

TERRITORIAL IDEA FOR CONTINGENT

Chums and Men From Same Districts Will Be Kept Together

Orders were issued yesterday from Divisional Headquarters that the "Territorial" idea should be carried out as far as possible in the formation of the battalions and regiments for the 2nd Contingent. This is with the idea that the men on service should know each other, so as to increase the esprit du corps in the new contingent. This order especially applies to the French Canadians who have enlisted with the 23rd and 24th Battalions. It will mean that, instead of their being kept separated amongst other squads, they will be kept together, as will the composition of the other units.

Following out this idea, instructions were yesterday sent out by Major L. Leduc, A.A.G., as follows: "In connection with the formation and composition of the integral parts of the several squads, sections, etc., of the different units of the 2nd Overseas Expeditionary Force. I have the honor, by direction, to invite your attention to the desirability of having them composed, as far as possible, of men who are well known to each other, and those coming from the same localities, athletic associations, institutions, etc., in order that chums may be put together in the same unit."

This order will be received with great pleasure by the men going to active service, since it will mean that squads will retain their local identity, while the men in the trenches later on will be accompanied by friends who have worked and served with them in Canada.

Lt.-Col. R. Costigan was yesterday given command of recruiting for the Field Battery which is being raised for the 2nd Contingent, to retain command until the return of Major Reid Hyde, who is now at the Royal Military College, Kingston.

Capt. Lyall has been appointed to the command of a company of 150 Engineers, who will mobilize shortly at Ottawa. This will include the corps of engineers recently organized by Chief City Engineer Janin.

Major-General Sir William Otter was in the city yesterday in connection with the registration of hostile enemies. Sir William said that no decision had been yet reached as to where the men would be interned, and that they would be temporarily kept at the Immigration Detention Offices on St. Antoine street. Over 800 hostile aliens have now been registered, and General Otter said that the work here was going on very well.