

KITCHENER'S OWN NEW N.C.O. CLASS

Will Start This Week for Finishing Lap of Organization Work

LT.-COL. LEDUC TO RETURN

Will Resume Duties as A.A.G. at Headquarters — Bugle Band Instructor Secured for 245th Battalion

Arrangements are being made by Lieut.-Col. F. M. McRobie and the officers of the 244th Kitchener's Own to start another N.C.O. class for the battalion. This will be organized during the present week, and will be made up with the idea of giving an opportunity to recruits who have shown exceptional skill as well as to attract a good class of recruits.

Recruiting for this class will start at once, with a good nucleus from the various companies, while men desiring to join the class should apply at the barracks on Peel street. The regular class work will start towards the end of the week, under Sergt.-Major C. E. Brown (W.O.), late of the Royal School of Infantry, Halifax.

Fairly good recruiting work has been done by the 244th over the weekend, eleven men being sworn in yesterday, including a party of men from the Composites, who have been serving at the Kapuskasing Camp, near Spirit Lake, where the German war prisoners have been interned.

This party included Ptes. Thos. Taylor, Peter Lapenkie, Jos. Bourcier, Wilfrid Cox, Fred. Fell, Robert Griffin and Patrick O'Brien, the latter a South African veteran. These men all came in from the internment camp, and at once enlisted with the Kitchener's Own. Other recruits taken on yesterday were Frank Hall, Holton, Mass.; Albert and Harold Andrews, of 1316 Berri street; and Philip Harrison. The latter is an Old Countryman, who comes of a military family. He has three brothers on war service. One, with the 7th Staffords, was twice wounded and won the D.C.M.; another is with the 78th Hussars, and the third with the Royal Garrison Artillery.

LIEUT.-COL. LEDUC RETURNING.

Lieut.-Col. Louis LeDuc, who has been at Valcartier during the summer in command of the French-Canadian Brigade, will return to his duties at headquarters here on Thursday. Lieut.-Col. LeDuc will resume his duties as assistant adjutant-general, and Lieut.-Col. M. A. Piche, who has taken over his duties during his absence, will revert to his duties as principal veterinary officer.

AN EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTOR.

The 245th Canadian Grenadier Guards, C.E.F., have secured one of the most experienced buglers and bandsmen in Canada in Sergt. E. Hawkins, who has taken charge of the bugle band for Lieut.-Col. Ballantyne's battalion.

Sergt. Hawkins has been 29 years in the service, with several of the most famous British regiments. He joined the 16th Lancers at Canterbury as trumpeter in 1882. The next year he went to Egypt and served through that campaign with the Camel Corps. In 1886 he transferred to the Dragoon Guards, Queen's Bays, in India, and served with them for 12 years. Thence he transferred to the Scots Greys, and later was made trumpet-major of the Coldstream Guards, with whom he served for ten years. He was in charge of the trumpeters who blew the flourish at St. Paul's Cathedral at the coronation of King George V. He wears the Egyptian Medal, Khedive's Star, and the Long Service and Good Conduct medals. Under his direction excellent progress is being made with the bugle band for the 245th.

CADETS CLOSE SEASON.

The Highland Cadets, under Lieut.-Col. Fred. Lydon, will hold their last march out for the season tomorrow evening. The battalion will fall in at 8 o'clock sharp at the Craig street Drill Hall, uniform, full dress with Glengarry caps and feathers. The bugle and pipe bands will also attend.

On leaving the armory the Cadets will pass along St. James to Windsor, Dorchester, Drummond, Sherbrooke, Bleury, St. Catherine, St. Lawrence and Craig, to the armory.

There are still a number of vacancies for the Highland Cadets' brass band, and recruits are invited, while general recruiting and drill will be held at the Drill Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings.