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and as we had taken the precaution of giving them
all a cocktail to start with they played much we
could hardly stop them and very good stuff too.

The papers I must report to tell you what under and
when they were called up to play for our Fallen Comrade
they were beyond recall. The speeches were awfully
good. Robertson (5th) gave a most excellent speech
the Archie Gallie was most witty and the chief speaker
~~that~~ - who proposed the old 16th - spoke better than
I heard him speak. Our General Ross called
for her spouse about midnight or so, I understood
they had been so, but he forgot - I suppose - and the poor
lady I understand had to wait for something over an hour.
I can't see that these functions do any harm even in
a while.

Then on the 6th May we had a Battalion tactical
schemes went out at 10.30 ^{am} as per back at
5pm. It was a glorious day we took our lunch with
us and picniced under the trees. 22 attended which
I think was quite satisfactory and they are all dead keen
on a new of that. We worked out a ^{camp} ~~camp~~ ^{started} ~~started~~ ^{starting}
with patrol work - reports - platoon attack - and company
attack. I returned to them in a list of 15 minute hints
before the 1st exercise the decisions the various higher Command
people had to make at the different hours during the morning
must at last we got down to where we stood. The young officers
seemed to get in the spirit of it and some reputation in a
remarkable way.

We hope to have a small Battalion camp from
1st to 13th June at various points, and the ^{arrange}
appearance of putting some fresh fellows through the tactical
schemes