

ENGINEERING COMPANY ADDED TO LOCAL FORCE

Lt. H. N. Gzowski to be Com- manding Officer

NEW MENINGITIS CASE

Extensive Manoeuvres in Cedarvale, With Speed in Attack—Entrench- ing Work Continues at Exhibition Camp.

Authorized on April 1, 1912, but since allowed to remain in abeyance, the 8th Field Company, Canadian Engineers, is now to become an active unit of the Canadian militia. When originally sanctioned the unit was to have had its headquarters at St. Catharines; now, however, it has been transferred to Toronto, where it will form an additional engineering unit with the 2nd Field Company.

The commanding officer will be Lieut. H. M. Gzowski, now belonging to the 2nd Field Company. He was a member of that company on its formation in 1901, but having removed to Vancouver, left it for a time. On his return he was again placed on the strength. He is a thoroughly qualified officer, and the appointment is a popular one.

No Aliens in the Army.

A most important ruling has just been issued from Ottawa. It states that any man, to be eligible for enlistment in any unit of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, must be a British subject by birth or naturalization, and it is inadvisable to admit persons of foreign birth or nationality. Commanding officers are ordered to discharge all men of foreign birth or nationality not in actual possession of naturalization papers. The fact, the order states, that men have applied for naturalization papers does not make them eligible to enlist or remain in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

New Meningitis Case.

Another case of meningitis developed yesterday. Private G. Pakenham, No. 3 Company, 19th Battalion, was taken ill on Saturday, but his illness was of a doubtful nature. Kept under close observation until yesterday, his malady was pronounced meningitis. Twenty-four men, who occupied quarters in his immediate neighborhood, have been isolated at the Inglis factory, Strachan avenue, for examination. Private Pakenham lived at 85 Crawford street previous to enlistment, and is nineteen years old. He belongs to the same battalion as Private Lockhart, who contracted meningitis last week.

Patients Are Progressing.

All the meningitis patients from camp are reported to be progressing very favorably. This is held to be due to the serum treatment, which represents the acme of modern methods of combating the disease. Previous to its general use the mortality in meningitis cases was between 80 and 90 per cent. So far, after three weeks' illness, the mortality amongst the cases from camp treated by the serum method is only 10 per cent. Of course, the men are still very ill, but there are no indications which would point to a fatal issue in any case at hospital. Private Lockhart is very ill. He is being treated at his father's home, and is out of the hands of the militia medical authorities. There are about 18 cases of meningitis prevailing amongst the civil population of Toronto.

Manoeuvres at Cedarvale.

Taking advantage of the favorable weather conditions, the 19th Battalion undertook attack manoeuvres at Cedarvale yesterday. Special attention was paid to speed in applying methods of attack. The general scheme was that a section had been broken by the enemy and their trench system inflated. The attacking party had to rush to their aid and restore the section to original strength. Every unnecessary preliminary was eliminated and every moment of time conserved for actual work. This is understood to be one of the essentials of attack at the front, and it is the aim of the Instructional Staff to train the men to "speed with efficient work." If the present favorable weather lasts such work will form a daily feature of training in future.

Entrenching work went on with vigor yesterday, the 20th Battalion being engaged, under the supervision of an officer of Engineers. The men formed a complete system of trench communication from base to fire-trench.

Horses Being Shipped.

A considerable number of horses were removed from camp yesterday to form part of a shipment abroad. Several animals which are unsuitable for service at camp were taken away. Sir Adam Beck and Major Gilpin supervised the shipment. The Mounted Rifle Regiment, in full force under Col. Vaux Chadwick, went for a route ride of six miles yesterday.

Inspector-General Lessard completed his inspection of Exhibition Camp yesterday, having inspected in detail every unit mobilized.

109th Weekly Drill.

In the presence of Lieut.-Col. W. T. Stewart and the officers and men of the 109th Regiment at their weekly drill last night, Col. Logle, commanding the 2nd Military Division, presented Bugle Major Cuthbert, who was formerly with the Queen's Own Rifles, with the long-service medal. The regiment paraded nearly 700 strong. The Colonel complimented the regiment on its progress since organization and advised the officers and men to bear their success with all the modesty that becometh a new organization.

Officers for Overseas.

In reference to a decision of the Ottawa authorities, recently issued, that officers of the Canadian militia might be attached to units of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, it is now notified that the number of such additions is limited to one officer per company or squadron. Officers so attached must hold the rank of Lieutenant irrespective of any rank they may hold in the militia. It is reiterated that such attachment carries with it no right to proceed overseas with any unit.