

On reaching the canal he found the bridge already blown up. Under a heavy barrage he crossed to the next bridge, where he cut a number of "lead" wires. Then, in total darkness, and unaware of the position or strength of the enemy at the bridgehead, he dashed across the main bridge over the canal. This bridge was found to be heavily charged for demolition, and whilst Capt. Mitchell, assisted by his N.C.O., was cutting the wires, the enemy attempted to rush the bridge in order to blow the charges, whereupon he at once dashed to the assistance of his sentry, who had been wounded, killed three of the enemy, captured twelve, and maintained the bridgehead until reinforced.

Then, under heavy fire, he continued his task of cutting wires and removing charges, which he well knew might at any moment have been fired by the enemy.

It was entirely due to his valour and decisive action that this important bridge across the canal was saved from destruction.

Capt. C. N. Mitchell is a Canadian by birth and upbringing, having been born in Winnipeg 30 years ago. He is the son of Mr. C. N. Mitchell, 310, Furby Street, Winnipeg. The latter is himself a war veteran. He served in the suppression of the Rebellion organised by the half-breed Louis Riel in 1885, and was one of the organisers of the "Little Black Devils," the Winnipeg regiment which earned its fighting sobriquet in that uprising. Capt. Mitchell, who is by profession a civil engineer, left Winnipeg in December, 1914, as a private in the signalling section of the Engineers, and has served continuously without being wounded. It did not take him long to attain commissioned rank, and in February, 1917, he was awarded the Military Cross for "great courage and skill in counter-mining against enemy galleries, on one occasion being cut off from his own lines for twelve hours." Two of his brothers have served. The elder, Lieut. Stanley Mitchell, died in 1915 whilst in charge of a draft of men being returned to Canada; and Lieut. Ivan G. Mitchell, a younger brother, who served with the 78th Battalion, is now attached to the "Syren Party" of the Canadian Force in North Russia.

British Branch of G.W.V.A. Formed.

"TO SAFEGUARD RIGHTS OF CANADIAN SOLDIERS DISCHARGED IN ENGLAND."

The inaugural meeting of the United Kingdom Branch of the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada, was held

Mr. C. F. Gifford, of Montreal (late Lt., 42nd Bn.), was voted to the chair, and the Hon. Organising Secretary (Mr. R. W. Trowsdale, 4th Bn.) having explained the purpose of the proposed Branch, it was proposed by Mr. H. Amos (43rd Bn.), seconded by Mr. A. A. Gemmell (19th Alberta Dragoons), and carried unanimously, that a Branch be organised in Great Britain.

A committee of seven was appointed to draft by-laws based on those of the parent Association in Canada, and to report to a general meeting to be convened in the near future.

Mr. Gifford was unanimously elected President of the Branch, and Mr. Trowsdale appointed Secretary-Treasurer pro tem.

A resolution was passed strongly denouncing the manner in which post-discharge pay has so far been withheld from Canadian officers and men discharged (in Great Britain) on account of wounds.

Applications for membership—from Canadian officers and men already discharged in Great Britain—should be made to the Secretary-Treasurer, U.K. Branch, G.W.V.A. Room 85, 113, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

Entertainments.

C.E.T.C. Concert Party.

During the week of February 3rd—9th, the Pierrot Troupe, who are on tour under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., paid a visit to Seaford. Concerts were given every evening during the week, and packed houses greeted the troupe everywhere. Comment on all sides was to the effect that the entertainment provided was the "peppiest" seen in this area. The Myriow, Holden, Howe, Gouin, "Jazz Band" brought down the house. They are in a class to themselves. Bentley has kept his turn well to the front by his latest ballads. Smale and Deneau continue to earn encores by their "snap and ginger," and up-to-the-minute rag songs. Doncaster continues the humorous part of the shows, and is earning big applause. Wilson, with his tricks, is always good for 15 minutes of mystery and merriment.

The Troupe visited Bramshott Camp for a week's engagement. Shows were given at various "Y's," also at Bramshott Hospital and the Officers' Club.

Witley Camp also received a week's visit, a similar series of concerts being given. At both hospitals the "boys" were especially appreciative of the lively music and songs. After the show at Bramshott Hospital the "Jazz Band" played for a dance, which was greatly enjoyed by the patients and nurses, who had a "turn" on the floor.

The Troupe is certainly doing a good work, and we hope they will continue to meet with further successes during their tour.

Dances.

A series of brilliant dances is being given in No. 4 Canteen, under the auspices of a strong committee, drawn from the Sergt.-Instructors of the late C.S.M.E., consisting of Sergt. O. S. Farmer, Sergt. K. M. Brown, and Sergt. V. E. Andrews.

The first dance was held on Wednesday, January 29th, and a second on Wednesday, February 12th.

Both were distinguished by the high quality of the entertainment provided, and were a great compliment to the splendid management and hard work of the Committee.

An average of 80 couples were able to enjoy each item on the programme to full advantage, cases of overcrowding being rare or non-existent.

The floor was in splendid order, and the C.E.T.C. orchestra, under the baton of Bandmaster Gorse, provided a programme of new and seductive music.

The lighting arrangements and decorations were excellently handled, with special talent displayed in the staging of moonlight waltzes by Sergt. Farmer.

The ladies of the Canteen assisted at the refreshment tables with their usual and well-known efficiency.

An evening of perfect happiness, good dancing, good music, and good fellowship ended with the home waltz danced to the strains of "This is the end of a perfect day."

The next dance in this series will be held on February 28th, in the same hall. The tickets are strictly limited in number, and may only be obtained from members of the Committee by direct application.