

97th O. S. Battalion

Now Splendid Unit Resulting From Amalgamation of Original 97th, 212th, and 237th Battalions—
Impressively Address by Col. W. E. Thompson, Camp Commandant
—List of Officers

Aldershot Camp, N. S., Sept. 16—The findings of the commission, consisting of Major-General Lessard, Inspector General, Major General Gwatkin, Chief of the General Staff Staff and Colonel Thompson, Commandant, which was appointed by Ottawa to amalgamate the 97, 212th and 237th Battalions and officers for the reorganized 97th Battalion and which recently sat at Aldershot, have been confirmed.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 12th inst., Colonel Thompson announced these findings to the officers of the three Battalions and afterwards addressed the men who were drawn up on their parade ground in three sides of a square.

Colonel Thompson impressed upon both officers and men the difficulties the choice of officers presented and urged all ranks to accept the result as soldiers and men and to heartily cooperate to make the reorganized Battalion the equal of any Battalion yet sent overseas.

Officers

The Commanding Officer is Lt.-Col. W. L. Jolly, who commanded the original 97th, the second in command is Major B. C. Pittman, late of the 212th and the Adjutant, Capt. George E. Logan, late of the 237th.

The other officers are as follows: Quartermaster, Capt. H. J. Pepper, late of 212th Bn.; Medical Officer, Capt. R. S. Hutcherson, 97th Bn.; Paymaster, Capt. J. L. Melanson, late of 237th Bn.; Chaplain, Capt. R. K. Lambert, 97th Bn.

Machine Gun Section

Officer in charge, Lieut. T. Richardson, 97th Bn.

KITCHENER MONUMENT

It has been decided to erect a prominent monument to the late Lord Kitchener on Marwick Head, in the Isle of Birsay, Orkney, near the sunken reef where the H. M. S. Hampshire went down. The elevation of the headland will render the erection visible a long distance off, both by land and sea. As the object of marking the spot near which a famous public servant his days is of a national character, it is felt that the appeal for funds should extend beyond the bounds of the Orkney Islands.

During the absence of Lieut.-Colonel T. D. Walker, Capt. H. F. Killam will assume command of the Field Hospital.

Major F. I. Tanner, 193rd Battalion, during the absence on duty of Major H. H. Bligh, assumes temporarily the duties of D. A. A. G.

Duke Donates Freehold Farms For Fighters

Twelve Thousand Acres Given As Homesteads For Veteran Warriors

London, Sept. 16—An estate of 12,000 acres on which soldiers and sailors can settle after the war has been given to Scotland. The donor is the Duke of Sutherland who owns large tracts of fine land in Northern Scotland.

It is the first practical step in the United Kingdom in a movement to provide small farms for veterans of the great war. The estate is situated to the west of the River Naver in the county of Sutherland in the extreme north of Scotland.

In making the announce-

Company Officers.

Major A Rasmussen, 97th Bn; Major W E Guthrie, 97th Bn; Major G C Hart, late of 212th Bn; Major E T Harrington, late 237th Bn; Capt C E Goodwyn, 97th Bn; Capt J S Manning, 97th Bn; Capt H C Billings, late of 212th Bn; Capt F H Burr late of 212th Bn; Lieutenants B W Minard, 97th Bn; A R Minard, 97th Bn; H F Nelson, 97th Bn; F C Savage, 97th Bn; J A H McClelland, 97th Bn; C E Kinton, 97th Bn; D S Gregory, 97th Bn; F G Haven, late of 212 Bn; W E Davies, late of 212th Bn; M A Burbank, late of 212th Bn; T M Wright, late of 212th Bn; M J Robb, late of 212th Bn; E M Jacques, late of 212th Bn; G W Banks, late of 237th Bn; M R Alexander, late of 237th Bn; C Lalor, late of 237th Bn.

Cheers

Upon the conclusion of the Camp Commandant's address, Lt.-Col. Bullock, late Officer Commanding the 237th Battalion stepped forward and called for three cheers for the new Commanding Officer, Lieut. Col. Jolly, which were given with a will in true soldier style. Lieut. Col. Jolly then called for three cheers for Lt.-Col. Bullock and Lt.-Col. Bates, the latter being late in command of the 212th, to which all ranks heartily responded.

There are of course some disappointments but the feeling in the lines of the reorganized Battalion appears to be general that the results of the labors of the Commission are most satisfactory.

It is expected that this Battalion will be sent Overseas at an early date.

ment the Duke said that there would be absolute conveyance to the state, he reserving to himself and his successors only certain fishing rights on lochs and rivers.

A provision is that the land is to be settled by soldiers and sailors who have been on foreign service, have enlisted voluntarily and have good records.

A RECORD MARCH

219th Stretcher Bearers on Twenty Mile Route March—None Fell Out.

The stretcher-bearers of the 219th Battalion made a 20-mile route march on Wednesday to Wolfville returning by Port William and Belcher Street. This is the longest route march yet taken with full packs but no one fell out and the boys came back having had a good good time and with pleasant memories of their kindly reception.

LONG SERVICE

MEDAL GRANTED MAJOR MACKENZIE

85th Officer Connected With Canadian Militia 20 Years—Only 35 Years Old

Aldershot Camp, N. S., Sept. 16—Advices from Ottawa state that Major J. A. MacKenzie, Officer Commanding "A" Company, 85th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F., has been granted the Long Service Medal.

Major MacKenzie, who is only thirty-five years of age, has been connected with the Canadian Militia for 20 years. It is believed he is the youngest officer in Canada to receive the L. S. M. Records are now being searched to corroborate the claim.

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HANTSPORT WELCOMES SOLDIERS

Soldier Lads Had Excursion to Beach—Enjoyed Themselves—Citizens Hospitable

Anyone who was near the station last Sunday afternoon at 1.30 when the excursion train of eleven cars pulled out for Hantsport could not help but believe that the excursion would be a success.

For five minutes after the arrival of the train in Hantsport the main street was crowded, but it soon became deserted as the boys found their way to the beach and orchards where the citizens invited them to help themselves. Some went for car rides and others stretched themselves out on lawns where cake and coffee was kindly served to them.

The two hotels had made preparations to accommodate large crowds and they were over-run. Nevertheless no one left Hantsport hungry. The doors of everyone in the town were thrown wide open to the soldiers and not a few were heard to remark "There were six for tea at the house I was at" others, "There was a whole Battalion at the house at which we had tea."

As the train left the station at eight o'clock the cheers that went up from the citizens made the soldier boys feel that not only they themselves had enjoyed the trip but that the people of Hantsport had enjoyed having them.

UNITED STATES VISITORS AT CAMP

Dr. Finney, Distinguished Physician of Baltimore and Friends Guests of Major Miller of 85th Batt.

Major Miller, officer commanding "C" Co., 85th Battalion, was visited this week by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. T. Finney and their two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher and family, Mrs. Smith and daughter and Mr. Seeley—all of Baltimore, Maryland.

The party motored from Chester, N. S., where they have been spending the summer and on their way through the Valley, knowing Major Miller, decided to pay him a visit.

Dr. Finney is one of the most distinguished physicians in the United States and is connected with Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore. In the Spanish American war Dr. Finney was a Brigade Medical officer and was to be in command of the Johns Hopkins Hospital unit that was being raised to assist the Allies' medical staff in Europe but he decided to have the commission cancelled on account of the trouble between the United States and Mexico.

The visitors were very much pleased with the conditions of Aldershot Camp. They were particularly interested in the exhibitions of physical training, and found in the music of the 85th Pipers' Band a striking novelty in martial music. The ladies took snap shots of various objects of interests and of the Battalion officers' horses.

VISITING PINE CABIN

Son of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Hayes Visiting Parents

Lieut. J. B. Hayes of No. 2 Overseas Construction Corps is in Aldershot on furlough, the guest of his parents, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Hayes at Pine Cabin. He is one of Nova Scotia's efficient young college men who is out to do his bit for King and Country. He is a B. A. of Mt. Allison University, B. Sc. of Dalhousie and a Graduate in Engineering of the Nova Scotia Technical College.

Lieut. Hayes has had several tempting offers for his services but turned them down to don the khaki. He joined the 14th Field Artillery as a private and has been in Petawawa all summer. Lieut.-Col. Sutherland, O. C., No. 2 Overseas Construction Corps offered him a commission in his unit which he recently accepted.

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