

MAJOR W. E. RODDEN AT NEW ALIEN CAMP

Succeeded by Capt. H. Hough
at Composite Battalion—

Guard Work Continues

PERFORMING GUARD DUTY

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Major William Rodden, paymaster of the 3rd Victoria Rifles, and paymaster for the composite battalion at the Peel street barracks annex, left last night to take up his new duties as commandant of the detention camp for enemy aliens which is being established at Hairicanow, a point on the National Transcontinental about 170 miles east of Cochrane, on the Quebec side of the boundary. Major Rodden will relieve Major W. E. Date, who will return to Montreal to resume his duties here as assistant provost marshal. He will be succeeded as paymaster of the composite battalion by Capt. and Quartermaster Harvey Hough, of the 3rd Victoria Rifles, who took over his new duties yesterday afternoon.

A considerable amount of work is being carried on by this composite battalion, under Lt.-Col. W. H. Schneider. It consists of about 650 men, who supply the guards for the bridges and other public works here, while the rest of the regiment is being trained for regular service duties. The composite battalion, which is in barracks at the High School Annex, is made up of detachments from the 17th D.Y.R.C.H., the 1st Royal Grenadier Guards of Canada, the 3rd Victoria Rifles, the 5th Royal Highlanders, the 65th (Chateauguay) and the 65th Regiments.

Although the regular guards on the canals have been called in, there are still about 300 men on sentry and guard duty at the bridges, stockyards, elevators, harbor works and other points which have to be placed under military patrol during the war, while 220 men are kept in training at the barracks. During severe weather frequent changes are made in the guards, so that the men shall not have too much exposure, and at the same time have opportunity to secure training in barrack work, discipline, duties and ordinary drill.

This morning a detachment of 31 men from the 64th Regiment, under Capt. Therrien, who have been guarding the C. P. R. bridge at Lachine, will be relieved by a company of Highlanders from the composite battalion, under Lieut. Stevens, and a detachment from the 65th Regiment under Lieut. Warren. The men coming off duty will return to barracks and take up ordinary drill.

The composite battalion is under Lt.-Col. W. H. Schneider, with Major John Long second in command, Major F. C. Austin, Lieut. and Adjutant J. L. Smeaton, Lieut. and Quartermaster Geo. Savage, and Capt. W. H. Hough, paymaster.