

SAYS RETURNING MEN ON SATURNIA WERE FORCED TO BUY FOOD

Four Calgary Sergeant-Majors Back
up Men's Complaints at Treat-
ment on Transport.

CALGARY, April 16.—Among the complaints of local men returning on the Saturnia it was stated that an old procedure was resorted to. The men were more than half clammed so that stewards and cooks, might have the surplus food that was served up in pies and other ways. A meal of chicken cost \$1.20. Three apples were retailed at 25 cents. Pies averaged 50 cents each. Even "quarter" was charged for six ship's biscuits.

The men were compelled to patronize the stewards, as much of the food that was served in the ordinary way was unfit for consumption. Eggs were absolutely rotten and the fish so bad that it almost made the soldiers vomit. This was not all.

The sleeping accommodation was foul, and as many as six men were placed in a compartment nine feet by eight. There was no attempt at ventilation and the temperature, taken in the presence of the ship's officers, stood at 96.

The sanitary conditions almost beggared description. Two wash-basins, one closet, and one bath had to serve for more than 90 men.

All these statements have been vouched as being correct by Sgt. Major McKinley, Sgt. Major Ching, Sgt. Major Jenkinson and Sgt. Major Stone, all of Calgary, supported by a long list of 79 Alberta men, and 190 men whose homes are in British Co-