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Officer Patients at the Granville

THIRTEEN IN NUMBER.
ALL DOING WELL.

Since the Granville opened, there has been a number of invalided officers there taking treatment. The majority of them have been wounded, and have come from the various departments of the Canadian Service. There are two dentists on the roll, being, Capt. O. G. Hassard and Capt. J. C. Holmes of the Canadian Army Dental Corps, the latter being Adjutant of this body. A V.C. in the person of Capt. F. A. Scrimger, C. A. M. C., is also one of the patients receiving treatment. He served at the front with the 14th. Battalion, and recently contracted Septic poisoning in the hand.

All the officers are doing well and enjoying their stay in Ramsgate. The billiard room is their chief rendezvous, and billiards is their chief recreation. The Tables and equipment in this room are the very best, and the furnishings are ample and comfortable, making the quarters suitable for a smoking room as well.

Two of the Officers are doing Staff Duties at present, and the services of others may be used when their condition permits.

The following is the list of Officer Patients:—Major J. H. Lindsay, acting Second in Command, originally of 11th. Reserve.

Capt. E. S. Endacott, Paymaster,
Lieut. Sparks, 11th. Reserve.
Lieut. J. H. Clark, 11th. Reserve.
Capt. L. J. Thomas, 30th Reserve.
Lieut. E. L. McLean 32th. Reserve.
Major R. B. Roos, 36th. Reserve.
Lieut. D. J. Allan, 43rd. Reserve.
Capt. L. W. Cameron, C. F. A.
Capt. O. G. Hassard C. A. D. C.
Capt. J. C. Holmes, C. A. D. C.
Major J. E. Brown, M. M. G. B.
Capt. F. A. Scrimger V.C., C. A. M. C.

A Piano has been put into an unused room in the basement of the Granville, to be used for rehearsals. One may now hear many cheery songs coming from that otherwise uncheerful room and it is there that much of our talent is discovered and developed. The other day Trooper Pringle, (1st Mounted Rifles), who has not yet been heard in

public, was singing there abscondedly in the early morning, giving his excellent baritone voice some exercising. He is a good singer and has a large repertoire at his command, and it is hoped that that this may serve as a tip to someone to induce Trooper Pringle to take the platform on some future occasion. He was accompanied by W. Lakey (3rd C. M. R's), whom some of us has seen on the stage, but he is as yet, also an unappreciated quantity.

The man who gives us our daily bread, works very hard to do it at the Granville, is E. Barberal, one time, chief Chef at the St. Cloud Hotel, and previous to that appointment, was Second Chef at the Lord Warden at Dover. He is a typical Chef in appearance, being fat, handsome and cheery. He drinks beer and likes it, jokes and sings with the boys and although there are many perplexities, attached to his job he is never disagreeable. If you are disgruntled, go and have a talk to the chef, he will put you right, and if you are chronic, get a job in the kitchen peeling potatoes, and it will do you more good than sitting in a draught in the recreation room.

LIFE AT THE GRANVILLE

[Lance-Corporal Scrivner is a humorist and comedian of the right sort. We will remember him as "The Parson" in a recent sketch. His fun serves as constructive criticism—Ed.]

"Get into your Blues" is perhaps the first item on the large and varied programme of instructious in vogue at the "Granville." With sinking spirits you hand over your cherished khaki and visions of liberty are wafted away forever. But cheer up, you are allowed on the promenade in the afternoons. You are permitted to look at the beautiful expanse of sea and watch the waves expending their fury in a vain effort to smash that magnificent piece of architecture—"The Pier." This in itself is sufficient to heal the wound caused by the painful extraction of "one shilling" by the ever watchful paymaster; Surely the "sins of the guilty were for ever visited upon the innocent" (?)

After your afternoon gaze and walk, you "About Turn" and soon the yawning portals of the Granville swallow you up; for has not the bugle sounded, that welcome call; and after hanging

up your coat and hat on the assigned peg, you dash madly to the Dining Hall. And then you wonder—why you dashed at all!

After you have slowly retraced your steps to the recreation room, you gaze at your hat and coat with longing eyes, but as the guardian of the door will gently ask you to "Show your Pass" you leave your coat and hat still hanging—for "Discretion is the better part of valor" or in other words "Blues are preferable to Whites."

The hours pass wearily on and at last it is bed time, and as you slowly turn down the blankets on a bed, which in all probability has not been properly made for many a day (you know which bed I mean) you think of the days in the firing line and how at that very hour you might be dragging your rifle and yourself through mud and slush in a sap leading to the "Listening Post."

Perhaps, after all, the Granville is a pretty good place.

—H. L. SCRIVNER

We give below an extract from the Court Circular of July 21st, 1915, with reference to the conduct of Capt. F. A. C. Scrimger V.C. during the fighting at Ypres between 22nd. & 25th. of April, 1915, for this he was decorated by the King with the Victoria Cross.

On the afternoon of 25th April, 1915 in the neighbourhood of Ypres, when in charge of an advanced dressing station, in some farm-buildings which were being heavily shelled by the enemy, he directed under heavy fire the removal of the of the wounded, and he himself carried a severely wounded officer out of a stable in search of place of a place of greater safety. When he was unable alone to carry this officer further, he remained with him under fire till help could be obtained. During the very heavy fighting between 22nd. & 25th. April, Capt Scrimger displayed continuously day and night the greatest devotion to his duty among the wounded at the front.

Entertainments

HOSPITAL ORCHESTRA BUSY
FOUR CONCERTS THIS WEEK

Pte. W. A. Loielle is developing a very efficient orchestra and has nine artists now working under his instruction. Pte. Loielle is a P. P. C. L. I. man and served with that gallant

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