

# Last Inspection of Highland Brigade By Lt.-Col. Borden

### Takes Occasion to Look Over Brigade Before Embarking Next Week—During Week Was Guest of Honor at Officers Mess and at Special Smoker—All Were Memorable Functions

(From N. S. Highlander)

Aldershot Camp, N. S., Sept. 9—Friday afternoon, Lt. Colonel Allison H. Borden, commanding the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade, held his last inspection of the Brigade, prior to his sailing for overseas. At 2.30 p. m. the four battalions fell in taking up positions in review order.

Beginning with the 85th, the senior Battalion, which was the first to be reviewed by Colonel Borden, he received the salutes. Then passing down the lines, company by company, platoon by platoon, Colonel Borden inquired the name of each member in his presence, and, this finished, he spoke a few words of compliment and encouragement to them all, saying that, though he was preceding them overseas, their turn to cross would soon eventuate.

The occasion made a deep impression on the men of the Brigade in-as-much as it disclosed Col Borden's living, human, as well as soldierly, interest in each individual member of the Highland Brigade.

#### GUEST OF HONOR

During the week evenings, Lt.-Colonel Borden, Commanding the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade, was guest of honor at the Officers Messes of the various Battalions of the Brigade. The functions were designed to mark the esteem in which Lt.-Colonel Borden was held by the officers of the Brigade and to give him special social memories to carry with him overseas when he sails next week.

For each of the occasions the mess tables were beautifully decorated and the menu made dainty and inviting. Toasts were given to His Majesty, the King and to the guest of honor.

Lt. Colonel Borden responded with his usual direct, hearty and piquant manner of speech, remarking particularly the support which the commanding officers and the other officers of the various Battalions of the Brigade had given him in building up the Brigade, and in promoting discipline and efficiency. Short complimentary addresses were made by several officers of each Battalion.

Special music for the occasions was played by the Bands of the 85th, 185th and 193rd Battalions. Each of the functions was exceedingly happy throughout, and all were in the spirit of a "bon voyage" to Lt. Colonel Borden.

#### GUEST AT SMOKER

A Smoker was given on Friday evening by the officers of the Brigade in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Borden before his departure for overseas.

The function was held in Borden Hall. Captain J. W. Maddin was Master of Ceremonies. After a musical program, consisting of solos and choruses in both Gaelic and English, as well as dances and instrumental selections, Col Borden gave an address, which for its kindly feeling and comprehensive thought, will long be remembered by those present. A toast, couched in most appropriate words, was proposed to Col. Borden, who replied happily. After the company with joined hands had sung "Should Aid Acquaintance Be Forgotten," the function closed with God Save the King. As the guests departed, the Brigadier stood at the main entrance and bade good bye to each as they passed out.

#### THE ROLL CALL

We have tendered the toll, we have paid the price  
We have braved and battled and bled,  
And set in the shrine of our brother-in-arms,  
Are the names of Canada's dead,  
We are given our share of the grist that goes  
To grind in the War God's mill—  
But every place that another has left  
Is a place that YOU can fill.

You scan the scroll of our sacrifice  
And you hope that the list will end  
"Ere you feel the throbs that tears your throat,  
As you say, "He was my friend,"  
And its "Poor Old Bob, I knew him well"—  
Or "Bill—my God—not Bill"—  
But every place that a pal has left  
Is a place that YOU can fill.

Do you remember the day they left?  
That day they passed through Town?  
When the bayonets gleamed like a spray of steel  
On the river of rolling brown?  
And now?—In this same old Town today  
There are slackers who're slacking still  
All blind to the fact that the place that's left  
Is the place that they should fill.

The far-off note of the bugle-call  
And the beat of the distant drum  
Tell not the tale of the men who've gone  
But the men who have got to come.  
Oh! Duty is calling and vengeance is calling—  
Their cry shall never be stilled  
Till the last of the gaps in Canada's ranks  
By Canada's sons are filled.  
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## What the Duke of Connaught Really Said

### Official Statement of His View of Highland Brigade— "Extremely Pleased."

Aldershot Camp, N. S., Sept. 9—Official recognition of the recent visit of Field Marshall H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught to Aldershot Camp and his express opinion of the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade has been made permanent in a report from Militia Headquarters, Ottawa, received at Camp Headquarters, Aldershot.

Following is a pertinent extract from the report, the extract having appeared in Aldershot Camp Orders, date of Sept. 5, issued by Col. W. E. Thompson, Camp Commandant. Verbatim the extract reads:

"His Royal Highness commands me to notify you that he was extremely pleased with His Inspection of Troops at Aldershot. The Highland Brigade, which he saw there, was a particularly fine one; their movements on Parade were extremely good, while the arrangements for instruction in the Camp were quite some of the best—if not the best—we have seen. The musketry, Trench Work, Bombing, Snapping, and ordinary Parade, as well as Officers and Non-commissioned Officers Instructional School, were being run in a particularly workmanlike and able manner, and His Royal Highness considers that very great credit is due to the Officers concerned."

## Justice Now For Higher Commands

### Military Council, Under Chairmanship of Major-General to Decide Canadian Commands

London, September 9—A military council, consisting of seven members at first, which was held today, will later probably be increased to ten, under the chairmanship of a major-general who from the first has done excellent work as a representative of the Canadian militia department in London.

This is the solution of the somewhat difficult situation regarding the higher commands among the Canadian forces in England. The only question remaining is whether the imperial authorities, who naturally have the last say in regarding the training and disposition of all troops, will agree. It is thought generally in military circles that Sir Sam Hughes has shown military judgment in the solution, and that the unpleasant overlapping among various Canadian major-generals, which certainly caused friction will end.

## Military Age May be Raised

### Remark of Sir William Robertson Creates Belief Limit Will Be 45 Years

London, September 8—Reports are current that the government intends shortly to raise the military age limit to 45 years.

The belief that the age limit under the Military Service Act will soon be raised has arisen chiefly out of Sir William Robertson's recent declaration that "Great Britain must not only win the war, but win the peace," coupled with Lloyd George's refusal to give a pledge not to raise the military age limit.

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