

RIFLES ISSUED TO-DAY

AT EXHIBITION CAMP

Disposition of 120 Turks Arrested at Brantford Has Not Been Decided.

The most important development at the Exhibition camp to-day was the issuing of rifles to the men at noon, which will enable them to commence musketry drill, and advance rapidly with the work of preparation for the front.

One enthusiastic company was hard at drill in the rain early this morning. Squad drill was conducted in the Transportation building and under the grand stand, so that absolutely no time was lost. The admission of relatives and friends of the soldiers at night has proved pleasing to the men, and has meant a large crowd at the Grounds each night. At other times the soldiers amuse themselves with boxing bouts during evenings.

The medical examination has been concluded in the city regiments, and the doctors report gives these numbers rejected: Queen's Own Rifles (two companies), 37; 10th Royal Grenadiers, 5; 48th Highlanders, 4; 36th Peel Regiment, 17; 12th York Rangers, 5. The health of the men has been exceptionally good, and speaks volumes for the provision made for them. Out of the 2,200 only two are on the sick list, one having pneumonia.

The disposition of the 120 Turks arrested in the colony in Brantford has not yet been decided. From Ottawa it was directed that they be sent to Stanley Barracks, Toronto, to be placed with the other prisoners of war. Stanley Barracks, however, now houses some 60 prisoners, and is filled up. Ottawa was told to-day that there was no room for them in the present quarters.

Anonymous veiled threats received by the Brantford civic officials were said to be indirectly responsible for the arrest of the Turks last night. Mayor J. H. Spence and Chief of Police Slemin, of Brantford, received anonymous letters, stating that plans were being laid to blow up the new \$25,000 Government building, in course of construction there, and an armed guard has been placed to guard it. When the Dominion police at Ottawa were notified in regard to these reports, the order was issued to arrest all the Turks in Brantford.

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The miniature rifle ranges under the grand stand at the Exhibition will be completed as rapidly as possible, and practice will begin on the forty-eight targets in a few days.

Of the four platoons for active service to be formed in the Dominion, one platoon of cyclists, consisting of one officer and thirty men, will be raised in this military division for the second overseas force. The cyclists will be used as despatch riders. The officer and 110 men of the 2nd Company Canadian Engineers will be chosen from 400 volunteers, and the work of picking the detachment began to-day. Though no definite orders to mobilize have been received in regard to the Army Service corps, fifteen officers of the city corps have volunteered. The new units, including the mounted infantry, and medical men, will be quartered at the Exhibition, with most of them in the Live Stock and Poultry buildings.

Ample evidence of the closeness of the guard at the entrance to the Exhibition Grounds was given in an amusing manner to-day, when it became known that General Sir William Otter had been held up by a guard who did not know him.