

Things are quiet with us. Poor Wright is in a very bad way, but the action of Headquarters in confirming him as A.A. & Q.M.G. did him a world of good. and he is very bucked up about it. I do not think that he will last very long, but he might yet fool the doctors.

Macintosh of the P.P.C.L.I. is also very ill again. Another ulcer was located in his stomach last week and he had to be operated on in short notice. He will have to take great care of himself for a long time.

I have been very busy lately doing the annual inspections. While the Infantry training generally is not good owing mainly to lack of facilities, still there is a lot of good work being done. Last week I found several companies where every man could handle a Lewis gun. I also saw some very good rapid-fire done, of course, on a miniature range. Map Reading amongst N.C.O's. is improving greatly.

I find the summer schools gave very good results and until we have money enough to have regular camps, we should take more people to these schools. We are receiving many more applications for courses than we have ever had before, and I think we can arrange to take more than we originally estimated for. A provisional school of Infantry has just commenced in Vancouver with forty-one in attendance, which is the largest we have yet had.

I just received word to-day that Pope was coming here as G.S.O. I am very glad that you were able to arrange this, as I knew him in France and I think he should be good. Every one in the district was sorry to see Goodeve go, as he was energetic and untiring and he made his instruction interesting.

I let Goodeve go at Christmas as he wanted a month's leave and Clarke of the P.P.C.L.I. is doing his work in quite a satisfactory manner.

As Wright has not been able to do much since last Spring, I have had several P.F. Officers acting as A.A. & Q.M.G. and we have got along all right. There is quite a lot of good material in the Permanent Force units, if it is given a chance to develop.

The only other item of interest I can think of is Colonel Panet's son and heir. His arrival last week has taken about ten years off Colonel Panet's age,