

SOLDIERS ARE ALL CARED FOR

Major Tite Says Imputations Regarding Men Returned From Front Are Untrue.

"People should not start talking about matters of this kind until they are apprized of the facts. It is absolutely untrue that soldiers returning to Vancouver from the front have been left destitute and unprovided for."

In these words, Major Tite, headquarters brigade major, gave implicit denial this morning to statements made imputing that returned soldiers were not being properly looked after.

"There are only two cases in which such statements as have been made might have some pertinency," said the major, "and an explanation of these cases will show that, far from being left uncared for, the men in question were shown every possible attention. The first is the case of a man who came to Vancouver after being discharged from Salisbury Plains camp. He had never been to the front. I put him on rations at the 6th Regiment, and afterwards had him removed to the hospital. The second is the case of a returned soldier who had nervous trouble. On landing in Canada he was given three months' pay in advance to tide him over until a board of examiners passed upon his case to decide upon his exact pension. He was also sent to hospital.

"We cannot be guardians of a man's whims and dispositions. If, after he is properly paid and looked after financially, he elects to blow in all his money on drink, how can we be responsible? We have no legislation which enables us to attach a corporal's guard to every returned soldier to follow him in his peregrinations by day and watch over him in his slumbers by night to ward off every temptation that may be offered to him. But to say that returned soldiers have not been looked after and have been left destitute is untrue."

Progress of Recruiting.

Since the inception of the wet weather recruiting at West End depots have fallen off somewhat. The falling off is more marked in view of the very heavy recruiting recorded during the past fortnight. The 72nd Overseas Battalion is now, however, practically recruited to strength, and the 67th Battalion of Victoria and other overseas units are in much the same position.

The brass band of the 72nd Overseas Battalion is getting into fine shape. It is now recruited to over twenty men, and the bandmaster expects before long to have a full complement of musicians. The brass band of the Overseas Highlanders is a separate organization from the pipe band, which is under the command of Pipe-Major Gillies. There are sixteen pipers.

Several drafts have been sent by the Sixth Regiment during the past two weeks to the 67th Western Scottish at Victoria. The Sixth have been doing most satisfactory recruiting for both the Victoria regiment and the 72nd Battalion, and their efforts have been much appreciated.

Goes to Vernon.

The command of the internment camp at Vernon will be taken over by Major Rowan, who is consequently relieved of the command of the Vancouver Island detachments of the 23rd Infantry Brigade.

Regimental orders, 6th Regiment, D. C. O. R., state that Privates A. Risloy, H. Thrupp, S. J. Gothard, R. A. Pierce, W. R. Reid and G. Munro have been taken on the strength of the regiment for overseas service.

A detail of twelve men as per the list below, proceeded to the 67th Overseas Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, at Victoria, yesterday: Privates C. F. Suckling, S. E. Young, W. L. Young, M. Greenlees, R. Brechin, S. E. Walker, G. Baldwin, H. Manwood, B. H. McKinn, H. C. Parkinson, W. W. Dunlop, H. Boscowitz.