

# The Heather

185th Overseas Battalion C. E. F.

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## The 185th Encampment

Broughton, the deserted coal mining town of Cape Breton, has been transformed, almost in a night, to a busy and one of the finest military centres in eastern Canada. The 185th "Overseas" Battalion, Cape Breton Highlanders, has taken possession of the plant and property of the Cape Breton Coal, Iron and Railway Company, Limited, comprising one of the best laid out towns in America.

Although the actual building in existence at Broughton are not numerous, from a municipal standpoint, they are sufficient for the use of the Highlanders and the conveniences are more than ordinary.

Broughton was laid out by the Land Company, of that name, with mathematical precision and the military encampment, comprising all the buildings is compactly situated within a quarter circle and at a radius of a quarter mile from the company's mines and power house. Main street, nearly ninety feet wide and well gravelled and graded runs through the centre of the camp. The side street, and avenues are also in fine condition and the elevation of the town affords splendid drainage for surface water.

The town is situated about 17 miles from the coast and is accessible either by a branch line running into the town from the main line of railway, making transport conditions ideal.

The plant now in use by the 185th Battalion comprises the branch railway, the power plant, water system, general office buildings, two fine hotels and forty-three cottages. The sanitary arrangements have been installed according to the military system.

The general offices, where headquarters have been established, is a fine building on the shores of Loon Lake. It is two storeys high and splendidly finished throughout, steam-heated and electric lighted. The ground floor is used by the headquarters staff, Officer Commanding, second in command, Junior Major, Medical Officer, Paymaster, and Battalion Sgt. Major. The second floor is in use as the officers mess and sleeping quarters for the headquarters clerical staff.

The Broughton Arms, one of the finest hotels in Canada, is now equipped for several purposes. The building is three and one half storeys high, with a finished basement, and it is entirely in use for the purposes of the battalion. In the basement are mess rooms for half the men in the battalion and will be used by "A" and "B" companies for that purpose. The first floor is taken up with recreation rooms and kitchens. The Y. M. C. A. and regimental post office will be established here for the present. On the second floor are the officers' quarters and the rooms are nicely appointed. There are quarters on this floor for all the

officers of the battalion. The third floor has been fitted up as a hospital, with accommodation for thirty beds. The general lay out and the sanitary and hygienic conveniences make it ideal for the purpose. There are quarters, in the half storey above for the hospital staff.

The non-commissioned officers and men of the battalion are quartered in the Crown Hotel, the official residences and the miners cottages. Single and double, the latter accommodate about one thousand men. At present they are occupied by "A" Co. from Inverness, "B" company from Glace Bay and the mining district, and "C" Co. from Sydney Mines. The Sydney and district men, comprising "D" company are quartered in the Crown Hotel and the official cottages.

The sanitary arrangements are as perfect as it has been possible to make them and the usual military provisions have been made for the separate quarters. For the present the entire battalion will wash up at the Crown Hotel where the necessary plumbing has been installed in the basement. In addition to the ablution table, which runs the entire length of the building, twenty-four hot and cold water

comfort and convenience of the men.

The quartermaster's stores have been established in the centre of the town and the supplies to the various sections of the battalion and to the men are being issued as fast as possible. Quartermaster Lt. Malone and his staff have been the hardest worked lot of men in the encampment since the marching in commenced. They have worked night and day and it is expected that the end of next week will see the greater bulk of their work accomplished. A canteen has also been established near the quarters for the benefit of the men.

All the buildings are well heated and lighted with electricity. Special train arrangements on the Battalions railway, to connect with the S. & L. trains have been made and next week will see the installation of a telephone exchange, which will be operated by members of the signal section. A telegraph and express office is also to be installed and special arrangements have been made with the Bank of Montreal. Branch at Glace Bay to open a temporary branch to cash the men's pay checks.

## Recruiting the 185th

Cape Breton has shown the Maritime provinces how to do it. Although the Island has in the past supplied its full share of the men demanded from the province of Nova Scotia, it has again lead in the contest to raise a battalion of infantry in a scheduled time.

The 185th Battalion was primarily

intended as one of the units of BNova Scotia's Highland Brigade; and though its authorization came some weeks ahead of the other two units, which are to form, with the 85th Battalion, the brigade, actual recruiting did not commence until February 27th. On this date the campaign for recruiting the Highland Brigade was opened in all parts of the province. The first gun for the raising of the 185th Cape Breton Highlanders was fired in Sydney on that Sunday night, with addresses by Lt. Col. Day, the officer commanding, Major Harrington, who was in charge of the campaigning, Lt. Maddin, deputy recruiting officer for Sydney, and other officers of the battalion. Mayor W. A. Richardson of Sydney, occupied the chair, and during the remainder of the campaign gave unstintingly of his time. Unestimable assistance was also given by Warden LeVatte of the Municipality of the County of Cape Breton and by the officials of the various civic corporations in the country. Everyone worked hard and the campaign was so successful as to show what could be done by organized effort and was a great fact that the 185th was raised before either the 193rd or 194th.

Previous to the raising of the 185th Battalion, the 193rd and 194th were raised for home defence purposes and to the armies of France, Belgium, Russia and Italy, some 2000. The task of raising a thousand men in ten days was no small one, yet it was accomplished with excellent credit to everyone connected with the undertaking.

The Chief recruiting officer in Cape Breton County, Major Harrington had under him Lt. Maddin, in the Sydney district; Lt. A. W. McLean, in the Glace Bay and South Cape Breton district; Capt. M. D. McKeigan in Leitch's Creek district; Lt. C. W. Stubbins, in North Sydney; Lt. Purves at Sydney Mines; Lt. McNeil, in the Marion Bridge district, and Lt. McInnis in the New Waterford district. Lt. Verner. Major Johnstone, second in command of the battalion, was chief recruiting officer in the Inverness, Richmond and Victoria counties. He was given valuable assistance by Capt. McIsaac.

Under both Major Johnstone and Major Harrington the campaigns in their different sections of the Island was carried out with remarkable success, and it is doubtful if a more representative aggregation from all parts of the territory could be gathered together. In both sections the recruiting officers were given hearty support by Lt. Col. Day, who travelled, in spite of the very bad weather, to almost every accessible place which time would permit. The work done by the commanding officer also had in view the welfare of the men for the future and at every point the ladies were addressed and societies of the

Green Feather, the distinguishing badge of the battalion in the brigade, was formed. The officers of the battalion have shown what Cape Bretoners will do, when the way is shown, and the men of Cape Breton have responded as only "The Breed of Manly Men" can.

## The 185th Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. is a recognized factor in military camp life and the officer commanding the 185th Battalion was up to the minute in assisting that the National C. Y. M. C. A. send a representative to begin camp life with the Battalion. The military secretary arrived on Saturday morning last and the first Sunday in Broughton camp with the men. The supply of reading matter was limited; but with writing material on hand a good number of letters were sent out of camp Monday. The Y. M. C. A. plan is to fit into the Battalion life and do its best to help pass the time not used for drill. Writing and reading matter is provided free for all the men; music games, etc., and a moving picture house will soon be in operation. The Y. M. C. A. will do their best for the 185th Cape Breton Highlanders.

The Secretary S. O. Watt is anxious to be of assistance to anyone, and will do his part to make this an up to date regiment. Everybody boost for the 185th Battalion C. E. F., and its Y. M. C. A.

## The Green Feather.

The "Green Feather" is a society, which has been formed in almost every place in the Island of Cape Breton to care for the comfort of the men of the 185th Battalion. It takes its name from the green feather, which is the distinguishing badge of the Cape Breton battalion in the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade. It was organized at the invitation of the Commanding Officer. The battalion has already much to thank the ladies of the Green Feather for. At every centre these Societies have organized in a thoughtful and thorough manner to aid the battalion both materially and socially. The Societies at Sydney, North Sydney and Glace Bay have already contributed handsomely toward the band, pipes and regimental fund, and have been unflinching in their assistance toward the comfort and social welfare of the men while they were billeted in their city and towns. The men of the battalion have appreciated these favors to the fullest extent and are much encouraged by the fact that in the future they will be remembered by many favors and kindnesses by the ladies of Cape Breton.

# THE HEATHER

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The Heather appears for the first time today. It will appear weekly hereafter, at least so long as the 185th Battalion remains quartered in Cape Breton. It is established as the regimental newspaper of 185th "Overseas" Battalion, C. E. F., Cape Breton Highlanders.

In issuing The Heather the 185th Battalion is following a well recognized military right of the men of the Battalion to break into print, to do their doings and to familiarize other with the progress of the various branches of battalion life.

The object of The Heather is to promote the interest of the battalion in every way. To create a spirit of camaraderie among the members of the unit and to keep the people at home in touch with their life.

The Heather is essentially a paper for the men and by the men. With the opening number the staff has not been completed and cannot be until the battalion is fully settled in camp and the various sections thoroughly organized. It will be enlarged, as soon as circumstances permit, to represent all companies and sections of the unit. The staff, however, is a newspaper, advisory committee of the battalion must consider it come to use the columns, so far as military regulations permit. All must consider themselves reporters for their paper and are impressed with the fact that the success of the Heather depends upon its newness and general appearance.

H. R. THEAKSTON.

## TO OUR PATRONS

The management of the Heather desires, on this, its first appearance, to thank its patrons for their generous support. The Heather is not published for financial gain and its field is, to a certain extent, limited. It is the intention of the management, in every way possible, to promote the interest of its advertisers. The men are invited to patronize them to such extent as their needs demand.

The circulation of the Heather, however, is not confined to the men in camp at Broughton. It is to be on sale wherever a demand is found and it is expected that the circulation will increase largely from week to week. The men of the battalion, over one thousand of them, have had their homes in Cape Breton. They have left relatives and friends behind. All will be anxious to see the battalion newspaper. In this way a splendid reading circulation is assured and, while it continues to be published, it offers one of the best advertising mediums among the thousands of friends of the battalion possible to be procured. Not only must the men look upon their patrons as their friends; but their

relatives and those interested in the welfare of the men are requested to do so as well.

For the present The Heather will be on sale, by newsboys and news agents at Sydney, Glace Bay, Sydney Mines and North Sydney. Other fields will be opened later.

The management also desired to thank the Sydney Daily Post and the Sydney Record for their assistance in making the publication of the Heather possible.

W. NEILSON MILLS.

## "SIOL NA FEAR FEARAIL"

Our motto, "Siol Na Fear Fearail" is the same as that of the 85th Battalion.

Last fall when Col. A. H. Borden was raising the 85th Hon. George H. Murray, Premier of Nova Scotia invited suggestions for a motto for the Nova Scotia Highlanders, many of them excellent ones. From among them the Gaelic words, "Siol Na Fear Fearail" submitted by Prof. A. G. McDonald was chosen.

Then when the idea of a Nova Scotia Highland Brigade was culminated the motto of the 85th was adopted by the other three Battalions of the Brigade. In Halifax last fall and winter, the men of the 85th by their splendid work and gentlemanly conduct proved themselves truly of "The Breed of Manly Men." We know the 185th will follow in their lead, and live up to the splendid motto which is theirs.

## SLOGAN

It's a guid old Scotch Custom  
That has stood the test of time,  
When ye'll bid adieu to guid

But when we say farewell to ye  
It's no lang syne we'll sing  
But we'll raise our caps above our heads

An' mak' the rafters ring, wi'

## Chorus:

A wee deoch an' doris  
Just a wee yin that's a'  
Just a wee deoch an' doris  
Afore we'll gang awa'  
We're off to fight the Kaiser,  
An' his baby murderin' men  
An' we'll gi' em a taste o' N. S. steel,  
The One-eighty-fifth' Ye ken.

We've gathered a' the clansmen  
Frae roun' Cape Breton's shore,  
Wi' Mac's o' a' Description  
Like brave Donald fra' Bras d'Or.  
An' ye'll fairly burst wi' envy,  
When ye see our tartans gay,  
Ye'll doff yer hats an' raise yer caps.  
An' then we'll hear ye say

## Chorus

An' we're fit an' fu' o' fettle,  
Keen to prick the Germans skin.  
An' we'll fight for our King and country,  
An' loved Canada sae braw.  
Sae doff her hats an' raise yercaps  
Wi' a hip-hip hurrah.  
—Sgt. A. D. Johnston.  
94th Battn.

Among the Sydney recruits for the 185th was Walter J. McQuire who for many years was manager of the Alexandra-Hall theatre in Sydney. He will have charge of the moving picture theatre at Broughton

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### LIEUT. COL. F. P. DAY,

The commanding officer of the 185th Battalion is Lieut. Col. Frank P. Day, and his connection with the battalion is of particular interest to Cape Bretonians in that his father was at one time in charge of the Methodist Parish at Gabarus, in Cape Breton County.

Lieut. Col. Day is a soldier, who has been thoroughly trained, and rose to his present position by various degrees of promotion from the ranks. He entered the British Army in England, joining the King's Cavalry in 1906 as a trooper. In the following year he was promoted to corporal and, after serving another year, was commissioned a Lieutenant when the unit was created King Edward's Light Horse, in 1908.

After returning to Canada he became connected with the Canadian forces, being appointed Major in command of "C" troops, 28th Dragoons, Fredericton, in 1910 and continued in that capacity until going to Pittsburg, where he remained until after war broke out.

Coming back to Canada for the purpose of serving in the Expeditionary forces he entered the Royal School of Infantry, for the purpose of entering that branch of the service, and upon qualifying was appointed Junior Major, in charge of training, of the 85 Nova Scotia Highlanders. On February 3rd, of this year, he was appointed to the command of the 185th Battalion.

### BROUGHTON TAKEN OVER.

Broughton was officially taken over by the Military authorities this week. The board met on Wednesday at Broughton and consisted of Major Harrington, of 185th Battalion, President, with Major Freeman O'Neil, A. M. C., Capt. Simms, C. P. A. S. C., and Lt. Cavanagh, R. C. E. Messrs. J. E. Butchell and J. T. Burchell represented the Broughton Coal, Iron and Railway Co., Ltd.

### BROUGHTON ARMS BURNED

The Broughton Arms Hotel, used by the 185th Battalion as a mess room and mess kitchens, for "A" and "B" Coy's, as a recreation room for the men, officers' quarters and hospital, was destroyed by fire on Thursday afternoon. The fire was discovered at 3:30 and at 3:40 was beyond all hope of extinguishing. At 4:10 only a heap of ruins remained of one of the finest hotel buildings in Canada. The fire is under investigation by a board of officers. The loss to the battalion is a serious one, but with their motto in their minds and determination in their hearts, officers and men are working diligently to replace the loss. In another week it is hoped to see the entire needs of the battalion again provided for.

### THE C. B. H. R. T. L.

The initials are not inscribed on the rolling stock of the 185th "Overseas" Battalion; but translated it introduces the new comer to the splendid facilities afforded at the encampment of the Battalion. Ten minutes after leaving the S. & L. express the "Dare Devil Limited" whisks you into Broughton station over the Cape Breton Highlanders Rapid Transit Line.

The entire rolling stock consists of one Dinkey Loco., formerly the property of the Broughton Coal, Iron and Railway Co., Limited. Altogether it is one of the most Limited transit lines in the world; but it travels at a three minute gait and is no respecter of persons. All the world, however, at least that part of it within railway access of Broughton, is contributing toward the success of the Battalion's Railway line. To date it has been visited by cars from the C. P. R., I. R. C., C. N. R., G. T. R. B. & O., M. & L. S., Lakawana, Illinois Central and innumerable others. The only ones conspicuous among the missing are Casey Jones famous twins, the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe. The passenger car service is contributed by the S. & L.

Although Major J. G. Johnstone is nominally President and General Manager of the R. T. L., the man behind is Mr. D. J. Ferguson, representative of the Broughton Company, who is acting General Superintendent and Traffic Manager, with the position of Master Mechanic train agent and Conductor thrown in. He has a most efficient engine crew under him and the way they jig the Limited over the line plays havoc with the coal heap and the water supply. The main idea, however, is to run the trains on schedule and in spite of its abbreviated size and tea-pot appearance the service is of the highest efficiency.

### THE 185TH BAND.

The organization of the 185th Battalion band has kept pace with the formation of the unit and it was in splendid shape, when it marched in to Broughton on Tuesday of this week.

The strength of the band at present is thirty-seven and is under the direction of Band Sgt. William Williams, formerly director of the Sydney Mines Town Band, one of the finest civil bands in eastern Canada. The splendid work, which the 185th Band is doing shows that

he will have another fine aggregation to his credit before long.

The strength of the band, on marching in, included: Solo Cornets—William Williams, Harry Hitchens, F. Terneyhough, J. McDora'd, J. Wier; Repiano Cornets—B. Hitchens, James Bowers; Flugel Horns—T. Denny, E. Bulmer; Soprano Cornet—M. O'Handley; E. flat Tenor Horns—Joseph Mullings, Alex Brown, Angus G. McLean, J. Horrocks, J. Dunne; French Horn—Jack Green; B flat Baritones—A Beresford, J. Critchley; Tenor Slide Trombones—Frank McKinnon, J. Hitchens; Euphoniums—T. Saunderson, R. Weilding, William McClaverty; E flat Bass—H Braddock, Joseph Davies, Mark Conway; BB flat Monster J. Ross; B flat Clarionets—Gerald Liscombe, W. L. Lawrence, J. McGuigan, J. Rogers, D. McKeigan; D Piccolo—D. Guthro; Bass Drum—J. Nicholson; Side Drums—Sam Heyward, Burns McDonald.

The band was very fortunate in securing the loan of the instruments of the Salvation Army band, of New Aberdeen, which they have the use of for six months. The instruments for the band have been ordered by the battalion and will be delivered in a short time. The cost will be between two and three thousand dollars.

#### THE MARCHING IN.

The marching in of the 185th Cape Breton Highlanders, which commenced on Friday was to be completed yesterday with the arrival of "C" Company in camp.

The first company to arrive was "B" company from Glace Bay and Waterford, their marching strength was two hundred and sixty-two. It was no small task for Quartermaster Malone, and his staff to straighten away these men in quarters and mess. Although the Quartermaster staff had been out on several previous occasions, preparing the way, their stores and supplies did not reach Broughton until Friday morning. In spite of the difficulties they were successful in having quarters ready for the mining district men before "Tattoo" and the boys had a good night's sleep after the strenuous day.

No troops came in Saturday or Sunday, and these two days and Monday, when the Headquarters staffs arrived were taken up in preparing for the incoming of the other companies.

Tuesday shortly before midnight, "A" Company from Inverness, Richmond and Victoria Counties, one hundred and sixty one strong arrived, and found everything in readiness for them. They were joined Wednesday by some forty men from Louisburg and Gabarus who are also attached to this Company.

The members of "A", "C" and "D" Companies have much to thank the boys from Glace Bay for. The miners worked liked Trohans, and the remaining part of the Battalion experienced little of the difficulties and inconveniences of the initial establishment of the camp.

On Thursday "D" Company two hundred and fifty strong took up the Crown Hotel and some of the cottages. On Friday mobilization of "C" Company from North Sydney, Sydney Mines and vicinity was postponed owing to the Broughton Arms fire.

These companies are the most advanced in preparation, a large number of them having been served with uniforms and their quarters practically furnished with all necessary equipment.

The arrival of men from more extreme parts of the Island necessitated considerable work for the medical and attestation staffs. These men were examined and attested in rapid style and under very favorable conditions, the medical office having been moved to the Crown Hotel, where the daily sick parades will be held in future.

The issuing of uniforms and kit to the men of the Battalion is being pushed ahead as quickly as possible and by the end of next week, the Battalion will be a military unit in all detail.

The men are all in high spirits and are taking the little difficulties of mobilization in excellent temper. All are eager to get at their training and become the most efficient outfit of the Highland Brigade.

#### REGIMENTAL NEWS.

Capt. W. Herd, who is assisting in the raising of a Company of the Canadian Forestry Battalion in Nova Scotia, was in Broughton on Monday last, looking over several men who wish transfers from the 185th to this new unit. He took two of the men with him, Ptes. Thomas Gilliard and Charles Deveaux.

Among the present Sydney Academy students who have joined the tanks of the 185th is McKenzie Johnston, one of the most popular scholars.

Speaking of Sydney academy students reminds us of several others of a few years ago, who havethrown in their lots with Cape Breton's Own. Among them stands out C. T. O'Connell. "Tupper" at first was going to be a bugler but changed his mind and has now decided that he'll try for the signalling section.

A very pleasant function took place at the Sydney Hotel last Sunday afternoon when Dan M. Gillis, for many years clerk at the hotel, and who has thrown in his lot with the Highlanders, was made the recipient of a purse of gold, the gift of a number of commercial men staying at the house. The presentation was made by John I. Robinson.

Pte. W. N. Mills, who before enlisting was head reported for the Sydney Record, is now occupying the post of clerk to Major G. S. Harrington, who has charge of the training of the Battalion.

Alf. Rae, the popular Glace Bay tailor is also wearing a khaki suit. It is such men as these who are sacrificing home, family and everything who set an example to the many who, in spite of having no ties, are hanging back, and letting others do their fighting for them.

A. H. and Joseph Ferguson walked in to the recruiting office at the Bay one day in March and asked to be enlisted. One was 29 years of age and the other 34. Corp. McMullin asked them if they were married. They replied that they weren't.

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that they were living with their mother who was a widow. "It is strange," said the Corporal, "that one of you does not stay with her." "We couldn't if we wanted to," was the answer. "It was she that sent us down here."

Finlay McKenzie and Tommy Allan McDonald, two of the stars of the lads of Canada hockey team, followed the lead of their president, Hervey M. Boyd and signed up with the Glace Bay company of the Battalion.

A rather dramatic scene was enacted in the Glace Bay recruiting office during the campaign for the 185th, when the sixth boy of the Lynk family to go to the front in this war came up and offered his services.

Private Patton of the 85th was instrumental in getting over a dozen recruits in the Glace Bay district. He like many other 85th men proved splendid recruiting agent in the recent campaign.

Dougald Curry of the Dominion Coal Company's staff at Glace Bay was one of the first to be enrolled in Cape Breton's Own.

The 185th Canteen which is in charge of Corp. Morine late of the 85th Battalion, is located in one of the small buildings near the "B" Company cottages. Besides this a long building is being erected opposite the Crown Hotel where another canteen will be set up, this latter being a more central location.

Among the men recruited for the Battalion in Sydney were L. N. McDonald and J. A. McDonald who gave up excellent positions with the D. I. & S. Co. and the I. C. R. respectively to serve their King. Another Sydney man who gave up a great deal was E. W. Moseley, one of the city's leading barristers.

Pte. Fred Taylor, who before he enlisted in the 185th was private secretary to Gen. Mgr. Walker of the Cross Fertilizer Co., has three brothers serving at the front. Pte. George McDonald, formerly with the Sydney Post, is also the last of four brothers to go.

Lieut. H. Henry who is acting assistant adjutant of the 185th enlisted as a private with the 85th last fall at Halifax. Lieut. H. R. Theakston of "D" company also was a private in the 85th.

Well they've set me to the job of writing the Regimental news of the Battalion, so here's to it. It's sound an easy enough task on the outside, but when you consider that the Battalion has, up till yesterday been scattered over the four corners of the Island of Cape Breton, from Canso to Cape North and back again—well you see it's not as easy as it looks at first.

The 185th Battalion of the Highland Brigade enjoys the distinction of leading the other two Battalions of the Brigade which were recruited simultaneously. In spite of the fact that Cape Breton had already been drained time and time again after men, she again was to the fore

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Matt. McAdam the well-known Race Bay horseman, a landmark of the Black Diamond track came along with the boys. He stands six feet tall and has a chest measurement of 44 inches.

The concert given Major Harrington at King's Theatre on the 28th emphasized the truth of the saying "Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, etc. However some real live ones appeared, some very fine piano playing, mouth-organ playing and dancing were handed out to the unsuspecting audience, who all went away saying the Race Bay company of the "One-eighty fifth" is some company.

Mrs. G. S. Harrington, wife of Major Harrington of the 185th moved out to Broughton on Monday last and has taken up residence in one of the bungalows on Lake-side Drive.

Among the recruits from Point Tupper district for the 185th is Eldred McDonald, a nephew of Capt. Ronald McDonald, Catholic chaplain of the 85th Battalion.



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foreman of the cake department, Dooley Roach, foreman of the white bread department; Jimmy Barter one of the bakers, and Wilkinson, one of the drivers, were the ones who made the big step. We will never be without dough in the 185th at any rate. "And," said Mr. McKinnon, "if I were not physically unable, I would go with you.

S. O. Watt of the Territorial. Y. M. C. A. has been at Broughton for the past ten days getting ready for the incoming of the Battalion. He has arranged recreation rooms for the men, games, writing rooms, and a moving picture theatre. Mr. Watt was in charge of the Y. M. C. A. work with the 85th last fall and winter and did some excellent work among the men.

"D" Company of the Battalion attended its first military funeral on Saturday last, when the funeral of the late Alex Leary, who was killed at the steel works, took place. Mr. Leary enlisted with the R.C.R. last fall and went to England with that unit, but was turned down there owing to a defective left arm.

Patrick McAvoy, who has had 34 years experience in soldiering, has been signed on with the 185th as drill instructor. Pte. McAvoy was Color Sgt. of the 66th P. L. F. at the time Major Harrington was a Lieutenant with that Regiment.

Pte. Angus McMaster of "D" Company received the sad intelligence last week of the death in action of his brother Donald, who has been at the front for some months.

Harry Brinkman, formerly manager of the United Typewriter Company, Halifax, who gave up his position to enlist in the 85th last fall, has been appointed Battalion Quartermaster Sergeant of the 185th.

Another of the officers of the 185th who has risen from the ranks is the Paymaster, Capt. Ralph McDougall who gave up a bank managership last fall to enlist with the 85th.

When Billy Rogers took the oath to serve his king and country, he was the fourth man in his family to enlist. His father and two of his brothers have already received their "baptism of fire."

Mariner Laurance of Inverness, who before enlisting was with the Coal Company there, is acting as

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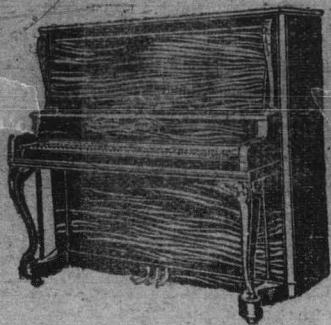
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"B" Company was the first to arrive in camp at Broughton and in the matter of cleaning up the houses, and such work prepared the way for the other three companies. "B" Company is made up of the men recruited in Glace Bay New Waterford and the other towns of the Southern district of Cape Breton county.

"C" Company probably leads in the matter of drill. Ever since there were enough men recruited for it, they have been hard at work getting in four and five hours drill a day. The Sydney Company, "D" Company, has also been putting in some five hours drill a day under command of Capt. Aubrey McKinnon, late of the 94th detachment at Canso. He has been assisted by Lieut. Fraser, Wiswell and Crowell, and also Sgt. Mackness, Sgt. Kellock and Corpl. Mitchell of the 85th.

Three of the four Company commanders in the 185th are 94th men. Capt. J. McIsaac who will have command of "A" Company, was with the 94th before he was transferred to the 85th at Halifax last fall. Capt. W. W. Nicholson who will command "B" Company, had been with the 94th at Glace Bay up to the time he reported for duty with the 185th. Capt. J. A. McKeigan, commanding "C" Company, has been on duty with the 94th at Louisburg since the war broke out.

Several of the boys who have been on duty with the 94th at Canso were transferred to the 185th and came forward with Capt. McKinnon a couple of weeks ago.

Among the boys who were transferred from the 94th at North Sydney to the 185th was Sgt. Alex. McLeod. Sgt. McLeod is an old Sydney Academy student, and is a brother of Sgt. Malcolm McLeod of "D" Company of the 85th Battalion.

Under the capable instruction of Bandmaster Williams late of Sydney Mines, the 185th regimental band is rapidly swinging into line. The band now consists of about thirty five pieces, and is excellently balanced. The bandmaster was formerly bandmaster of the Sydney Mines town band, one of the best civilian bands in Eastern Canada.

"Dooly" Roach, a couple of years ago the leading long distance runner in Cape Breton has joined the Cape Breton Highlanders. He says that when he gets to France he won't do any running unless it is after a youth with a German uniform on.

Roscoe Brown, of Butler, Illinois, has signed on with the Glace Bay Company of Cape Breton's Own. He is a globe trotter, who has seen most of this little ball of mud and is willing to take a chance with the D. D. D.'s. He tried hard to get to the Spanish American war but was under age.

Capt. J. A. Munro, Medical Officer of the 185th, moved his office

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Buddy McDougall of the 85th, the popular recruiting officer at Glace Bay during the campaign, had the satisfaction of enrolling his young brother. This boy had applied on several occasions, but his chest measurement did not come up to the required standard. Nothing daunted he took a course in physical culture and reported to the 185th with a chest measurement several inches larger than the examination required. His gaffer is already in France with the Tunneling Corps.

Jack Timmons formerly of the 94th at the Towers, Glace Bay, has been transferred to the 185th and is in charge of the officers mess.

Pte. Rees Mason and Pte. Austin Murray of the Transport section of the 185th, have been transferred to the 185th, and are acting as grooms to Lt. Col. Day and Major Harrington respectively.

Two of the Post Office staff at the Sydney post office have enlisted with the 185th. Dan A. McDonald and M. J. McPherson. Pte. McPherson will have charge of the Battalion Post Office.

McKinnon and Moray's Bakery staff at Glace Bay worked up to the recruiting office one day during the campaign and signed on in a bunch. Tommy Roach,

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