

**Around  
The Armouries**

Even seasoned Army veterans are amazed at the very encouraging increase in recruiting noted by all units here. New men are literally pouring in to offer their services in Canada's peacetime army.

The Recce Regiment reports that between 5 and 10 are being taken on strength every parade with others enlisting almost daily. It is the same story with other regiments, and commanding officers are happy about the whole thing. Most of the units have openings for all classifications and a new recruit should have little difficulty in finding a niche for himself.

The army life is an interesting one, full of lifetime experiences and capable of providing lifetime friendships. In addition to the excellent pay now received the boys have the satisfaction of knowing that they are serving their homeland and helping make it stronger.

A young man entering here has a wide choice of positions to fill. It is particularly noticeable of late that promotions are rapid for anyone doing a good job and many of the boys have told this column of their pleasure in serving.

Perhaps one of the more outstanding examples of both service and promotion is Corporal Malcolm Campbell. Until Monday Mac was a private who just wanted to help in the Reserve forces. Each training night he travels all the way from Graham's Road, over 20 miles from the city, to take his place in the 21st Field Ambulance—the Medics, as they are more popularly known.

Still in his teens, Mac has progressed fast to earn the respect of his fellow soldiers and his R. S. M. Monday he was given two 'hooks' and Private Campbell became Corporal Campbell. He was also moved up to Orderly Room duties. A keen youngster, Mac should go far in the Army.

Also serving in the Orderly Room of the Field Ambulance is a neighbour of Cpl. Campbell. He is Pte. J. E. Murray who also travels more than 20 miles through all kinds of weather to attend parades. Men like them are a credit to their unit, their province and their country.

Several officers went home last week with their Sunday dinner under their arms. A chicken raffle was held in the Officers' Mess on Thursday night and competition was more than keen as everybody taking part went all out to get one of the top grand birds. Joe MacMillan had a busy evening directing the raffle and issuing cards to the winners. Of course there were a few disappointed participants, but they were only disappointed because they could not go home and offer their wives a chicken as explanation for being late that night.

No one was disappointed in the fun provided as all in the Mess enjoyed themselves from start to finish.

The P. E. I. Regiment (17th Recce) has organized an Intelligence (I) Section under Lieutenant John Rogers. I Section has long been known as the eyes and ears of any unit and requires keen men in all positions. Young men with high school or better education will find this new group an ideal spot in which to serve. It will have two sections, and that means there will be plenty of room for people of real ability.

Promotion should be fast in this new section and all youngsters looking for a spot to help might do worse than make application if they can meet the requirements. Assisting Lt. Rogers in the work will be Sgt. Altken.

The Recce hockey team is really on the spot tonight. Up at the Forum they face the Souris A-tillery and they have been warned in advance by Col. Rogers that they are not to lose the game. That means excitement for everyone, including the players, as 'orders' is orders.

However, Souris just might take

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a dim view of those same orders. Perhaps, too, they have received similar instruction from Col. Williams. If they have there will be blood on the moon before the night is over.

Whatever happens there will be solid entertainment for the fans. The skaters, too, will have a real night of it as the Recce Band will be on hand for a skate after the hockey is over. That alone should bring the fans in droves.

For the past couple of decades band skates have been too far between. Now that they are back each Wednesday should see Forum ice literally dotted with skaters who prefer real music to the canned variety.

To provide this two or three Army men have done an outstanding job. Those responsible for bringing the public the pleasure they have long been asking are primarily Capt. Reg. Major, Capt. Mike Campbell and Lt. George MacKinnon. Of three different regiments, they combined their persuasive talents to get band skates back in the Forum.

Last Sunday Colonel A. W. Rogers made an inspection tour of all courses being conducted by the P. E. I. Regiment. Major Kennedy, Capt. MacDonald, SQMS. MacLean, Sgt. Porter and Sgt. Cass had their charges hard at work at the time and Col Rogers was pleased with what was being done and what had already been accomplished. Next Sunday he will hold his first regimental inspection as an indication of the stepped up training now in vogue. Since all training of the unit is now being done on a regimental basis the boys are more keenly interested in the work of the drill square.

Although it is a late item congratulations are still in order for those who were lucky enough to win Christmas dinners on that December pay night. Proudly taking home a fat goose to grace their tables were Cpl. Savidant, Tpr. Ferguson, Tpr. Gallant, Tpr. Arsenault, SSM. Trainor and Lt. MacNeill. The lucky winners left a large number of watering mouths behind when they went out with the geese.

It is rumoured, reliably or un-reliably, depending on the source, that some of the higher ranking officers have had a bit of difficulty reaching their destinations recently. Perhaps the recently informed I Section did not hand out the correct information or maybe it was just because some wire got crossed. In any event Major MacNeill and Major Monklely had to take a rather long detour to get to this city last Sunday. At the same time C Squadron is still wondering what happened to prevent Capt. MacDonald from getting to Summerside last week.

Who knows? Perhaps they are still standing at attention waiting.

C Squadron held its regular weekly shoot last Thursday in preparation for the coming competition with the R. C. A. F. team. The boys ap-

parently are really sharpening up their eyes.

It is reported that Capt. 'Lefty' Bernard has come up with an outstanding 'first'. He is said to have his payrolls in Halifax already. Furthermore it is said that they are even amended to coincide with the new pay rates. No wonder he is so popular with the other ranks.

A recent visitor to the Armouries was Pte. Ronald Leches of No. 6 Company, R. C. A. S. C., Halifax. A vehicle driver he was over here to transport the men in charge of installing a new boiler. Cpl. Neil reports there were rough roads between here and Halifax.

BSM. Carl R. Prowse of the 28th L. A. A. Regiment won top recognition for himself this week. He received his D.V.A. certificate showing that he had taken 'A' Honours in a course in practical trigonometry. It concerned specialization for artillery and is a course which in technical terms 'May be evaluated as to credit by any Provincial Department of Education'. Nice work, Carl.

**Tignish Shore**

Miss Marion LeClair and Miss Rhelma LeClair were at home with their parents Mr. and Mrs. John LeClair on December 26th.

Mr. Ralph Pitre returned to Edmundston, N. B. on Jan. 11th, where he will continue his studies at St. Louis' College after spending his holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Pitre.

The residents of Tignish Shore were pleased to learn that Arthur Doucette had returned from Charlottetown where he had been a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital.

The Home and School January meeting was held on Thursday the 11th at 7 p.m., with the president, Mr. John J. Pitre, presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Mr. Edward J. Arsenault, and were adopted as read.

There were 27 members in attendance. There was considerable discussion re the purchasing of desks and chairs for the pupils. The secretary advised the meeting that the desks which had been ordered early in December had been shipped from the factory and were due to arrive within a few days.

Mrs. Edmond Gaudet and Mrs. John LeClair were appointed to visit the school during the month of February.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. Ben J. Pitre, and Mrs. Edmond Gaudet, vice president of the Association. Mr. P. A. Arsenault gave a short talk on First Aid.

The meeting closed with the singing of 'O Canada.'

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