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**LOWTHER'S LAMBS.**

On Thursday morning Lieutenant-General Woollacombe, C.B., general of the Eastern Command, inspected on the Down at Bexhill fully 2,500 men, representing the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (not completed) Southdown Battalions. The 1st Battalion was in uniform; the others wore (owing to the scarcity of khaki) their civilian dress. Colonel Lowther was present, and the inspection closed with a march past. In recruiting the 3rd Battalion progress is being made. Last week about 240 were obtained, and the total raised up to Sunday was nearly 700.

The popularity of "Sussex by the Sea" is great with the battalions on their route marches, which are frequent and lengthy, and though it has not altogether displaced "Tipperary" it is more frequently both sung and whistled, and certainly the men whistle well and heartily.

The new sergeants' mess is approaching completion at Cooden. It will hold 200 men.

An indoor sports club by the 2nd Battalion has been formed, Captain Leaver being treasurer and the committee consisting of Sergeant-Major Barnham and two men from each company. Boxing, wrestling, sword-stick exercises, and bayonet competitions will form features in the programme. Three silver cups have been presented.

Football is being practised, and matches between the companies of each battalion will later on be followed by those between representatives of the three battalions.