

On the 8th, the Brigade put on a horse-show at RENINGHELST, which was the most successful show in the Canadian Corps up to that time. The Corps Commander and the G.O.C.'s of 2nd and 3rd Divisions were present. The 19th Battalion Transport carried off the Championship Cup.

On the 15th, the Brigade moved back to the line, Brigade H.Q. going to BURGMASER FARM. The units had benefited by their stay in ONTARIO, QUEBEC, ALBERTA and CHIPPEWA CAMPS.

There were a number of changes in personnel about this time. Lieut.-Colonel J. I. McLaren, who had brought over the 19th, returned to Canada and was succeeded by Major (afterwards Temp. Lieut.-Colonel) W. R. Turnbull, the Second in Command. Captain J. Kemp, of the 60th Battalion, reported for duty with the Brigade Staff. Lieut. Wigle, O.O., was injured and had to go to hospital. Lieut. Gzowski, who was Acting O.O., went a few days later to the 10th Brigade for similar duty. About this time, Lieut.-Colonel W. St. Pierre Hughes, of the 21st Battalion, became G.O.C. of the 10th Canadian Inf. Brigade, and was succeeded by Major (afterwards Temp. Lieut.-Colonel) E. W. Jones, of the same unit.

A DARING RAID.

On July 29th, the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade achieved distinction with a daylight raid, the first on the British front. Lieut. Hooper, M.C., Bombing Officer of the 19th Canadian Battalion, and Lieut. Burnham, Scout Officer, did the reconnaissance by day and night which proved the raid feasible. They also organised the raid, which was led by Captain C. E. Kilmer and Lieut. H. B. Peplar with 80 O.R.'s of the same Battalion. It was a daring piece of work and quite successful. The party entered the enemy's trenches and returned with slight casualties. Both officers were wounded, and Captain Kilmer, who sustained a broken leg, was left behind in a shell hole close to the enemy's trenches. Two private soldiers volunteered to go out and bring him in—Private J. Newton and Private W. Wilson. A barrage was arranged for, and they doubled over, got through the wire again, secured the officer and dragged him back over "No Man's Land" to safety. For this gallant act, in broad daylight, each received the D.C.M. and the Montenegrin decoration. Captain Kilmer received a D.S.O. and Lieut. Peplar an M.C.

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During August the defensive phase of trench warfare was closed for the time being. Since October 8th, the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade had been building trenches and strengthening the line either in the SALIENT or in the VIERSTRAAT sectors. It was monotonous,