

NEW BATTALIONS ARE INSPECTED BY GEN. CRUIKSHANK

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The principal object of yesterday's visit to Edmonton of Brigadier-General G. A. Cruikshank, G.O.C., of Military District No. 13, was to inspect the work and organization of the new 138th and 151st Battalions, now being recruited in the city.

The General informed the Bulletin that he was pleased with the satisfactory body of men these two battalions had recruited. A visit was also paid to the new detention barracks being constructed at the Exhibition Grounds for military prisoners.

Four new infantry battalions are now being recruited in Alberta. They are the 138th and 151st here, the 137th at Calgary, and the 113th in Lethbridge. No. 2 Tunneling Company of 350 men is being organized at Calgary. No. 8 Field Ambulance will have 250 ambulance men. 50 more Engineers are being drafted for Overseas service.

Two hundred men are wanted from Alberta for the Mechanical Transport of the Imperial Service. Thus an opportunity is given for those who can pass the test on knowledge of parts of an auto and in its operation. Fifty have been recruited in Calgary, and an officer is expected in Edmonton next week to conduct the examination here. It is likely that all who can pass the tests as a mechanic and operator will be accepted.

The 97th, known as the American Legion, has been successful in its recruiting at both Calgary and Edmonton.

500 Men Recruited Per Week.

General Cruikshank is well satisfied with the record of recruiting in Alberta, which has since May 15th averaged about 500 men per week. At this rate for a year it would mean a brigade of 26,000 men. There are now a goodly proportion of Canadian-born among the recruits, more than formerly.

The drilling and training of the new recruits is proving satisfactory. Their conduct is reported by the police and others to be quite good. The General Officer commanding now plans to visit every two weeks the various commands in Military District No. 13, which comprises the province of Alberta. He finds the men comfortable and well pleased in their winter barracks.

Aid for Returned Soldiers.

General Cruikshank is desirous of assisting the returned soldiers in any way he can, and if they are physically fit for the strenuous duties an opportunity will be given for them to become members of the Military Police, or possibly also as guards at the detention camp being established at Jasper Park. But these positions may at time require men of strong physical strength.

When the internment camp is completed at Jasper Park it is expected that 200 interned alien enemies will be moved there from Brandon early next month. The Jasper Internment camp will likely be in charge of Major A. E. Hopkins. Two hundred interned aliens were recently moved from Brandon to Banff, and there are 125 interned at the Lethbridge camp.

Since the war started the total enlistment of soldiers in Alberta bears a higher percentage of the population than in any other province in Canada. All parts of the province have done well. While the number of recruiting stations have been small, let the men have come from the villages and outlying points to the larger centres where the battalions were recruited. Albertans have shown their loyalty to the Empire.