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## General Lessard Places Troops at Vital Points

## BOER JOINS THE COLORS

### How German and Austrian Prisoners Are Cared for at Barracks—Keen Competition for Places Among Volunteers.

Toronto need have no fear that the comforts or necessities of life open to interference by alien enemies will be affected during the war. General Lessard has seen to that. The latest precaution is the placing of a strong guard, drawn from the Queen's Own Rifles and the 10th Royal Grenadiers, on the waterworks and filtration plant of the city. The guard is in charge of Major Mitchell, Q. O. R., and Lieut. A. C. Duncanson and Lieut. J. G. Kingsmill, 10th R. G., and a staff of officers, and will be further strengthened in a day or two. A gratifying feature of the selection of the guard is that, as far as was possible, only those out of employment were detailed, and this principle will be employed in the further selection.

The Divisional Headquarters Staff of cyclists will consist of one Major, one clerk, one driver, and one batman. Staff of one company will be one Captain, one company Sergt.-Major, one company Quartermaster, one artificier and one batman. Exhibition Camp will be the headquarters of the contingent of four platoons, and the Second Division will contribute one platoon, consisting of one Subaltern, one Sergeant, two Corporals, two Lance-Corporals, one signaller, twenty-three privates and one batman—thirty-one men altogether.

### Officers Selected.

The following officers for the Mississauga Horse overseas contingent have been selected: Lieut.-Col. Lockhart Gordon (to go as Major), Major Usher (to go as Captain), Lieuts. Marlatt, Lightbourne and Schneider.

The Royal Canadian Engineers will mobilize at Exhibition Buildings, Ottawa. The contingent will consist of 450 men, under Major Bogart of Ottawa, Assistant Divisional Engineer. Two companies will be commanded by Major Inksetter and Lieut. Robertson, both of Hamilton, and Lieut. Mieville of Toronto. After medical examination of more than 200 men, with an increased physical standard set and the elimination of all married men with families, only twenty were turned down. Major Biggs has placed a number of men on the reserve list upon whom to draw in case of demand for more men. The Engineers are making imitation rifle-stocks, with spring insets, for bayonet practice.

Examination of men for the G.G.B. G. contingent is going on, and a grading system has been adopted. Tests in riding are followed by rigid medical tests and the men are then classed according to fitness in the combined examinations. The G.G.B.G. are still adding recruits, men of good physique and good riding ability, to their ranks.

### Former Boer Joins.

An application, unique in Canada, reached the G.G.B.G. yesterday, in the shape of a request by a man of Boer birth, who fought for the Boers throughout the South African war. He is very keen on joining a mounted regiment, and offers proofs of his loyalty.

After an examination of fifty men by the 11th Field Ambulance, one-third of the applicants were turned down, so searching was the tests. Fifty-three men are required, and none but the best are being accepted. No orders for a move to camp have yet been received. The 11th Field Ambulance request all those who have not yet presented themselves for medical examination to apply at the Ar-

mories to-night at 9 p.m., when their qualifications will be tested.

The Royal Grenadiers had 568 men on parade last night, including forty-six recruits, under Col. Brock. Platoon drill was undertaken.

### Treatment of Prisoners.

Few of Britain's enemies affected by the war can boast of such considerate treatment as the prisoners of war interned at Stanley Barracks. Yesterday they numbered sixty-four, and a further twenty-one will be added to-day, practically filling all available quarters. Every comfort is provided, and food is of the best quality. Meat, milk, bread, pies, cake, cheese and butter, staple articles of food, were seen yesterday to be not only plentiful but good. Baths, hot, cold and shower, are available, with separate towels for each prisoner; sleeping quarters are clean, airy and wholesome. Each man is supplied with three blankets, he sleeps on a comfortable spring bed, better than the average civilian or soldier uses. Electric lights are provided, and every provision is made for amusement, indoor and outdoor. In fine weather the men are allowed to exercise in a wire-enclosed area, guarded by armed men, and a special guard is mounted on a platform overlooking the enclosure.

### Draws the Kaiser.

The majority of the men are Austrians of the ordinary laboring class. There are a few Germans, amongst whom are Paul Bimberg and J. G. Wolf, both ex-Lieutenants of the German army. The former is an amateur artist of ability, and pencil drawings of the Kaiser and Von Moltke decorate the wall above his bed. The men are well behaved and many of them are pleased when an opportunity for work offers.

By courtesy of Major W. H. Collins of the Headquarters Staff, who is in charge, a Globe representative yesterday saw the men at work and at play. No trouble is experienced, Major Collins said, the prisoners being quite satisfied with their lot. Military hours are observed—reville at 6 a.m., and lights out at 10.15 p.m.

At last night's parade of the Home Guard Capt. W. T. Stewart commanded 1,914 men, to whom the bugle band supplied music. The parade included companies from West Toronto, Weston, Mount Dennis, Manning avenue and Islington. East Toronto Company paraded on its own grounds. Two battalions were formed by last night's turn-out. A special parade to the Exhibition grounds will take place to-morrow at 2 p.m. sharp. The men will muster at their armories, 9A Wellington street east, marching thence, some 2,000 strong, to the Exhibition, where they will be reviewed by Major-General Lessard and the Minister of Militia. Capt. W. T. Stewart will be in command.