

FIRST AID PACKAGE

(By C. C.)

The battalion Eye-Witness spent Christmas in the trenches as the guest of one of our crews and had a very eventful time. I understand he was surprised to find the mud really was knee-deep, and started off by getting lost in it, which caused him to sigh for his side-kicker. "Oh, if only Gammon had been here." After the S.M. had saved his life—"Oh, you little brown jug!"—he spent a restless night between Peg and Sandy, and when asked what was the matter, replied: "What would be the matter man—I'm itchy."

The New Year is starting with several changes among the stretcher bearers. Percy, the Daddy of the section, is now temporarily an editor and we wish him every success with his paper. Shorty Payne, whom we were all pleased to see mentioned in despatches, has left his noble work for the Y.M.C.A.

A hearty welcome was extended to Alec Mowat on his return to the section. He was wounded at Ypres, but is fit and active again.

It was a great loss to us to have Johnnie Denholm badly wounded, and I am pleased to hear he is going on well.

Head wounds and how to find them, should be a timely subject for the M.O.'s next lecture.

IN THE BOMBING WORLD

(By R. T. S. S.)

Our chief interest, as a community, has of late centred in our new dug-outs. These we have watched grow with paternal pride and solicitude, and now at last completed—shortly to be abandoned. We have packed steel girders, stakes, corrugated iron, sandbags, beaten metal work, picks, shovels, hammers and nails from every engineering dump between the Douve and the fire trenches.

Should strangers be present, we have always asked for these necessities but, necessity again, knowing no law, have always felt it incumbent upon us to hesitate when encountering a pile of sleek, well sown fourpenny hems, or a stack of neatly pointed stakes, resting coyly amidst a profusion of barb wire and braziers. Hesitation being overcome we gently gather these wayside flowers and transplant them from their comparative obscurity to a position of prominence and utility as the corner-stones of our abode.

Now there has arisen a commodious row of dug-outs, with a walk broad enough so that you do not have to stand in the mud to let the ration party pass; with brick walks leading to the bomb depot, washing pool and other places of general usefulness, together with an uninterrupted view of a typical Flanders landscape on every side.

Gossip round
The Brazier

Finally, we have got so far as to want a name for these, the outward and visible signs of the truth of our Daily Progress Reports. Our friends, real, humorous, critical and superior, have honored us with many quaint ideas. Black Hand Farm, The Trossachs, Brewer's Bungalows, Grenade Gardens, etc., while one, whose every suggestion 'tis our bounden duty to weigh and consider and whose wishes we must oft-times make our commands, has evolved without undue labour we trust, the expressive anachronism "Sachs's Sanctuary."

A Year To-day

To-day is the anniversary of the arrival of The Canadian Scottish in France.

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cessfully to the subsequent fortunes of the battalion. It was especially pleasant to recognize so many old faces. In conclusion, he wished to remind the men who had reinforced The Canadian Scottish, since he had left, that theirs was a great inheritance. The battalion had already gone into history with a magnificent record and he hoped they would always do their utmost to maintain its standard, through loyalty and discipline, in the great struggle for principle now being waged in Flanders.

Once again the Y.M.C.A. has a representative attached to the Third Brigade, C.E.F. Capt. W. Fingland arrived last month from England and is now settled down to his new duties at the front.

Major W. Rae, D.S.O., is in charge of a school of instruction for N.C.O.s and men of the First Canadian Division.

Corpl. L. R. Warne of the machine gun section has gone to Shorncliffe for a course of training to qualify as an officer in the 16th Batt. He joined the 30th Reserve Batt., from Nanaimo, B.C., and was with the first draft sent across to the 16th at Ypres.

During the temporary absence of the Paymaster, Capt. S. R. Heakes, at the Field Cashier's Office, Lieut. P. R. M. Wallis has been handling the "dough" at the pay parade.

SPORTING DOPE

(By R. T. S. S.)

The general improvement in the weather has at last given the football enthusiasts a chance to stretch their legs in other ways than across ditches and over shell holes.

A soccer league has been organized, consisting of a team from each of the four double-companies and also from Machine Gun, Staff, Transport and Bombers; eight teams in all. Thus, following the league system, each team will play seven games, two points being counted for a win and one point for a draw.

The officers are presenting a suitable prize to the winning team. During the latter part of January the initial series were played under difficulties, in that the equipment was deficient in everything save the ball and whistle. However, jerseys, shorts and stockings have now arrived.

After every team has gone through its paces before the Argus-eyed Selection Committee, it is hoped to get a number of games with other battalions, in which we shall attempt to prove that it is not only in the re-building of destroyed, obsolete or tottering trenches that we hold the palm.

NOTES

Meanwhile Rugger men hint darkly of deeds to come, of flying tackles, drop kicks and scrums.

In the old days on Salisbury Plain the 16th Rugby XV. beat all comers and supplied no less than twelve of the fifteen men to the representative Canadian Contingent team which played at Richmond and Bath.

The following form the committee of the Soccer League;

Capt. Fingland, Y.M.C.A. representative.

Sergt. Nixon, No. 1 Coy.

Corpl. Starks, No. 2 Coy.

Lieut.-Cpl. Stokes, No. 3 Coy.

Corpl. Chisholm, No. 4 Coy.

Sergt. Newton, Staff (signallers, pioneers, ambulance).

Lieut.-Cpl. Rees, Machine Gun.

Pte. Wearmouth, Grenades.

Pte. Gravlin, Transport.

Lieut.-Cpl. C. A. S. Bean of the Grenade section has left for Shorncliffe Camp to qualify at the Officers School of Instruction for a commission.

REGIMENTAL BADGES

All Canadian Regimental Badges for sale at The Soldiers Institute, Canadian Corps Headquarters.

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