

Chronological History of the Kilties

(Continued)

- vice Company transferred to St. John.
- 22nd. Original "A" Company finally disposed of and all men posted to their proper companies.
- 25th. Strength 325.
- 26th. Khaki Choir makes first appearance in Brunswick St. Baptist Church.
- 27th. "At Home" in Sergeants Mess.
- 28th. "Reveille" changed to 6.30 a. m. Early morning parade discontinued.
- 30th. Strength 335. Inoculation parade.

DECEMBER 1916

- 1st. Inspection of documents and records by Sgt.-Major Hayward.
- 2nd. Battalion Church Parade to Gibson and St. Mary's.
- 4th. Weekly bath parades made compulsory
- 5th. "Stand to" and roll-call at bunk-side in both barracks.
- 7th. 20 recruits for week ending Dec. 7th. Strength 355. Physical Training class started in Y. M. C. A. Major D. Allan Laurie married.
- 9th. Sergt. Major E. M. Scovil, (1st Batt.) and Sergt. A. O. Budd, (10th Batt.), arrived from France and given commissions as Lieutenants.
- 11th. Christmas leave from retreat 21-12-16 —midnight 28-12-16 granted all ranks
- 13th. 20 recruits arrived from the West. Pte. Daryl G. Peters, (26th Batt.), arrived from France and given commission as Lieutenant.
- 14th. Strength of battalion 393.
- 15th. Mid-month pay day.
- 17th. Inspection of files and records by Lt. Col. C. J. Mersereau. Pte. G. H. P. Babin (7th Batt.), arrived from France and given commission as Lieutenant.
- 19th. Inoculation parade. Christmas advance made by Paymaster.
- 21st. Practically the whole battalion leaves for Xmas holidays. Strength 410.
- 22nd. Lieut. C. F. C. Meahan, (31st Batt.), reported for duty.
- 24th. Lt.-Col. Guthrie returns from Western Recruiting Campaign.
- 25th. Christmas dinner in Queen St. barracks for all men in barracks.
- 28th. 21 recruits for week. Strength 436. Men return from Xmas leave.

JANUARY 1917

- 3rd. Ten men leave for Halifax to attend Dist. School of B. F. & P. T.
- 4th. By score 2 to 1, Officers defeated Men at hockey.
- 6th. Six men leave for Halifax to attend Signalling School.
- 10th. Commanding Officers Parade on Exhibition Bks. Parade Ground at 9.00 a. m. instituted.
- 13th. General Inspection by Brig-Gen. H. H. MacLean, G. O. C., N. B. Troops.
- 14th. Inspection of documents and records by Chief Staff Officer.
- 15th. Strength 463.
- 16th. Kilties inspected by Major General T. Benson, G.O.C.M.D. No. 6, and Major Jones, G.S.O.
- 17th. 115th Band from England taken on strength.
- 18th. Notice received of Medical Board.
- 19th. Medical Board for every available member in barracks. 38 rejections out of 294 examined. 11 accept operations. Inoculation for those passed fit.

- 20th. 2 N. C. O.s and 2 men leave for Halifax to attend Musketry Course.
- 21st. Strength 501.
- 22nd. Battalion divided into No. I. and No. II. Training Companies, under command of Majors Ryder and Laurie respectively. Inspection of Exhibition Barracks by O. C.
- 23rd. New syllabus of training adopted.
- 27th. Guard mounting changed to 9.30 a.m.
- 28th. Brass Band reports for duty. Pte. A. C. McKinnon, (P. P. C. L. I.), arrived from France and given commission as Lieutenant.
- 30th. Muster Parade in Armoury.
- 31st. Pay day. Special physical training at 8 a. m. instituted at Exhibition Bks.

FEBRUARY 1917

- 1st. Strength 524.
- 6th. Sergeant's sleigh drive to Springhill. Arrangements made for an 'intensive' campaign for recruits in St. John.
- 7th. Strength 530.
- 9th. 17 men transferred to 257th Construction Bn.
- 10th. Quartermaster's Stores closed from 10th to 12th for stock taking. Western recruiting party returns.
- 12th. Orderly officer commences rounds at "Reveille." School of Infantry started in Armoury under Sergt.-Major Warren.
- 16th. Inspection of men and quarters by Major General Lessard.
- 17th. Battalion Church Parade to Y.M. C.A. Pictures of Parade taken at Exhibition Barracks.
- 21st. Strength 540.
- 22nd. All members of the Battalion 21 years and upwards, granted leave and free transportation to go to their homes to vote at Provincial Elections. Old Government House occupied by No. II. Training Co. Kilties Concert Company opens tour at Marysville.
- 23rd. Concert Company play in Fredericton.
- 26th. Lieut. F. E. V. B. Groves transferred from 7th Inf. Bde. to 236th Bn.
- 28th. Strength 552. Pay day.

MARCH 1917

- 2nd. Muster Parade in Armoury. Inoculation and Inspection by M. O. Toronto Contingent of 28 men and Lieut. Norman MacLean report. 2 men and 2 N. C. O.s leave for Toronto to attend H. Q. School of B. F. & P. T. Audit of documents and records by Adjutant.
- 5th. Two officers and 10 men take Musketry Course at Halifax.
- 7th. Strength 560. Lt.-Col. C. J. Mersereau arrives to make general inspection.
- 9th. Lieut. N. C. MacLean attached for duty.
- 12th. Two officers and 9 men take B. F. & P. T. Course at Halifax. Signalling course under Sgt. Burdon started.
- 13th. Col. C. J. Mersereau finishes inspection.
- 14th. Strength 570. Route march to Marysville.
- 15th. Major C. G. Geggie transferred temporarily to N. B. Command as S. M. O. N. B. Troops.
- 16th. Lieut. Leigh Stevenson (8th Batt.), reports for duty.
- 17th. Capt. Irvine attached temp. as M. O. Route March to Experimental Farm.

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