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Although Now Only 35, He's Soldiered For 20 Years

Major Milne Has Earned Every Step.

With twenty years military service to his credit, including active service in South Africa and the present war, Major Milne is a soldier with no mean record.

He joined the Gordon Highlanders as a volunteer in 1897, serving, as a private, in that famous regiment in South Africa, in the 19th Brigade under Brig. Gen. Smith-Dorrien, a brigade composed of English, Scotch, Irish, Welsh, and Canadians. It was on this occasion that a feeling of comradeship was firmly established between the "Gordons" and the Canadians.

Major Milne wears the Queens South African medal with clasps for Belfast, Johannesburg, Cape Colony and Orange River Colony.

After the war he was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in the "Gordons" (Volunteers) and later was gazetted Lieutenant. Coming to Canada he was for a short time attached to the 79th Cameron Highlanders in Winnipeg. In 1912 an engineer unit was called for in M.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO CANADA; FROM CANADA TO THE WEST FRONT; FROM THE WEST FRONT TO O.C., MOUNTED SECTION AT E.T.D.—OUR MAJOR, MILNE HAS WORKED, AND WORKED—AND WON!

D. No. 10 and Major (then Lieut.) Milne was ordered to form the 2nd Field Troop Canadian Engineers, nicknamed "The Pride of the Prairie". When war broke out, this troop was affiliated with the 2nd Field Co. under the command of the late Lieut. Col. Irving; and on reporting at Valcartier jointly became the 2nd Field Company Canadian Engineers — the 2nd Field troop being the mounted section.

This Company proceeded overseas with the first division, Major Milne (then Captain) being appointed to No. 1 Section with rank of Lieutenant. After training at Salisbury the Company proceeded to France, seeing action at Fleurbaix, Ploegsteert, 2nd Battle of Ypres, and Festubert. In the last action Major Milne became a casualty, sustaining internal injuries necessitating a serious operation. He was then invalided to England and after convalescence was refused return to France and appointed chief engineer to General Carlton-Jones in connection with the installation of Canadian Hospitals.

While on this work his health broke down completely and it was at this stage that an accidental meeting took place in London between Major Milne and Col. Melville who was returning to take over his present command. Entering Gen. Carlton-Jones' office Col. Melville, not recognising him, enquired of Major Milne himself where Captain Milne could be found. Major Milne being unable

to at once recognise his former chief asked who the enquirer might be. A mutual recognition then ensued.

The Colonel immediately made up his mind that England was no place for Captain Milne and as soon as possible arranged for his



MAJOR C. N. G. MILNE, C.E.

return to Canada to take up instructional duties under him at the E. T. D. Soon after, he was appointed to the Mounted Section and attained his majority, and the high state of efficiency to which that section has attained demonstrates the wisdom of the appointment.

We usually look for dourness and a lack of sense of humour in a Scotchman. Major Milne how-

ever is a "braw laddie" of thirty-five summers with a distinct sense of humour. Anyone disputing his nationality has only to hear him talk of spur-r-r-s!

The social side of his character is no less strongly developed than the military. His popularity can best be estimated by the frequent calls made upon him for organizing and administering functions of a social kind between citizens and soldiers; and we have yet to hear of his initial failure as a spokesman and chairman!

His attention to the welfare and amusement of the soldiers is untiring and demonstrates the kindly side of his nature.

VICTORIA HALL.

The boys of the E. T. D. are always welcome at Victoria Hall. Reading, writing and recreation facilities are to be had. A billiard table will shortly be added.

Sapper Dixon is the man to see.

Win a Prize!

You have gone on a 6-day leave. You don't want to return at the end of that time—for some reason or other. So you telegraph Colonel Melville, and ask for an extension of leave. You do it in 25 words.

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Go to it!