount.

As the regiment were marching down William street on the return trip some one suggested that the band should play "The Girl I Left Behind Me." Not a sound from any of the bandmen.

The St. Thomas Times on Saturday turned out a fine souvenir military edition, handsomely illustrated. Our contemporary received many well deserved congratulations on its enterprise.

One noticeable feature of the march to camp was that the boys of the 24th were unable to tell where St. Thomas ended and where the country began. The Chatham boys are so used to city life that they can't make fine distinctions.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Rankin, B. A., K. C., the commanding officer of the 24th, is one of Chatham's most popular and highly esteemed citizens. Tall, stalwart and erect, the colonel is admired by his colleagues and worshipped by his men. He has had an extensive military experience.—St. Thomas Times.

The ladies of the St. Thomas golf club entertained many of the 24th to their delightful fortnightly tea at the club house near the camp. It was a charming function, and, as the commanding officer of C Company gallantly expressed it, the 24th had never before seen so many fair and beautiful young ladies together—outside of Chatham.

"I have only one criticism on the morning parade," said one of the citizens of St. Thomas. "The street I live on was the only one that the soldiers did not march on"—hisses, groans from the few tired-out soldiers who happened to overhear the remark.

"This is where I was made the happiest man in the world," said O. L. Lewis to his brother officers as he looked around the splendid dining room of the Grand Central Hotel. "Yes, this is where I met my fate. Mrs. Lewis and I met for the first time in this dining room in 1890. We were both attending a ball here."

One of the handmen arrived in St. Thomas late Sunday night and narrowly escaped from sleeping on the hotel steps. He was found in the office of the Grand Central looking sad and lonely, lost in the big city, with no place to go, every room in the hotels in the city being occupied. He was taken in charge by a couple of friends.

On the way to St. Thomas things were very quiet in the band car until Surgeon Tye came in and expressed the wish to those within speaking distance that the regiment was going to war instead of St. Thomas. He left the car shortly after he spoke. "Doc" was not noticed to express the same wish on the way back from the saintly city.

Lieutenants H. D. Smith and O. L. Lewis engaged a room at the Grand Central Hotel Sunday night. It is understood that before retiring they decided to go through a private rehearsal of the military evolutions of the morrow with the result that the ceiling plaster descended unceremoniously upon them. The rumor that the Quartermaster occupied the room above is strenuously denied by that gentleman.

No arrangements were made for an officers' mess at the camp and they had to go up to the Grand Central Hotel in the city to eat. The cars weren't running and no arrangements had been made for a conveyance. As soon as the officers learned this they started to foot it to the village.

About 7.30 Lieutenant Lewis discovered that the Lieutenants Fraser and Anderson and himself were the only ones left. While he was looking around the two other Lieutenants disappeared. Then the lawyer Lieutenant was wild. He thought that the other officers had driven off and left him. Then he was cross and ran about half a mile to head off the conveyance of the officers of the Royal Grenadiers, but they paid no attention to his appeals for help. Lieutenant Lewis picked up a ride—and when he found that the other officers had walked he felt better.

The "Grens" have the feu de joie down pat.

Some had as many as one blanket, others less.

And 18 1-4 cents for a meal like that. Why, it was fierce.

The railroad city can well be proud of her many bits of scenery.

The "Grens" are jolly fellows and showed a friendly spirit toward the 24th.

Somebody wanted to paint that tea at the Golf Club and label it "A dream of Paradise."

Neither the surgeon nor undertaker had anything to do. The regiment was well equipped.

No. 4 section "D," A. Moffatt, proprietor and sergeant, was well up to the mark at all times.

B Company was nearly full strength but only about two-thirds of the men in the other companies were present.

Sleep? Sleep? It seems that word wasn't in the dictionary the men of the 24th had in St. Thomas with them.

The sentries on Sunday night didn't do a thing but keep busy in an unsuccessful attempt to have quiet reign.

Corporal Waddell was one of the fatigue party and he saw that his section in C Company had about 16 blankets apiece.

It is reported that Lieutenant Lewis was so proud of his fine new uniform that he slept in it the first night. He couldn't bear a separation.

St. Thomas is a winner. The people are all right, almost as nice as Chatham people, and a greater compliment could no young city have paid it.

St. Thomas has a little pavement and a lot of dust. Out of courtesy to the soldiers, the city might have watered the streets. Perhaps they haven't got any water in St. Thomas.

Cuba Darr at eight o'clock—I haven't had anything to eat and if somebody doesn't give me something soon I'm going over to the horse car and sleep till the train goes back to Chatham.

Near St. Thomas the 24th regiment had to wait for an emigrant train to pass. As it was going by Sergeant Moffatt cried out in supreme disgust, "Why they have sidetracked the 24th Regiment to let a carload of emigrants pass."

A. B. Erube, son of P. K. at St. Thomas, and an old Chatham boy, contributed much to the entertainment of the Maple City soldiers. Mr. Erube's splendid officers became the down-town headquarters of the Chathamites and the popular railroad man was voted three hearty cheers on the departure of the contingent. When Mr. Erube next visits Chatham he will get a rousing reception.

While the 24th was detraining at St. Thomas, a callous youth who looked like a cross between a dog and a mud-turtle, called out to the soldiers "Go to the woods." Then he laughed as if this were a great joke. Joe, of Planet fame, was with B Company as mascot. He at once "batted in," and, running up to the fellow who had been repeating "Go to the woods," Joe asked in all seriousness, "Well, were there. What now?"

The 24th is the possessor of two splendid bands. The Regimental Band, under Bandmaster Harry, C. Philp, is considered the finest musical organization of its kind in Western Ontario, and, in addition to its regimental duties, weekly concert programs are presented by it. The Bugle and Drum Band, under Bugle Major Wm. Plummeridge, is also a splendid young organization and adds much to the regiment.—St. Thomas Times.

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