

Duties of the Squadron, Battery and Company Commanders.

On receipt of the order to mobilize, squadron, battery and company commanders at once join their units. They will also :—

Warn all their N.C.O.'s and men.

Complete their commands to war establishment and equip them.

Arrange for subsistence of their men and horses.

Report to Regimental Headquarters what equipment and clothing is required, and the daily progress made.

MOBILIZATION OF UNITS OF THE CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

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The system on which units for overseas service have been raised differs somewhat from the foregoing procedure. These have been formed from members of the territorial militia regiments, in some cases the personnel being drawn from several in the same district, in others all from the same one; but in every case, previous to attestation in a C.E.F. unit, men are taken on the strength, and sign the Service Roll of a unit of the Active Militia. The authority to raise a battalion (or battery) is received by the O.C. division or district and includes the name of the officer selected as its provisional commander, the designation of the unit, and the area in which it is to be recruited. Each unit recruits its own personnel of N.C.O.'s and men, who are billeted until it is concentrated and given Government quarters and rations.

A book containing instructions regarding the organization and administration of the C.E.F. units has been compiled at the Headquarters of the 2nd Divisional Area and issued under the authority of the Honourable the Minister of Militia and Defence. It is explanatory of the procedure which has been evolved from experience, and contains particulars of forms and documents, allowances, methods of accounting for stores, terms of service, attestation, discharge, scale of clothing and necessaries, courts martial, establishments, financial instructions, system of indents, appointment and education of officers, and all details of the system obtaining at the time of writing.