

News Notes of General and Local Interest

The history of the junior battalion of the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade, on which we have been working for the past two months, has been completed at last and has been turned out in a manner that is better than we had dared to hope. Well written, printed on an excellent book paper and in a plain but neat manner, the work is a souvenir of which all may be proud.

We ran across Sergt. Anderson, whom many of the boys of the old Lethbridge Highlanders will remember as having gone away with an early draft of N. C. O.'s, one evening recently and enjoyed an hour of pleasing talk of bye-gone days. We heard of many old friends and gave Anderson much information of those who are still in camp. We take this means of extending his best wishes to his old comrades here.

C. S. M. Candaline, C. S. M. Ridyard and C. Q. M. S. McLennan have gone from our ranks. Military censorship prevents us from saying just where they have gone but do not be surprised if you read of them at work in the forests before long. The lads were popular in the battalion and, while we are sorry to see them taken from us, we heartily congratulate them on having been transferred without losing their rank.

Corporal Quigly, our very versatile but most modest news editor, has again been taken out from under us. He has gone on a training course and for the next few weeks we shall have to take it upon ourself to hustle the news notes for the paper.

Next on the program of souvenir printing will be a history of the Seaforth band, which has come to be recognised as one of the leading musical organisations of the Canadian forces in training. The book will be printed on the best of paper and will contain an excellent half tone reproduction of the band. They will sell at sixpence per copy, the estimated cost of production. The profits, should any result, will go to the band fund. But a limited number will be printed and members of the battalion who desire copies must place their orders before the book goes to press next week.

Lieut. Roper, acting adjutant of his old unit and who held that position with this battalion for the past few months, has been transferred to a neighboring camp. Capt. Crowell now holds down the adjutant's desk and his position as President of the Regimental Institute is occupied by Mr. Power. Mr. Roper was a good soldier and an efficient officer. He had gained and held the respect of all with whom he came in contact and it is with sincere regret that we announce his leaving the lines. We can only wish him the same success in his new home that marked his career with this unit.

A letter from our old printer, Walter Brown, says that everything is lovely with the lads of the last draft. He had not yet started to raising live stock but reports indications good for an early beginning.

We had a letter from R. Q. M. S. Reagan recently. The big fellow is now playing ball at one of the convalescent camps and seems to be enjoying life to the fullest extent. He sends regards to old comrades.

We have again moved our happy home. About one more move and we will have tied the record of the pay office, which has the reputation of moving more often than a woman can change her mind.

Capt. Howells, formerly in charge of the musketry work of the battalion, will probably find time to pay us a visit next month. Two to one that he gets a royal welcome on his arrival.

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