

BULGARIANS BACK AS ALIEN ENEMIES ; FOUGHT FOR BRITAIN

Returned Soldiers' Bureau Up Against Peculiar and Very Embarrassing Problem

The Returned Soldiers' Bureau faces a peculiar and embarrassing problem in having to deal with Bulgarians, who, having enlisted in the Canadian forces during the early stages of the war, and in some cases fought and have been wounded at the front, are now being returned to Canada as alien enemies and undesirables.

When the 101st was recruiting in Edmonton, shortly after war was declared, 100 or more Bulgarians signed up with that unit and on their arrival in England a record of the number was taken by the Bulgarian consul, and since the entry of Bulgaria into the war as the ally of Germany, the British authorities have ordered the recall of these men and they are being sent back to Canada.

Those who have been recalled are coming back gradually, and about six of them have already arrived in Edmonton. As they all wear returned soldiers' colors and buttons, the bureau is treating them as returned soldiers and not as aliens. There is no other testimony on hand but of these men having acquitted themselves honorably. The difficulty is increased in getting employment for them as they are under the ban as alien enemies.