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Editorial.

A month of celebrations.

We lead off with Dominion Day.

Then Uncle Sam chips in with his little 4th of July joyfulness.

And then, of course, there is the "glorious Twelfth."

Not a single white horse in the Depot. Too bad!

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We sometimes doubt the advisability of writing editorial chatter in a magazine of these dimensions, at a time when the paper shortage makes it essential that every page shall tell, and all mere padding be avoided.

An editor is something like a chairman at a meeting. His functions are merely to introduce the speakers as briefly as possible. Summed up concisely, he should "stand up, speak up, and shut up."

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We noted with considerable pleasure the great success and popularity of the Depot gymkhana. Everything went with the snap and dash that speaks volumes for the organization and careful preparation that were bestowed on the arrangements. The weather was fine, and the gay dresses of the large number of ladies in the stands, made the jolly old war seem a very distant affair for just one afternoon.

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We regret to note that our old ham and egg stand—the Seaford Tea Gardens—is temporarily out of bounds, on account of a little touch of measles in the proprietor's family, and hope this establishment will be in full swing again before long.

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Our thanks to Major Lawson for giving a very commendable lead to O.C. units in France.

In order to boost THE SAPPER amongst his own Company, the Major offered two prizes of 50 francs and 25 francs, for the best two humorous articles dealing with affairs in the Company—the condition being that they be accepted by the editor of this journal.

We have awarded first prize to Sapper Sharrett, whose article we print, and the second to Sapper McQueen, whose article we shall print when we have room.

We take this offer of Major Lawson's as a compliment to the Magazine.

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Our fame also spreads abroad in England. We recently received a request from the Chief Librarian of the Manchester Public Libraries for copies of THE SAPPER "to add to our collection." What d'you know about that?

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We shall be obliged if O.C.s and correspondents in France (and all other parts of the world) will address all communications to "The Editor" at this office, and not to individuals by name. If this is not done they are liable to start on those indescribable pilgrimages to which Army correspondence is so subject, and to reach this office too late for use in current issue.

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When you step out to enjoy yourself at night, don't forget to visit the Depot cinema. The pictures are the best obtainable, and are very easily ahead of any other local picture palace—and you don't have to dress up to get there: you can go in your shirt sleeves.

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We regret that we only received notes on the great Dominion Day sports in France, at the last moment, and too late for a full and detailed account of those great doings. We have, however, given the results and Engineer triumphs.