

STILL ROOM AT THE TOP FOR MEN IN THE RANKS

Promotion of N.C.O.'s is Encouraged by Authorities

NON-COMBATANTS WANTED

Men Who Are Physically Unfit for Infantry Urgently Needed to Build Railways and Guard Alien Enemies —A.M.C. Also Calls for Recruits.

Official announcement is made in to-day's orders that recommendations for the promotion of non-commissioned officers to the rank of Lieutenant are in order. This is the sequel to an order issued on January 3rd which conveyed the impression that on account of the large number of officers awaiting appointments no more N.C.O.'s. would be promoted, for the time being. The recent announcement in *The Globe* to the effect that the order of January 3 did not prevent N.C.O.'s. from securing promotions is therefore confirmed. The order which goes out to-day says that the instructions contained in the notification of January 4 "refers only to the recall of non-commissioned officers from overseas and not to promotions and transfers of non-commissioned officers in any unit in Canada. Non-commissioned officers of the C. E. F. on furlough in Canada may also be retained and appointed to commissions in the C. E. F. units in Canada, but a recommendation for retention and appointment must be submitted for approval of Militia Headquarters through the office of the Assistant Adjutant-General, Toronto, before any action is taken."

Cooks Must Drill.

Colonel H. C. Bickford, G.S.O., notes from weekly training reports that "cooks and employed men are in some cases excused parades," and comments that "fifty per cent. of these men should attend some parades ~~each~~ day, as it is absolutely necessary that they be trained as soldiers."

The 215th Battalion, St. Catharines, will be formed up on their parade ground at 10.30 o'clock this morning for inspection by Lieut.-Col. J. S. Campbell of the General Staff.

A Board of Officers composed of Major W. F. Kirk (President), Capt. G. W. Keith of the 204th and Lieut. C. U. Haywood of the 198th, will assemble at Exhibition Camp at 9 o'clock this morning for the purpose of examining the non-commissioned officers' class of the 1st Infantry Brigade, for qualification.

Another Court-martial.

Lieut.-Col. G. C. Royce, Officer Commanding the 255th Queen's Own Depot Battalion, will preside at a court-martial trial of Pte. James Walsh, No. 249,250, of the 208th (Irish Fusiliers) Battalion, on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, on a charge that is not made public.

A board of officers composed of Lieut.-Col. C. A. Warren (President) and Capts James W. Barton and V. H. McWilliams recently examined certain Nursing Sisters and probationers at the Base Hospital. Examinations were also held by Capts. McWilliams, G. W. M. Smith and H. M. MacDonald.

Eighteen Recruits Attested.

Eighteen recruits were attested at the Toronto depot on Saturday out of thirty-nine volunteers. The 257th (Railway Construction) Battalion again headed the list with ten recruits; the Army Service Corps secured three; the 255th Queen's Own got two; the 256th (Railway Construction) Battalion got two, and one joined the Skilled Railway Employees.

There is an urgent demand at the present time for men who cannot pass the test for the infantry, artillery or other front-line corps, but who may do their part just as effectively in some unit behind the trenches. Men with slight physical defects are needed at once for the railway-building battalions, and also for guarding prisoners of war and interned **aliens**. An urgent call has come for forty men for Kapuskasing, where a number of **enemy aliens** are interned, and men who have been rejected for overseas service are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity of doing good service at home. No. 2 Army Medical Corps also needs men to take the places of those who have gone and are going overseas to fill up gaps at the front. The recruiting office is at 40 Melinda street.