

RECRUITING SYSTEM WILL BE ALTERED

Members of Each Battalion Will
Secure Its Own New
Members.

NEWS OF GARRISON

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In future all recruiting for the new overseas county battalions is to be conducted by the officers, non-commissioned officers and men attested by that battalion, according to a divisional order issued to-day at headquarters.

The recruiting staffs of the various regiments who have been recruiting in the past are to be dispensed with at once. The new order is issued to avoid duplicating the work and prevent overlapping. The system to be adopted is similar to the work of the Toronto recruiting depot.

The order is as follows: "Recruiting for the new overseas battalions is to be conducted in future entirely by the officers, N.C.O.'s, and men attested for that battalion. The present recruiting staffs of local regiments, who are recruiting for overseas battalions, are to be dispensed with at once. Those who transfer to the battalion will be kept on the payroll, and the remainder are to be struck off. All recruits for these battalions will continue to enlist through the regiments as heretofore. The order effects the following battalions: 44th, 37th, 34th, 35th, 36th, 38th, 39th, 51st, and 77th.

On account of the pressure of work on the headquarters staff, Lieut.-Col. R. H. Labatt, of Hamilton, formerly of the 4th Battalion, now organizing the 97th American Battalion, has been appointed to Colonel Logie's staff to inspect overseas battalions in the counties. Another officer will be selected shortly to work with Colonel Labatt.

County Battalions Busy.

The county battalions are rapidly organizing, and staff officers predict that some units will recruit faster than others, according to the populations of the districts. So far headquarters have received no detailed report as to how recruiting is progressing among the different units. It is expected, however, that the information will be forthcoming shortly, when greater progress has been made in the work of organizing the different battalions.

That the county battalions are losing no time in recruiting is shown by the requisitions for clothing sent to the Quartermaster General's office. In the last two weeks about 2,000 uniforms and other equipment have been sent to the small places for the battalions.

The Camp Is Healthy.

The health of Exhibition Camp is very gratifying to the staff. There are no serious cases in the hospital. Most of the patients are suffering from slight bronchial trouble and sore throats.

The overseas draft of "B" section, No. 2 Field Ambulance, in command of Captain Marlow, of Blackstock, Ont., nephew of Lt.-Col. F. W. Marlow, A.D.M.S., was presented with mufflers, socks, handkerchiefs and other comforts at the camp hospitals this afternoon by Mrs F. W. Marlow. To-night the men will be given a concert in the dairy building.

The 83rd Battalion, Lt.-Col. Reginald Pellatt, O.C., quartered at Riverdale Barracks, was inspected by Major-General Lessard, Inspector General of eastern forces, on the Riverdale flats this morning. The flats is a splendid place for a review. There is plenty of room to manoeuvre battalions.

Practising Gun Fire.

The musketry school will open at Long Branch to-morrow when companies from the 37th Battalion will finish the training they received at Niagara. The men will march out and shoot Friday and Saturday. The 75th Battalion went for a route march through the Humber Valley to-day. The 30th Battery, under Major Austin Gillies, hauled their guns out to Fairbank yesterday and gave the residents a reception by discharging about 100 blank shells. Field tactics were carried out. Telephones were used to control the fire of the guns and locate targets.

The Process Building is being fitted up for the reception of the 95th and 97th Battalions when they are ready to go into camp. The two battalions along with officers' quarters, medical and orderly rooms will be under the one roof. It is likely the battalions will mess in the Educational Building. Every building is now being used by the troops except the Manufacturers.

Interning Bulgarians.

Bulgarians in the second divisional area are not giving the authorities much trouble. Only five have been interned since Bulgaria entered the war. An order will be issued shortly for the information of all concerned that soldiers' pay is not attachable for debts and merchants are requested to take notice of this fact.