

BASE DETAIL FOR PIONEERS

Orders Received by Captain Gaisford, Late of Indian Army, to Recruit Men.

Captain J. Gainsford, late of the Indian army, has been appointed to recruit 100 men as a base detail for the First Canadian Pioneer Battalion, which left the Coast some few weeks ago under the command of Lt.-Col. Hodgins of Victoria. It is understood that the recruiting will be conducted from the capital. Non-commissioned officers and men of the various units of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces will be permitted to transfer to this detail, which will be attached to the 103rd Overseas Battalion for all purposes.

A base detail is often used for the

nucleus of other battalions and it is quite on the cards that a second Pioneer Battalion will be raised in British Columbia and other sections of the west. The first pioneers were recruited in less than a month, and no difficulty was found in getting men, although the physical requirements were quite severe in several respects.

Staff Adjutant Here.

Major F. W. L. Moore, the district staff adjutant of Military District No. 11, passed through Vancouver today en route to headquarters at Victoria. He has been on duty for some time at the Revelstoke internment camp. Major Moore reports that the transfer of prisoners from Revelstoke to Ootertail is proceeding steadily. There is now quite a heavy snow-fall on Revelstoke Mountain. The camp there will, in all likelihood, be opened again next spring.

Officers Returned.

The thirteen officers from Vancouver who took the course for Field Officers just completed at Victoria are now all back in the city. These include four officers from the 6th D. C. O. R., six from the 72nd Overseas Battalion and the 72nd Highlanders, and three from the 11th Irish Fusiliers. The total number of officers who took the course was 26, so that there were 10 from Victoria and other points in the province other than Vancouver. Returned officers describe the class as a veritable war-time course. It is whispered, in fact, that it was one of the stiffest ever held in this province. The time was short and several of the officers who attended had little opportunity for preparation—at least insofar as theory was concerned.

Several officers have been selected by Lieut.-Col. J. W. Warden for service with the 102nd Battalion of "Northerners" which he is raising for active service at the front. The list will include Capt. H. B. Scharnschmidt of the 7th Battalion, and Capt. George Rothnie of the 31st B. C. Horse. Both these officers have seen active service in Flanders. Capt. L. M. Hager of Victoria will be junior major and Capt. Frank Stead will be quartermaster. Capt. the Hon. John Kirkpatrick of Prince Rupert will be paymaster and Capt. McNeil of Prince Rupert, medical officer. Other officers will be Capt. Connant of Kamloops, Lieuts. Brandt, Halsey, and Brydon of Prince Rupert and Lieut. Wilson of Vancouver. The appointments are, of course, provisional, and have been forwarded to Ottawa for approval. Col. Warden has

recommended that the training headquarters of the regiment be located at Comox. Recruiting will be carried on in different parts of the province.

Recruiting Meeting.

Hon. Colonel J. L. Hughes of Toronto, brother of the Minister of Militia, will be the principal speaker at a recruiting meeting to be held at the Labor Temple on Thursday evening next. This will be the first of many meetings held in this city to assist in the raising of 100,000 men for Canada's army.

Military Orders.

31st Regiment British Columbia Horse.
"B" Squadron orders for week ending Dec. 4, by the officer commanding:—

Orderly officer for week: Lieut. M. A. Tuck; next for duty, Lieut. E. A. Grimsdall. Orderly sergeant for week, Sergt. Belyea; next for duty, Sergt. Riley. The squadron will parade at the Horse Show Building on Friday at 7:45 p.m. N.C.O.'s class will be held at headquarters on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. Signallers will parade at headquarters tonight at 7:30, and at the Horse Show Building on Friday at 7:45 p.m. Orderly room corporal E. E. Townley is returned to duty at his own request.

The following men having been attested are taken on the strength from

this date: F. Hall, W. Telford, S. D. Smyth, G. S. Whippie, P. W. Pollock, J. C. Shillingford, P. S. Smith, C. A. Mole, P. Wallis, T. Dick, F. H. Knowles, J. S. Clarke.

Tpr. P. Wellis to be acting sergeant;
Tpr. J. Miller to be acting corporal and
orderly room corporal.