

REGIMENTAL BASES TO REMAIN HERE

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to the Front.

DETACHMENTS TO BE
SENT ON AS WANTED

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on the Coast.

Many subalterns, who entered the militia service some years ago aspiring to the rank designated by a crown and a star, and upon whom the Goddess of Fortune smiled sweetly, bending things to their desire, are now wishing that the Fates had been somewhat less propitious. In a word—there is but a poor chance for lieutenant-colonels to get to the front.

Advices received by local military authorities this morning confirm the intimation already given that no further entire regiments will be dispatched from British Columbia for service overseas. According to a statement made by Major Tite, headquarters commandant of the 23rd Infantry Brigade, men will be sent in detachments from Vernon to reinforce Canadian regiments already at the front. Regimental headquarters will continue to be in British Columbia insofar as the 47th, 54th, 62nd, 67th and 72nd Battalions are concerned. Companies and detachments of these regiments will be sent forward as required, but the commanding officer and his staff, with few exceptions, will remain at the regimental base. In other words each regiment, while in a continual state of flux, will have a solid core. There will be exodus of trained men from the regiment and inflow of recruits to the regiment, which will have a permanent nucleus.

Pioneer Battalion.

In the case of the 80th Pioneer Battalion, the situation is different. This corps will go to the front intact. Active recruiting for the regiment, it is understood, will be begun shortly. It is desired to secure as many men of the artizan and outdoor laboring class as possible for this regiment. Lieut.-Col. Hodgins of Victoria will be in command, while Major "Jim" Macdonnell is listed as senior field officer.

Troops to Winter Here.

"There is scarcely any question about the battalions at Vernon returning to the coast for the winter," declared Major Tite. "The expense of constructing permanent winter quarters for the 4000 men at the concentration camp would be too great. Without permanent quarters it would be inadvisable for troops to spend the winter in the northern Okanagan. No official advices have been received in the matter as yet, I might add."

The number of alien enemies in the B. C. internment camps has now reached the figure of 1000, according to Major Ridgeway Wilson of the intelligence department. The camps are at Nanaimo, Fernie, Monaskee, Edgewood, Revelstoke and Vernon.

Detachments For Front

Two hundred and fifty men from each of the three infantry regiments now in training at Vernon will be sent to Shorncliffe before the end of the month, it was announced this morning. Enlistment to bring the three regiments up to strength again will be immediately proceeded with.

The Vancouver Business Men's Battalion is showing up exceedingly well. The attendance at the Tuesday and Thursday evening drills now averages 150. A feature is the regularity of the attendance. The classes for "non-coms" are now under full swing.

Vancouver Casualties

In the casualty lists today the name of Pte. C. A. Connon, Suite 1, Royal Mansions, 1183 Pacific street, Vancouver, is given among those of the missing. Pte. John E. Martin of Edmonds is given in the German lists as a prisoner of war.

A provincial tag day will be held on Aug. 28, in connection with the campaign to raise \$25,000 for extra surgical and ambulance equipment for the Fifth B. C. Hospital.