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FOURTEEN PER CENT WAIVE EXEMPTION

(Halifax Chronicle)

Things appear to be working as smoothly as is possible for such a big machine as the Military Service Act and the staff of Mr. Nicholls, the Registrar for Nova Scotia, are going full time and occasionally over time, in keeping up with the requirements of the department. But no delay what ever is permitted in the carrying out of the Act and the work is being carried out in this district satisfactorily.

Two weeks of registration were completed with Saturday's work and showed a total of 7,687 reports, of which 796 or 14 per cent were for service and 4,891 or 86 per cent—discharged exemptions.

According to reports from other districts there are many amusing experiences around about the registration offices and the medical board examination quarters. In Halifax such occurrences are not made public by the Registrar, but occasionally tales are told by parties aware of the happenings. In one case it is stated the Registrar received an exemption letter claim that was an oddity. The writer of the letter said he had heard that there was a great deal of mumps and scarlet fever in the trenches not properly cared for. Hence his hesitation.

All France, in fact, all the world, is ringing with the praise of a 21 year

old French airman, who single handed forced to French soil the big Zeppelin L-49 and at the point of his revolver captured the crew of 20 men before they could destroy their great dreadnought of the air.

Referring to the disfranchisement of men of alien enemy origin, Dr. Clark said if his views had been accepted and the election was postponed there would have been no disfranchisement. But while liberty is a principle, there is no doubt that the Government was threatened by the alien enemy, and the Government was not concerned about the liberty of the Germans and Austrians in this country.

NOT A GOOD SECOND

Timid Suitor—I suppose when you recall what a handsome man your first husband was you wouldn't consider me for a minute?

Pretty Widow—"Oh, yes, I would—but I wouldn't consider you for a second."—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. (Prof.) Deslauriers is spending a few days in Hantsport visiting her brother, Captain Randolph Churchill, who arrived home last Saturday from England. Captain Churchill landed at Quebec and has been granted leave of absence until November 17th, when he is to report in London. He was wounded June 8th by shrapnel, which entered below the elbow and came out further up the arm. The nerves were cut and the muscles badly lacerated. Captain Churchill's many friends are hoping he does not have to return to the front.

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ATTACK REPULSED

Paris, October 29.—An attack was made by the Germans last night on the Verdun front near Chaumont. The War Office reports that they gained a footing in advanced French positions, but that the greater part of the ground was regained in a counter-attack.

Heavy artillery fighting continues on the Aisne front and in Flanders.

AMERICAN TROOPS SHOOT HUNS ON WEST

WITH THE AMERICAN TROOPS, Oct. 29.—(By Press)—American batteries were using to shell the German lines at intervals, the enemy followed by tactics.

No further official communication has been issued, but infantry activity was seen that fell last night into with all operations.

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BIG ACHIEVEMENT OF CANADIAN TROOPS

LONDON, October 29.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Telegraphing from British headquarters in France, Reuter's correspondent says:

The story of how the Canadians captured the important vantage point on Passchendaele Ridge adds another epic to the Canadian great records. Their objective was a little moss-colored spur curving around U-shaped from the main ridge. Its capture was the principal achievement in a day of struggling and overpowering elements.

The Canadians attacked from two directions, their right pressing along the main ridge and the left working round towards the Bellevue Spur. These positions lay in a broad gully which heavy rains had made impassable, preventing the attackers from attacking frontally. Progress was slow, as the whole face of the spur was thick with blockhouses spitting forth deadly fire. Prisoners taken are unanimous in the belief that the defences were regarded as the strongest organ of resistance on this front. It had been ordered that the place must be held until the entire garrison was killed, because the enemy regarded it as a vital link in the ridge system.

The right struggled forward, gradually overcoming obstacles. The left was frequently checked by fire from the work from blockhouses. While pressing up the slope, the men were frequently hip deep in the squelching mire. With their rifles balanced on their shoulders they struggled onwards thus for six hours, until in view of the impossibility of the task, they were ordered to withdraw and return to their original assembly line, where they were refreshed with hot stimulants.

Reinforcements were brought up and the Canadians advanced again in face of the driving rain. Yard by yard the semi-liquid slope was breached, "pill box" after "pill box" was cleared until the crest of the spur was reached and passed. Illustrating the strength of the opposition overcome, the troops found flanking the roadway along the crest, a whole line of blockhouses within three hundred, eighteen machine guns were taken there. Later the Canadians repulsed a violent counter-attack.

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The National Interest

IN their enthusiasm to serve Canada, a number of men in Class One—bachelors and widowers without children (not otherwise excepted) who were 20 years old on the 13th October, 1917, and whose 34th birthday did not occur before January 1st, 1917—will desire to report for service, when in fact it is in the national interest that such men should continue in their habitual occupations.

The purpose of the Military Service Act is to select the authorized 100,000 reinforcements in such a way that the industries essential in the national interest

will not be handicapped unnecessarily. With this in view, the privilege is extended to employers to claim exemption for men referred to in the first paragraph.

This course obviates the possibility of requiring that men be returned to civilian employment after months of military training—a waste of time and money for all concerned.

The grounds upon which exemption may be claimed, of special interest to employers, are:

- That it is expedient in the national interest that the man should, instead of being employed in Military Service, be engaged in other work in which he is habitually engaged.
- That it is expedient in the national interest that the man should, instead of being employed in Military Service, be engaged in other work in which he has special qualifications.
- That it is expedient in the national interest that, instead of being employed in Military Service, he should continue to be educated or trained for any work for which he is then being educated and trained.

The Employer's Statement

Where an employer claims exemption for an employee on the ground that it is expedient in the national interest that the man should continue in the work in which he is habitually engaged, he should prepare for the tribunal a statement and a schedule as follows:

Total number of employees, grouping them according to their respective occupations and qualifications, and stating the number in each group. Indicate the possibility or otherwise of replacing the labour of Class One men with the labour of those not in the statutory class called up; also the extent to which the withdrawal of men in the statutory class would affect the business, the reasons for considering that the carrying on of the business is in the national interest; and such other facts and circumstances as may appear to be relevant.

The Employer's Schedule

This should state the names, ages and occupations of all Class One men employed, and the medical category in which those who have been medically examined have been placed. There should also be noted against each name whether or not claim for exemption is being made and whether in the employer's opinion exemption, if granted, should be conditional on the man's continuing his present occupation, or whether it would suffice if exemption were granted for one, two, or more months, as the case may be.

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