

Canadians Hail The King At Five-Hour Inspection

Aldershot, England, Jan. 24 (CP).

—The King, who six months ago visited his Canadian subjects in their Dominion, today spent five hours among the men the Dominion has sent to England to fight in the war against Germany.

And as the strains of "Retreat" sounded through the winter twilight of Aldershot Camp tonight, the members of Canada's First Division agreed it had been the most eventful day they had spent since they landed on the shores of the Motherland nearly six weeks ago.

For more than five hours the Canadians enjoyed the thrill of a lifetime as the King strolled informally through the serried ranks of well-trained soldiers recruited from every part of the Dominion, and formally reviewed three units of which he is Colonel-in-Chief—the Royal 22nd Regiment, the Royal Canadian Engineers, and the Royal Canadian Artillery.

Dressed in the uniform of Field Marshal and protected by a fur-collared British warm against the bitter cold, His Majesty drove nearly fifty miles through the scattered camps of the Canadian divi-

sion and walked about five miles more along the ranks, chatting with officers and men about their general welfare and previous war services.

Wherever he appeared His Majesty was greeted by a roar of cheers with a "tiger" added for good measure. An extra cheer was also called "for our Colonel-in-Chief" by the commanders of the units he reviewed.

Although the Queen did not accompany His Majesty today, it was learned she will visit the camp at the first opportunity to inspect the Toronto Scottish, of which regiment she is Colonel-in-Chief.

The King told Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton, Officer Commanding the Canadian Active Service Force, that he is looking forward to visiting the Canadians from time to time, and specifically requested that such an occasion should be as informal as possible.

He told the G.O.C. he had been deeply impressed by the smart bearing and soldierly discipline of the entire division. Before taking his leave he congratulated General Mc-

Naughton on the proficiency and turnout of his men and wished them "good luck and God speed."

The eventful day for the division started at 10:30 a.m. as His Majesty in a Royal car was escorted by members of the First Provost Company, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, to the precincts of divisional headquarters.

There he was greeted by Lieut.-General Charles Broad, General Officer Commanding the Aldershot Command, who introduced General McNaughton and senior Canadian staff officers to His Majesty.

The arrival was signaled by the raising of the division's new battle flag on the staff erected for the occasion. The King displayed keen interest in the flag, which combines the Union Jack, maple leaf and fleur de lys on a white field, and before the day's ceremony ended he was presented with a miniature, which had been flown on General McNaughton's car, as a memento of the visit.

The King was visibly affected by the gesture and told General McNaughton he would regard the flag as one of his most cherished souvenirs.

From divisional headquarters the King marched through miles of tightly packed lanes of the Dominion's stalwart songs, all of whom

paraded in battle dress for the first time in England. He chatted at length with many of the officers and men, showing particularly interest in those who had won distinction with the forces in former wars.

Although no advance notice had been given of the visit, thousands of citizens lined the route of inspec-

tion, lending volume to the waves of cheers as the Monarch passed from unit to unit. Overhead planes roared in salute. Mechanical convoys of the Imperial forces in the area halted in salute along the highway.

Accompanying the King were Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner; L. B. Pearson, secretary of Canada House; senior members of the Canadian Military Headquarters staff in London; ranking staff officers of the First Division and Sir Alexander Hardinge, Equerry to the King.

Also with the party were four members of the R.C.M.P., C.S.M. Charles Graham of Cornwall, who had charge of the motorcycle escort during the royal tour of Canada; Sergt. O. G. Supeene, Winnipeg; Corp. J. E. B. Hallett, Edmonton, and Corp. M. E. Byers, Calgary.

Directing traffic along every avenue leading into the main artery of the Royal procession were forty-two selected members of the R.C.M.P. under command of Lieut.-Col. C. H. Hill, Ottawa.

On six separate occasions the Royal Standard was broken out and the National Anthem played while His Majesty stood at salute.

It was the first time that the Canadians had turned out to the strains of a brass band and the newsreel sound units made the most of it. A complete picture of the day's ceremony was recorded in film and sound and will be presented to the Canadian Government as a permanent record for the Dominion archives.

The King in visiting his Canadian troops encamped in Britain followed the example set by his father more than twenty-five years ago. George V, accompanied by Queen Mary and Lord Kitchener and Lord Roberts, reviewed the Canadians at Salisbury Plains Nov. 5, 1914.

His Majesty spent the whole day at the Canadian camp, lunching with General McNaughton and his senior officers, and leaving just at dusk.

In addition to the units he formally reviewed, passing up and down their ranks, he saw the entire First Division and had presented to him the senior officers of each unit.

After the welcoming formalities the King passed first through the Toronto Scottish, which lined the highway near divisional headquarters. Next were the Saskatoon Light Infantry and the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals.

Then His Majesty reviewed four units of the R.C.A., the Third Field Regiment, the First Anti-Tank Regiment, and First and Second Field Regiments, in turn.

Next he walked along a highway flanked by units of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and passed along the ranks of the Second Infantry Brigade where he saw the Princess Pats, the Seaforth Highlanders and the Edmonton Regiment.

He passed the Third Infantry Brigade, including the Carleton and York Regiment and the West Nova Scotias en route to his inspection of the gallant Royal Vingt-Deuxieme.

After lunch the King reviewed the R.C.E. and passed through the first brigade where he saw the Royal Canadian Regiment, the Prince Edward Regiment, the 48th Highlanders, the Royal Montreal Regiment and finally the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps.

At luncheon the King sat with General McNaughton at his right and Brigadier J. C. Stewart of the Royal Canadian Artillery at his left. Immediately opposite the King sat

Mr. Massey, who was flanked by Brigadier G. R. Pearkes, V.C., and General Broad.

Other guests included Sir Alexander Hardinge, Colonel E. W. Sanson, Brigadier C. B. Price, Colonel R. M. Luton, Colonel J. A. Linton, Brigadier H. D. G. Crerar, Brigadier A. A. Smith, Brigadier W. W. Foster, Colonel J. H. MacQueen, Colonel G. R. Loggie, Lieut.-Col. G. R. Turner, Lieut.-Col. J. M. Gibson, Lieut.-Col. T. R. A. Wyman, Lieut.-Col. A. E. Potts, Lieut.-Col. E. H. Hill, Lieut.-Col. T. R. Shields, Lieut.-Col. A. E. Walford, Lieut.-Col. C. S. L. Hertzberg, Lieut.-Col. T. W. Bullock, Lieut.-Col. E. W. Haldenby, Lieut.-Col. G. R. D. Farmer, Lieut.-Col. J. D. Stevenson, Lieut.-Col. G. M. Elder, Lieut.-Col. V. Hodson, Lieut.-Col. G. E. Genet, Lieut.-Col. W. E. Colquhoun, Lieut.-Col. P. Flynn, Lieut.-Col. J. H. Roberts, Lieut.-Col. H. L. Ganong, Lieut.-Col. S. Young, Lieut.-Col. C. C. Compton, Lieut.-Col. W. G. Stillman, Lieut.-Col. E. Slessor, Lieut.-Col. G. E. McCartney, Lieut.-Col. E. A. McCusker, Lieut.-Col. A. E. D. Tremaine, Lieut.-Col. C. W. F. Johnston, Honorary Lieut.-Col. H. A. Kent, Lieut.-Col. E. L. M. Burns, Major M. F. Gregg, V.C., Major J. F. A. Lister, Commander F. V. Heakes and Mr. Pearson.

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