



Men of Fifty Second Marched Total of Twenty Miles Yesterday



Men of Fifty Second to be in Khaki Next Week

Khaki uniforms for the men of the Fifty-Second battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, arrived in Port Arthur this afternoon. They will be issued to the men on Monday and all parades will henceforth be held in military, instead of the variegated civilian dress. The regulations require the men to wear military clothing exclusively.

The issue of the uniforms will be much welcomed by officers and men.

The Fifty-Second still needs about 150 men to put it up to full strength. Recruits have been received lately at an average of about eight a day. Cap-

tain Ford, the adjutant, stated today that he expected the required number of men would be received soon after the members on the roll began to appear on the streets in khaki.

Officers of the Fifty-Second battalion have made all arrangements for the organization of a regimental band. Instruments have been ordered and the bandmen will get together for rehearsals at the earliest possible date.

Lieutenants Roberts and Robertson arrived from Winnipeg today and have joined the battalion.

The mobilization of the 52nd (New Ontario) Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, began to solidify in April 1915 as Lt. Col. A.W. Hay officially took command of the unit, recruitment neared completion, uniforms for the soldiers and officers arrived in Port Arthur and training progressed.

In the first half of April, the Fort William Daily Times Journal and Port Arthur News Chronicle reported the names of the officers transferring to the 52nd from the 96th Lake Superior Regiment and other military units outside the Thunder Bay District. On April 16, 1915 the inaugural mess of the 52nd (New Ontario) Battalion officers was held at the Shuniah Club.

Soon after, it was reported that the 52nd was nearing the full strength mark of 993 recruits which was predicted to happen that same week. Khaki uniforms arrived for the recruits in the second half of April 1915 and they were issued to the soldiers on May 2, 1915. At the end of the month, on April 30, the Port Arthur News Chronicle stated that 250 soldiers from the 52nd Battalion would be selected to stand ready to leave as reinforcements for active service.

250 MEN OF FIFTY SECOND TO GO AS REINFORCEMENTS

Number is Being Selected to Await Special Orders
—Similar Instructions Received by Some
Other Battalions.