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RECRUITING YESTERDAY

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tery Appointments.

On April 10 a new school of instruction (infantry) opens in Toronto. It will be the first school to be conducted under the new regulations and much more democratic than the previous ones. Officers and probationers will be allowed to attend.

The commander of a battalion will be permitted to recommend two (or three in some cases) private or N.C.O.s of his unit for attendance at the school. Qualified officers studying to gain a higher certificate may wear the uniform of the rank they are already qualified for.

The others in attendance are probationers and will be required to wear a special uniform of scarlet coat and blue serge trousers.

The probationers will receive the pay of a private soldier. At most either belong to an overseas unit or have given promise of readiness to go overseas when called upon.

Recruiting Good. One hundred and seventy four recruits came forward to enlist at the Toronto Recruiting Depot yesterday, or four more than on the previous Tuesday. The recruits accepted and attested yesterday totaled 112.

Leut.-Col. W. H. Price's Battalion, the 204th, again had high recruiting honors, 50 men being attested and 20th Battalion's Battalion came next with 14 men accepted. The Q.O.R. had nine recruits, the 17th nine, 18th three, 19th seven, 21st six and 28th seven.

These additions give the battalions active recruiting the following strengths: Q.O.R., 1102; Mississauga, 539; Buffs, 452; 20th Battalion, 211; 24th Battalion, 210; Irish Fusiliers, 176; Buffs, 241.

Since Jan. 1 over 5000 men have enlisted in Toronto for service abroad with the colors. By the end of this week a total of 10,000 will have been enlisted since New Year's Day in this city alone.

Telephone Work. Officers familiar with signalling, telephone or telegraph work are asked to apply for attachment to the Signalling Training Depot at Ottawa. This will qualify them to serve overseas as signalling officers.

Former Royal Engineer members, now in other units in this division will be permitted to transfer to the Canadian Engineers.

An order issued at headquarters calls attention to the fact that N.C.O.s and men have been failing to salute nursing sisters of the C.A.M.C. who have rank of lieutenant and are entitled to the same salute as officers.

Five members of the Toronto Corps of Guides, M. B. Hurling, J. N. Wilson, A. G. Leslie, E. G. Archer and B. L. Hearn, are taking out commissions as lieutenants in the 21st Battalion, Canadian Field Artillery as lieutenants.

Major W. H. Howard goes to England tomorrow to become a staff officer of the Calgary military area.

Regular spring drills for the Governor General's Body Guard will start at the armories next Tuesday night.

Members of the St. Andrew's Rifle Association, Corps of Guides and Queen's Own Cadets, a total of 100, attended drill at the armories last night.

No. 8 Co. Canadian Field Engineers, with quarters at the armories, are taking men on for home service. This offers an opportunity to tradesmen such as carpenters, joiners and plumbers, who have been rejected for overseas service but are still desirous of serving with the colors.

More overseas recruits are also required. Army Medical Corps men are being called for to go on active service with units at Exhibition camp. One hundred A.M.C. men are recruited in all. Enlistees to be made at the corps orderly room or at the recruiting depot.

The 204th Battalion held a concert and rally at the Orange Hall, College street and Euclid avenue, last night. The nucleus of the Ward Five Conservative Association. Rousing patriotic addresses were delivered by Rev. A. Logan Giegge and Lt.-Col. W. H. Price. Hon. Thos. Crawford presided.

Officers of the Buffs. Col. John A. Cooper's battalion, the 18th Buffs, started its active training yesterday. The 18th's staff and company officers are posted as follows:

Officer commanding, Lieut.-Col. J. A. Cooper, formerly Queen's Own Rifles. Second in command, Lieut. W. O. Tully (awarded the Military Cross for gallant conduct in the present war). Adjutant, Lieut. R. E. Gumm. Assistant adjutant, Lieut. Frederick Hilda.

Chaplain, Capt. Rev. H. L. Nicholson. Quartermaster, Capt. E. J. Laidlaw. Signaling officer, Lieut. L. G. Campbell. Machine gun officer, Lieut. C. H. Beattie. Medical officer, Capt. Kent Manning. A.M.C. Paymaster, Capt. S. J. Craig.

A Company—Company commanders, Major V. E. Henderson, second in command, Capt. Gerald Hiam; platoon commanders, Lieut. W. Ashton Dean, Lieut. H. G. Gibson, Lieut. H. P. Charters.

B Company—Capt. J. B. Allen, Lieut. W. G. Frisby, platoon commanders, Lieut. C. A. Scott, Lieut. R. H. Hocken, Lieut. E. F. Palmer.

C Company—Capt. F. E. Appleby, Capt. R. S. Miller, platoon commanders, Lieut. C. M. Palmer, Lieut. J. J. Dolan, Lieut. H. N. Westwood.

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Major Geo. H. Williams, chief recruiting officer for the Toronto divisional area, who has been in the Provincial of Quebec stimulating recruiting, expects an increased response to the call for active service men in that province. He states that an increase has already been reported.

With the Princess Pats.

The 18th Sportsman's Battalion, which has now nearly reached its full complement, has four company sergeant-majors and three company quartermasters—sergeants who were in the original Princess Patricia's Light In-

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