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## CANADIAN RAILWAY AND MARINE WAR

### The Military Concentration Camp at Valcartier.

On the outbreak of war the Canadian Militia Department, in anticipation of the acceptance by the mother country of the offer of Canadian troops for service abroad, proceeded to lay out a concentration camp at Valcartier, Que., 162 miles from Quebec, on the Quebec and Lake St. John Ry., now part of the Canadian Northern Ry. system, where the troops might be placed in condition to be effective in assisting the British arms. To handle the large contingent promised by this country special railway facilities were required in a great hurry, and the railway officials proceeded immediately to put in such railway accommodation as would meet the requirements. The accompanying plan shows the railway facilities provided, the solid lines showing the existing tracks, and the dotted lines the trackage laid for military purposes. Three miles of track were laid in a week.

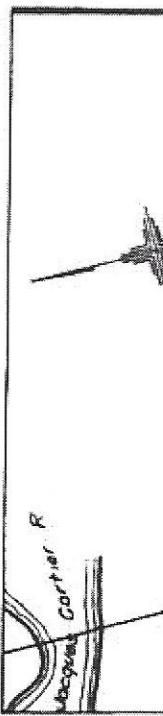
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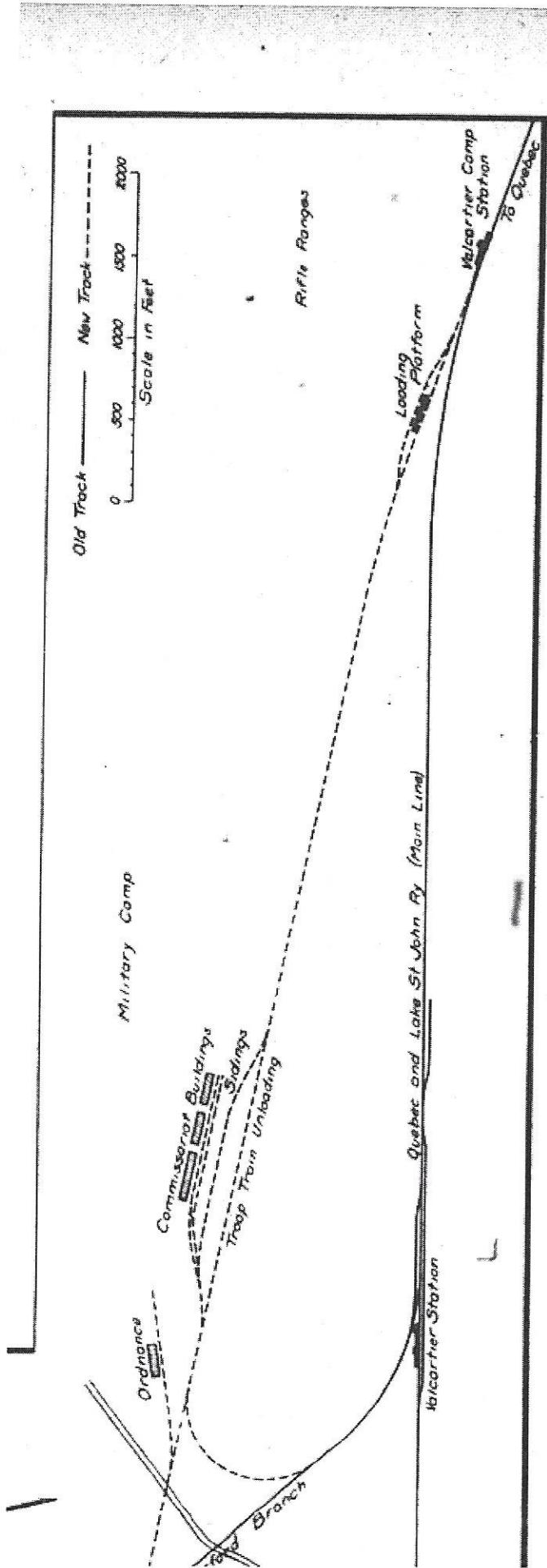
At this point the railway is particularly well supplied with siding accommodation for holding trains in readiness. The Gosford branch at the west end has no passenger service, so that it may be used as a long siding if required, and in the meantime there is a large amount of siding provided some distance along this line at a lumber mill, the sidings for which will be utilized. This accommodation is in addition to the three sidings at Valcartier station.

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