everyone of its predecessors, and if outer surroundings were uncongenial he would make the inner fitting the occasion, and, judging the result, so goes forth the verdict: "Well done, Hale!"

The menu, the dishes served, the beautifully arranged Nisson Hut (bedecked with flags of our Allies and hung with Japanese lanterns), its bright and beautifully arranged table with all its decorations, proclaimed him an artist and told of the barrages he must have thrown over the various places he had visited.

## MENU.

Hors d'œuvres. Assortie de Bruay.

Soup. Oyster à la Trenchee.

Poisson.

Mayonnaise de Homard et caulifleur Camouflage.

Roast.

Turkey à la Sauce Confiture avec Soucisse.

Vegetables.

Caulifleur de la Somme. Pommes de terre à la Sante.

Sweet.

Poutine Rappe. Sauce à la Zig-Zag. Café avec. Fruit. Fromage.

From the ante-room, in which the subtle "Dumb-bell" exercises were gone through by everyone-even the Padre-to the diningroom in the adjoining hut, with its double row of tables and a cross-header at the top, was a series of surprises to the assembled guests which had arrived from every unit to which they were attached.

War, with all its grim and hideous work, its difficulties and sufferings, was forgotten and banished, and every effort made to make the evening an enjoyable success.

After dessert a battalion card was distributed to each guest, who, writing his name on it, passed it on to his next for signature, and so on round the tables till all had signed. These were taken away as a souvenir of the Christmas dinner for 1917. After which the King was given by the O.C., Major Weaver, in the absence of the Colonel, Lieut.-Colonel

- R. H. Palmer, D.S.O., on leave in England. Then followed the toasts of the evening:
  - 1. The Army, Navy, and Our Allies.
  - 2. The Canadian Corps and its Officers.
- 3. Major-General Currie, the Divisional Commander and our Brigadier.
  - 4. The O.C. of the Battalion.
  - 5. The Battalion.
  - 6. Absent Friends.

Speeches and contributions to the enjoyment of the evening were given by many present, which brought the festivities to a conclusion, the consensus of opinion of old members being that it was the most successful dinner the battalion ever had.

## LIST OF OFFICERS PRESENT.

- 1. Major C. Y. Weaver.
- 2. Major F. S. Winser, M.C.
- 3. Major A. P. Chattell.
- 4. Capt. S. J. Davies, M.C.
- 5. Capt. C. G. Mead, M.C.
- 6. Lieut. D. F. J. Toole, M.C.
- 7. Capt. J. McQueen.
- 8. Capt. J. H. M. Emsley, M.C.
- 9. Lieut. A. S. Mackay, M.C.
- 10. Lieut. H. G. Nolan.
- 11. Lieut. I. Mooney.
- 12. Lieut. C. A. Martin.
- 13. Lieut. R. V. Patterson.
- 14. Lieut. J. Anderson.
- 15. Lieut. E. H. Simpson.
- 16. Capt. R. W. Hale.
- 17. Lieut. E. R. Knight.
- 18. Lieut. L. N. Lee.
- 19. Lieut. C. K. Flint.
- 20. Lieut. C. F. Lyall.
- 21. Lieut. R. C. Ames.
- 22. Lieut. K. G. Houghton.

- 23. Lieut. R. W. Speers.
  24. Lieut. W. L. Jarvis.
  25. Lieut. T. R. Tipton.
  26. Lieut. D. W. McKay.
  27. Lieut. T. N. Ramsay.
  28. Lieut. T. W. Greenfield.
- 29. Lieut. G. E. Patterson.
- 30. Lieut. A. Rollit.
- 31. Capt. F. L. Stephenson.
- 32. Capt. A. H. Young (P.M.).
- 33. Capt. H. G. Young (M.O.), D.S.O.
- 34. Mon. A. D. Mail (Interpreter).

The Transport dinner was held on the 17th instant, and was equally successful and as enjoyable as any of the former.

January 25, 1918.

