

TROOPS IN MILITARY DISTRICT NUMBER TEN IN SPLENDID HEALTH

Winnipeg, Feb. 2—"There are so many rumors going about as to the condition of the health of the troops now in training at Winnipeg," said Major-General Steele this morning, "that I have had a census taken of the entire Division No. 10, and find that out of 12,000 soldiers there are but 260 on the sick list today. In Winnipeg, where there is approximately 5,000 men in the ranks, there were on Saturday 114 on the sick list."

General Steele stated further that the men now ill in hospital were suffering from colds and that the general good health of the men in Military District No. 10 was one of the outstanding features of Major-General Hughes' comments.

Brandon Camp Good.

"At Brandon I found the camp in excellent order, the men healthy and in an excellent state of discipline. The interned aliens are being well cared for and these men stated to General Hughes that they were well fed, comfortably housed and were receiving every courtesy from both men and officers in the camp.

"This talk about indifferent food being served to the troops is absurd, and the disturbance has been started by a few malcontents who are being fed better probably than ever they were before. Last week I visited the different battalion headquarters at meal time and the food being prepared was of the best quality and well served.

Cannot Prohibit Bars.

"I have been asked to prohibit the men in the ranks from entering bars of the city, but this I cannot and would not do. I have talked to my men here and on Saturday I addressed the troops at Brandon on this matter of bar-room drinking. I tried to impress upon them the necessity of maintaining the dignity of the service and appealed to their sense of self-respect and their duty to uphold the dignity of the company and their regiment. They all know what I want them to do, and I feel that they will respect my wishes.

"The soldiers must have the liberties of Canadian citizens and I feel quite sure that the men of Military District No. 10 will be worthy of the confidence I place in them."