

The Daily Colonist, 1915-03-04, page 7:

...Since the latter part of January purchases of horses have been made by the remount department and it is possible that a number will be transferred here shortly. Capt. F. H. Cunningham, of the 104th Fusiliers, New Westminster, is the officer in charged of the purchase of remounts on this Island, and Dr. C. M. Henderson, Vancouver, is veterinary Inspector. The arrival of horses would facilitate the training of the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, who, so far, have had not more than forty horses for the whole 600 men.

The Daily Colonist, 1915-03-13, page 7:

...Next week is expected to see the arrival of the first batch of horses from New Westminster for the troopers of the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles at the Willows Camp. During the week about 300 remounts will be sent over, all of a very find stamp. The final arrangements only await the return of Colonel A. D. McRae to New Westminster.

The Daily Colonist, 1915-03-25, page 7:

...Yesterday afternoon 310 remounts arrived in the city for the use of the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles at the Willows camp. The horses were sent over from New Westminster in cars which were loaded on scows and landed at the Chatham Street wharf. About one-quarter of these remounts are draft horses. Half the regiment was sent down to the wharf to bring the remounts up to the camp.

A good deal of interest was shown by the members of the corps in the arrival of the remounts, for it means that the regiment will be able to go through their drill mounted for the first time. So far the lack of horses confined the drill to squads, and real business will probably start today.

The Daily Colonist, 1915-04-27, page 6:

Military News – Lieutenant J. Dunsmuir, 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, left the city on Friday en route for England, where he hopes to obtain a commission in a cavalry regiment of the imperial army. Leave for the half-day was given yesterday afternoon to the troopers of the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, as the regiment will leave camp this morning for three days on a route march and bivouac. This is the first time the whole regiment has undertaken this manoeuvre, though last week on two separate occasions a company was sent out to bivouac.

The Daily Colonist, 1915-04-28, page 6:

Signalling Practice – The relaying of messages from the Willows Camp to the bivouac of the Mounted Rifles at Sidney is a feature of the training now being carried out in connection with the regiment. Signalers have been posted at points of vantage on Mount Douglas and other eminences between the city and the temporary quarters. Today it is proposed sending news bulletins by this means to the officers and men of the detachment in order that they may be kept in touch with important happenings at the front.

The Daily Colonist, 1915-04-30, page 7:

... After two days at Sidney, the Canadian Mounted Rifles arrived in camp at the Willows late yesterday afternoon. The manoeuvres held in North Saanich were of a valuable character from a military viewpoint, and it is stated by the officers that the regiment acquitted itself most creditably. Each squadron was put through independent movements in the country in the vicinity of Sidney. The march bck was conducted in advance guard formation....

The Daily Colonist, 1915-05-06, page 7:

Col. Ogilvie Makes Official Announcement That Vernon Is Chosen – Mounted Rifles May Leave Wednesday.

...Another fact which is of great interest to Victorians is that Lieut.-Col. Bott, commanding the 2nd C.M.R., which corps has been quartered at the Willows for some months, and the officers and men of which have become well acquainted and exceedingly popular locally, has received a telegram from Colonel Sissons, commanding the 1st C.M.R. Regiment, which is as follows:

"The brigade will assemble at Sewell about the 15th."

The date given is Saturday week, which would indicate that the 2nd C.M.R. would be called on to leave Victoria early next week. Wednesday is the day generally believed to be chosen for the departure, but there is nothing authoritative to confirm the report that such an arrangement has been made. In fact, Colonel Ogilvie states that he has no intimation that the Mounted Rifles are to be brigaded at Sewell on the 15th, but, in view of Colonel Sisson's telegram, he expects to receive something official any day...

The Daily Colonist, 1915-05-20, page 7:

...The regular drills continue among those attached to the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles. While no news has been yet been received respecting the approaching departure of this regiment and of the 45th Battalion, both are preparing with as much enthusiasm as though it had been definitely settled that they were to leave today. The unanimity of the mounted rifles with regard to the proposal that they go to the front as a dismounted unit is shown by the fact that there are less than twenty-five who expressed a disinclination to proceed without mounts. It is possible that arrangements will be made to grant discharges to those who have taken this stand.

The Daily Colonist, 1915-07-01, page 8:

Reserve Squadron Mounted Rifles will parade at Drill Hall Friday at 8 p.m. sharp. Full parade desired. LIEUT. O. B. ELLER, Commanding.