

VICTORIA, B.C. 11.M.D. 99-96.
18th Jan., 1917.

From.- The A.A.G. i/c Administration, M.D. No.11,
Victoria, B.C.

To.- The Chairman, Board of
License Commissioners,

Samuel M.

CLOSING OF SALOONS AT 9.P.M.

Sir:-

I have the honour, by direction of the General Officer Commanding, Military District 11. to state that as you are no doubt aware all Saloons, Bars, Bottle Storerooms and places where intoxicating liquor is supplied have for a long time past been placed "Out of Bounds" for all troops in this District between the hours of 9.P.M. and 12 noon.

2. It has been pointed out that the result is somewhat aggravating to the soldier, especially to men recently joined, because of the law allowing their friends in civil life to be served up till 10.P.M.

3. On donning His Majesty's uniform a man gives up much of his civil liberty in order to comply with the necessary rules of military discipline. It is considered undesirable that men volunteering to serve their country in this time of emergency should be made to feel that they are called on unnecessarily to come under any restriction which does not apply to civilians.

4. A soldier happening to be in a Bar at 9.P.M. sees civilians being served while he is refused, and it is hard to convince him that this is not a grievance and an unnecessary punishment on him for enlisting.

5. It is therefore being submitted to all the City & Municipal Licensing Boards and to the Provincial Authorities that it is considered desirable to make the closing hour 9.P.M. instead of 10.P.M., and it is respectfully requested that you bring the matter before your Licensing Board and will kindly advise me as early as possible what action if any is intended to be taken.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Fred. Wallace

Major,
A.A.G. i/c Administration, M.D. No.11.