

# A GERMAN SOLDIER ON YONGE STREET

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## Strange Spectacle Provided by Citizens' Recruiting League

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### SUNDAY NIGHT MEETINGS

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## More Men Were Secured From Gatherings in the Theatres

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The strange spectacle of a fully-equipped German soldier being marched down Yonge street by a military escort last night attracted a lot of attention and a crowd soon gathered behind the party. It was an idea of the Citizens' Recruiting League to get more men into the ranks. The crowd followed the military escort to the Star Theatre, where a recruiting meeting was in progress. Sergt.-Major Donovan, who had charge of the "prisoner," explained the details of the man's equipment. The soldier who personated the German was Pte. Paradine, of the 170 Battalion, and the uniform and accoutrements he wore were trophies secured at the front by Col. Dr. Goldsmith, who returned recently. Other recruiting meetings were visited and officers kept busy in the crowd that followed the party around.

### War Is Different To-day.

At the Star Theatre, Major Frank McCarthy of the 170th Battalion, recently returned from the front, said that the war as pictured in stories and films was obsolete. War of to-day was not one of cavalry charging across open fields, nor yet of long lines of infantry meeting other lines of infantry; it required a huge plant, with millions of men to man it.

Rev. Bell-Smith, now a private, said he refused to believe that there was any reason great enough to keep a man at home. Six children were not detaining him.

Sergt. Wigglesworth, a returned soldier, who will again go to the front, this time as a member of the 170th Battalion, said that it was his belief that every married man of pre-

vious military training should go, or, if that was impossible, should help to train men.

### Got a Good Start.

With the object of introducing Lieut.-Col. John A. Cooper and his second in command, Major Tidy, to the people of West Toronto, a largely attended meeting was held last night at the Park Theatre in the interests of the 198th Battalion. So eloquent were the orations delivered, thirty young men handed in their names for enrolment, although it was not intended to start recruiting until to-day.

"Any man who joins the 198th," said Lieut.-Col. Cooper, "is well to be proud of the fact, for we will be attached to one of the best regiments of the British Empire."

Other speakers were Messrs. Norman Sommerville, K.C.; A. E. Donovan, M.P.P.; Sergt.-Major Arthur, 48th Highlanders (recently returned from the front); Lieut.-Col. T. H. Lennox, Irish Fusiliers, and Major Cockburn, 114th Battalion.

### Fifteen Men Responded.

Major Morris and Captain Francis, of the 170th Battalion, appealed for recruits at last night's recruiting meeting in the Park Theatre. Fifteen men responded. A long musical programme was given under the direction of Mr. Fred G. Brown. The band of the 75th Battalion rendered a number of patriotic selections. The following artists contributed to the

musical programme: Ruby Le Cornu, Elma Wynn, Elsie Chillman, George Finlayson and Bert Patch.

"Will you do your bit?" were the last words of the five, reel "The Campbells Are Coming" photo-screen shown at the recruiting meeting held in the "Hippodrome" last night. Lieut.-Col. A. Pratt, M. P., of the 133rd Smoother Battalion, appealed for recruits on behalf of the 180th Sportsman's Battalion. He said the appeal was from the King, not from the commanding officer. Captain Smirle Lawson, of the 180th Battalion, also spoke. The band of the 95th Battalion played, and the local talent who volunteered their services for the musical programme included C. Musgrave, D. Cowan, Pte. Jack Slack and the Orpheus Saxasix.