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### At The Charlottetown

A very enjoyable dinner at The Charlottetown at 8:30 in the evening brought the day's activities to a close. Brigadier Connolly, who presided, entertained the visitors with some interesting personal experiences which he had during his life in the army. Addresses, referring to recruiting and the activities of the day's meeting, were delivered by Mayor Holman, Mayor Campbell, Col. MacKinnon and Col. James Mess. The latter in a cool and concise manner reiterated a few of the statements he made earlier in the day about the need for recruits for the army.

### ARMY DAY

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adjutant and Q.M.G.; Lt. Col. G. C. Sircom, district paymaster; Lt.-Col. F. Raynor-Smith, district ordnance officer; Mr. Guy Henson, educational officer, Col. L. H. MacKenzie, veteran's welfare officer, Department of Pensions and National Health, all of Halifax; Lt. Col. D. A. MacKinnon, vice chairman of the Civilian Recruiting Committee and J. R. Paton, representative of the D.O.C., both of Charlottetown; Lt.-Col. James Mess, director of recruiting.

All the above talks, a summary of which appears below, were delivered during the morning session. His Honour, Lieutenant Governor B.W. LePage, His Worship, Mayor B. Holman of Charlottetown and His Worship, Mayor John E. Campbell of Summerside occupied seats on the platform.

At the conclusion of the speeches the large crowd was escorted by officers of the training centre to the main dining hall where the troops receive their meals. Here they enjoyed a similar meal to the one which was served the army boys earlier.

A short general discussion followed the luncheon when a few questions regarding enlistment were answered by the various staff officers.

The military demonstration which followed, put on by the troops, many of whom were only three weeks in training, was a revelation to the civilians present. Lined up in military formation on the large outdoor drill grounds, the boys in khaki presented a splendid appearance. They carried out their drill like veterans and marched with the precision of a well-built machine.

As the boys passed the centre of the recreation hall, Brigadier Connolly took the salute. Accompanying him at the time were: Lt.-Col. F. I. Andrew, officer commanding the Training Centre and Major Paton. The drill was in charge of Major A. S. Robertson.

A strong cold wind soon drove the civilians to seek shelter and gave them an opportunity of viewing the exhibit of war weapons, equipment and ration on display in the heated drill hall behind the main building. The mobile dental unit in charge of Capt. R. H. Barrett attracted a great deal of attention as well as the exhibit of various rifles, guns and other equipment. A great many civilians were curious about the spell arrayed displays of ration and asked many questions about it. They were also amazed to find out how much equipment it takes to outfit one soldier as they examined the contents of a sample kit.

An interesting feature of the proceedings in the drill hall was a demonstration of alertness in donning gas masks by two groups of soldiers. One had previous training in the technique while the other group had no practice in putting on the masks. The first group, of course, showed the benefit of their training. Lieut. W. Edlin was in charge of this demonstration.

This was followed by one of the most interesting phases of the day's program—inspection of the training camp by the civilians. Breaking up in small groups, the visitors were escorted by officers on a tour which took them through all the main parts of the camp. A good knowledge of how the soldiers live and carry on their training was gained on this inspection trip.

When the crowd returned again to the recreation hall, they were treated to a moving picture show which gave an insight into the workings of the army and air

lowances and gave an outline of rates of pay, pensions, allowances etc. He explained the various phases of dependents' allowances paid to the families of a soldier. He referred briefly to the rehabilitation grant given soldiers when they are discharged from the army.

Lt. Col. F. Raynor-Smith, district ordnance officer, gave an interesting talk about army equipment. He dealt with mechanization, arms and cost.

"There is not a horse drawn vehicle in the army today," he declared. Mechanization means speed and efficiency of movement he added. The first and second Canadian divisions in England are completely equipped, he revealed. He pointed out the great cost of maintaining the army in this war as compared with the world war.

Mr. Guy Henson, Canadian Legion educational officer, in a few remarks, spoke of the various educational services in the army referring especially to the various courses and qualifications. Out of their experiences of the last war, the veterans have taken the lead in this connection, he said, and referred to the formation of the Canadian Legion War Services. He then outlined the education now being carried on in the present army.

Col. L. H. MacKenzie, Veteran's Welfare officer, Department of Pensions and National Health, then addressed the meeting of the soldier and civil dealing particularly with job protection and insurance security. In his talk he outlined some of the duties of the Pension Committee recently approved by the government.

Major J. R. Paton, representative of the D.O.C. gave an interesting address on the National Mobilization Resources Act dealing especially with training. He used illustrations to assist in the remarks about the young men called up. He explained the difference between an "R" recruit and an "A". The former enlisted on duty only in Canada whereas the latter signs up for duty anywhere.

Brigadier C. E. Connolly, addressed the gathering on the war situation and Canadian recruits. It has taken a long time for most people to realize the brutal quality of Germany's war policy, he said. The strength of the permanent army at commencement of war was about 4,000, he pointed out. The average time of training of reserves was very short and modern equipment was lacking.

The cream of this embryo army was taken by the first and second divisions, the speaker declared in his word picture of pre-war days. He contrasted the condition of British and allied armies as compared with the German war machine at the outbreak. "Today millions of men are locked in deadly combat and many more may be in it before the struggle is finished," he said, stressing the need of more men for the armed forces. Drafts will have to be larger and more often, he declared. "Soldiers without training will not defeat Hitler's armies," Brigadier Connolly stated.

### Morning Session

Brigadier Connolly in his opening remarks as chairman, expressed appreciation to those who attended. He pointed out that it is the soldier's duty to do their work "loyally, honestly and to their best ability." "We need more men and we need them now," he declared and went on to explain the purpose of the meeting.

Lt.-Col. James Mess, director of recruiting (civilian), Ottawa, in an inspiring address appealed to all civilians to do their utmost in supplying the army with men. He prefaced his remarks by having Lance Corporal Maurice Dowling of Charlottetown come before the stage and face the audience. Pointing to him, he said, "That is the gentleman in battle-dress that we are supporting."

Col. Mess explained that the reason for the meeting, which was to be held across Canada, was to supply information about the army to civilians who are desirous of getting behind it. "It is to sell you on the army's accomplishments and the army's need," he declared. Referring to the building up of the present force in Canada, he said, "I think it is a wonderful accomplishment." However, there are obstacles to recruiting which must be removed, he reminded his listeners, and outlined a number of things which are proving detrimental to enlisting.

Continuing, he announced that rejection badges as well as discharge badges would soon be issued to those who had offered their services and were not accepted and others who, after serving some time in the army, were turned down. "The army needs men," Col. Mess emphatically stated and went on to say, "It is your army and it is mine but I'm not asking for men, nor is the Government asking for men—it is the army that is asking for men."

He pointed out that the army was desirous to be frank in presenting a complete picture to the civilian population. He went on to say, "There are many who consider the voluntary method is not the best system of securing men for the army; to those who hold this view sincerely, we can have nothing but respect and regard; to those who profess this view for purely obstructive purposes, we have no regard; and those of military age, who use the public utterances of these two groups as an excuse for non-enlistment, have their own consciences to contend with."

In conclusion, he appealed to civilians to "give a real meaning to the letter 'V'." He asked them to make it a double "V"—volunteer for victory.

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### CANADA'S

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was more to it than that. Canada and Australia went Canadian, Australia, New Zealand, British, Norwegian and American air crews in numbers unsurpassed before. For the first time they had a ship to themselves except for a group of United States army air corps scientists.

Some airmen, in fact, were posted to another ship, such was the size of the movement.

From P. E. I. Too

From Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island went nursing sisters and doctors who enlisted in hospital No. 7 Canadian general hospital of the Army Medical Corps. The nurses were under Matron Moya MacDonald of Halifax and were "completely trained and ready for action."

The unit, commanded by Col. M. Hallett of Ottawa, was organized a year and a half ago and formerly staffed the 500-bed base hospital at Debert, N. S. It moved across the continent with a surgeon, dentist, pharmacist and others, not to mention the doctors and nurses.

Within the 5th division itself were men of every province. It was a former unit of the Signalers, Lt.-Col. S. F. Clark of Winnipeg is 32, the Commander of a western Ontario regiment, Lt.-Col. R. N. Back of London, Ont., at 36 is the youngest man of that rank of any armored regiment in the division.

The average age of the officers in one Ontario regiment was 27. Two sergeants in the Cape Breton Highlanders, P. H. Byr and R. A. MacDonald of Sydney, were only 18 and actually, they said, were too young to go overseas.

Under Lt.-Col. Harold Inns of Montreal sailed a light anti-aircraft regiment which was recruited in Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan. The Quebec battery was the first completely French-Canadian battery Canada ever sent overseas consists of corps troops and will not be attached to any division.

A British Columbia regiment of the 5th division was under Lt.-Col. J. E. Sager of Vancouver. Its liaison officer was Lt. Col. R. E. Morton.

### Belgian Reinforcements

To reinforce the Belgian army in Britain went about 100 natives of Belgium who were called to duty from the far corners of the world, but mostly from South America. A young man was Lt. Col. Edward Baudry, former Montreal radio producer.

There were also Netherlands seamen trained in the East Indies and recruits for the Norwegian service. On the same ship were about 50 Europeans released from Canadian internment camps. Imprisoned in

### BRITAIN AS ENEMY ALIENS THEY HAD BEEN HELD A YEAR AND A HALF BUT TOLD REPORTERS THEY HAD NOTHING AGAINST ENGLAND.

The majority of them will enlist in the pioneer corps. Among the few civilians was Sheila MacDonald, sister of Malcolm MacDonald, British high commissioner to Canada, who said her return to Britain was for a two months visit. The other civilians were mainly Britons on special missions or British officers wives. In the detention quarters of one liner were 10 Italian prisoners of war, taken aboard a day before the sailing. Nine of them were soldiers, dressed in summer garb, and the other man was a sailor.

### A. P. NEWSMAN

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ed northward. I am not permitted to identify the columns so let us call them column 1 and column 2. The Germans had a big armored formation southwest of Tobruk and another in the Bardia region. I am not permitted to name them either so let us call them group x and group y.

When the Germans realized the offensive was on—and they were somewhat late in realizing it, perhaps because the commanding officer, Lt.-Gen. Erwin Rommel, was away at the time—they sent part of Group y southward in an effort to cut off column 1's supplies. If they had succeeded it would have been goodbye British offensive.

This cutting-off party ran smack into column 2 at a point approximately 35 miles southwest of Bardia. The battle was joined Wednesday afternoon and went Thursday morning. On both Wednesday and Thursday the Germans were driven back and all the disabled tanks fell into British hands. Some of the British tanks were put back into service quickly.

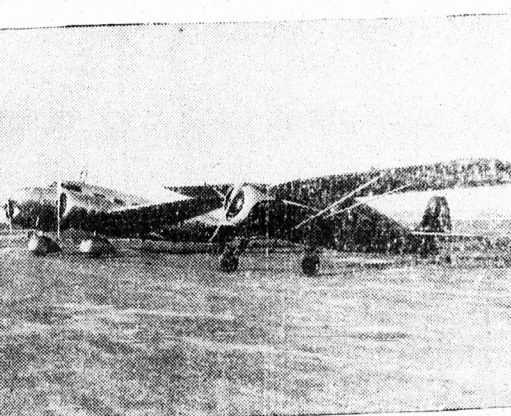
The second encounter the Germans retired northward. Then apparently as a precaution against being split up, the German commander ordered all that was left of group y to move westward and consolidate with group x. Meanwhile, British New Zealand and Indian infantry, with some tanks, went after German and Italian posts along the frontier. A New Zealand patrol entered Bardia and found it abandoned.

The British forces now are whitening down the Germans and the operation may take some time.

### 3 Women injured in motor accident

MONCTON, N. B., Nov. 24—(CP)—Three women, residents of Massachusetts, were in hospital here tonight after a car in which they had been riding plunged over

### Maritime Central Planes



Shown above are two of the planes to be used by the Maritime Central Airlines, one is a Barclay-Grow, ten-place, 3-1, engine, machine Radio equipped. The other is a three place Fairchild equipped with wheel and skis and will be available for charter flights and as an ambulance for "mercy" flights.

a 12-foot embankment near Jones siding today. Mrs. Gordon Aldred, Margaretsville, Mass., and Mrs. Pearl Edwards, Malden, Mass., were reported the most seriously injured. The other patient was Mrs. Eva Floyd, Georgetown, Mass., who had been driving the car.

Mrs. Aldred was enroute to her former home at Middleton, N. S. Two other car occupants, Mrs. Arthur Kilpatrick and Mrs. Dorothy Alexander, escaped injury.

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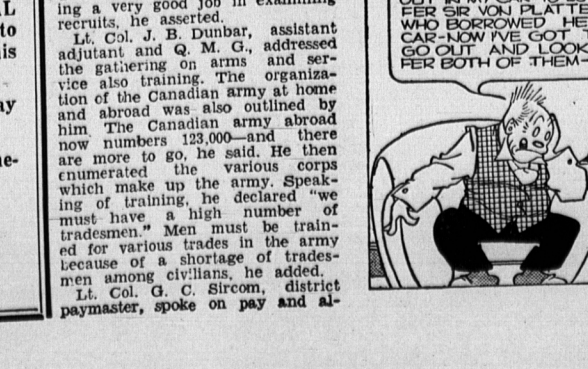
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