



By "WAG."

1st C.E.R.B. Dances.

The weekly dances of the Battalion, held in No. 2 Canteen, have become a very successful feature of camp life in this unit.

Each Wednesday "A," "B," and "C" Company in turn undertakes the management of the dance, and, of course, the preference in the distribution of the tickets is reserved by the Company in charge. As the number of tickets is limited to 50, in order to prevent overcrowding, there was naturally a little ill-feeling engendered at first among dancing experts in other Companies at being left out. When it was thoroughly understood, however, that their turn would come, this feeling disappeared.

A new turn will be given to the movement on Wednesday, September 18th, when the "C" Company dance will take the form of a masquerade.

Tickets will be issued first to those desiring to come in costume, and if there are any left after this they will be issued in the ordinary way.

C.E.T.C Pierrottes.

It scarcely needed a prophet to predict that, with the advent of the new costumes the boys would place each individual turn on a par with them; and turn the show out as "pretty nifty" they certainly did. So that with the exception of one or two deficiencies in team work, the concert given by the Troupe in the Cinema was, as one or two admirers remarked, "pretty smooth."

From the opening chorus each individual turn was good. By dint of hard practice the instrumentalists have got nicely together, and the rendering of the respective musical numbers called for an encore every time, especially the Hawaiian number which, by the way, has been highly praised by a real native of Hawaii. So congratulations to Sappers Smyth and Pillington, also to Sapper Mayo at the piano.

Sapper Doneau was up to his usual form, and pleased the audience with his "Wild, Wild Women." Driver Butler was certainly the cause of some side aching among the ladies in the audience. His rendering of comic songs is above the average comedian stuff one finds around camp shows.

Doncaster still carries his audience with him, although in some opinions none of his new songs come up to "Jones of the Signals." Get wise, Don.

Mr. Grant's number, "Under the Cotton Moon" is great, and stands out as quite a feature in the show, enlisting as it does the aid of the chorus, the instrumentalists, and the clever dancing of Driver Harry Jones.

As regards scenic efforts, the Troupe has reason to admit lack of essentials. However, each show improves by additional effects, and no doubt in the near future the entertainment will stand in talent, dress and props.—second to none.

A concert was given at the 14th Canadian General Hospital, Eastbourne. Each individual item was well received, and an extra tone was given to the programme by the rendering of classic operatic numbers by Mr. Stenhouse. The boys had quite a little time along the beach Sunday morning before leaving, in the shape of an impromptu concert, and which pleased a big bunch of fair visitors.

Another concert was given at the large Y.M.C.A., South Camp, on the 30th August, to a crowded house, and the regular programme was run through and highly appreciated by the boys there. Afterwards an excellent supper was supplied the Troupe by the management.

THE TAY.

The Seaside Y.M.C.A.

An entirely new thing. The Seaside Y.

It occupies the premises of the old Soldiers' Club at Telsmaure, and although it is a part of the Y.M.C.A. organization it is as different from the ordinary Y as chalk from cheese.

The way it came about was that Mr. Fennell, the manager, was invalided from the front, and when the doctor had done with him the "Y" people offered him an appointment. He accepted this, on the condition that he should have a free hand, so they said "Very well, here is this building, go ahead and do what you like with it."

He did, and with excellent results.

His idea was to run the place more on the lines of an officers' club. The rooms are well fitted up, and upholstered throughout in a good self-contained colour scheme. The easy chairs are really easy, there are linoleum and mats on the floor, the windows are clean.

There is a free wash room and free checking room for cloaks, etc., drawing room, reading rooms, and tea rooms; while, during the summer months, the beautiful lawns are fitted out with the necessary paraphernalia of an outdoor café, where you may take your lady friends and relations to tea.

There is a good billiard room and three canteen rooms, where a speciality is made of real home made cooking, as near cost price as working expenses will permit.

Every Saturday evening a London Concert Party performs in the outdoor theatre in the grounds, and on Sunday evenings there are frequent concerts by well-known people.

Everything that a soldier away from home wants to make him comfortable will be found here.

I almost forgot to mention one of the most important items in the scheme of this new departure, and that is that there is a professional entertainer always on the job in the person of Miss Kitchin.

Cadets' "Y."

We have received word that a special Y.M.C.A. for cadets will shortly be opened in the assembly rooms in the grounds of the Seaside "Y," and hope to announce further particulars in our next issue.