

ATTEMPTED TO DESERT FROM NIAGARA CAMP

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NEW 58TH NOW READY

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Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., June 8. —The first would-be deserter from the Niagara Camp is now a prisoner in Stanley Barracks. Pte. John Gillam, of the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles, was found making a getaway on a Niagara boat in civilian clothes and with his moustache shaved off, the authorities say. As he had been under suspicion as an alien, he was sent to Toronto under guard last night and unless a satisfactory explanation can be given he will be sent to the **internment** camp at Kapuskasing.

All detachments of the new 58th Battalion are now ready to come to Niagara, with the exception of those from three regiments, the 37th Haldimand, the 39th Norfolk, and the 51st Soo, which are having trouble getting recruits. The quotas of all the Toronto regiments are ready and will probably come to camp next week. Lieut. Col. Harry A. Genet, Brantford, the commander, reported to headquarters to-day.

The camp authorities have a scheme under way which they hope will eliminate any trouble in regard to separation allowances and pay assessments after husbands leave for the front. Complaints have been made to Ottawa by wives who have not received the share of their husbands pay which they say was directed before their husbands left. Some claim that they haven't enough money to pay rent and grocers' bills.

Responsibility With Paymasters.

The authorities say the responsibility for the trouble rests with the paymasters of the regiment, who did not follow instructions in filling in the proper forms. In this district it has been decided to have each man make out a declaration giving the name of his wife before he leaves, so that there will be no trouble in the future.

Col. W. A. Logie, camp commandant, has been given the power to convene district court martials. Instead of the department at Ottawa looking after the cases, as a result the hearing of the cases of accused soldiers will not be delayed as was charged by a Toronto weekly paper.

A list of officers suitable for the two new batteries of artillery will be sent to Lieutenant-Colonel S. C. Mewburn, assistant adjutant-general by commander of the Royal School of Artillery at Kingston.

The reinforcement company from the 37th Battalion, which has been going practically barefooted owing to lack of boots, received an issue to-day. It was learned that the John MacPherson Company of Hamilton had 209 pairs on hand on a Government contract. Authority of Ottawa was asked and then the firm was ordered to send the footwear direct to Niagara. The authorities say just one case of drunkenness has come to their attention since prohibition went into force. The individual was not a member of the overseas force, but returned from Toronto under the influence of liquor.