

TO ALLOW PRISONERS

TO DO WORK ON FORT HILL FACING R.M.C.

A Garden To Be Cultivated For Furnishing Vegetables For the Officers' Mess At Camp.

As soon as authority is obtained from Ottawa, the prisoners-of-war at Fort Henry will be given the additional liberty of taking exercise and doing work on the slope of the hill running from the fort to the water at the side facing the Royal Military College.

Since the first prisoner was brought in and confined, there have been constant applications by the prisoners through every source for more liberty outside of the walls so that they could see the green fields and trees and forget for a few minutes every day the cold grey walls that keep them imprisoned.

Now that nearly two years has elapsed and, nothing has been done for them, the case is getting serious and the prisoners should certainly be allowed out, under heavy guard of course.

Major P. G. C. Campbell, commandant, who has the welfare of the prisoners very much in mind, allowed them to shovel the snow on the road leading to the fort last winter. This brought joy to their hearts and every man including the officers, begged for the chance to be in the squad to be chosen every day.

Major Campbell has already granted them the privilege of having a garden on the slope near the Martello tower on the Royal Military College slope of the hill. This garden will be used for the furnishing of vegetables for the officers mess at the camp. This is all that Major Campbell can grant in this way but his recommendation to Ottawa for further liberties will undoubtedly be granted.

He has asked for authority to allow the Germans to take exercise, garden and do work on the slope throughout the summer. There may be a barbed wire fence around them to prevent taking leave, and the usual guard will be maintained.

It is all being done to take off some of the burden of punishment that must be undergone by an interned prisoner-of-war. If the authority is granted the slope from Fort Henry to the water will be this year covered with garden produce and flowers.