

THE MENTAL DUGOUT.

Corps Commander's Address to Officers in First Week of Course.

Lieut.-General the Hon Sir Julian Byng, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., M.V.O., commanding the Canadian Corps, evinces a keen interest in the work of the school.



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He visited and inspected the present class on five occasions. During the first week of the course he addressed the officers in the Officers' Church Army Hut. The subject of his informal talk might be termed, "The Mental Dugout." In placing before the officers the purpose for which they had been detailed to attend the school, he expressed the considered opinion that there was a tendency on the part of some officers in the front line to bury themselves in a mental dug-out, to fail to keep alive to the demands of the work in which they were engaged. It was not playing the game if an officer was content merely to sit with hands folded, and take things as they came. It

was but just and right that they should give to their present work the same attention and thought as they would in any avenue of endeavour during times of peace. Nothing but the best they were capable of was worthy of their country, Empire, and cause.

The Corps' Commander's words were spoken in a kindly spirit, but forcefully, and his well-chosen phrase, "Mental Dugout" has stuck in the minds of all the officers of the class.

New Attack Scheme.

New Platoon Formation in Attack Demonstrated by Officers.

On the morning of January 15 the officers attending the School gave a demonstration of the new platoon formation in attack and in a raid. The exhibition was witnessed by Lieut.-General the Hon. Sir Julian Byng, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., M.V.O., Corps Commander; Major-General H. E. Burstall, C.B., Commanding 2nd Canadian Division; Brig.-General Radcliffe, D.S.O., B.G.G.S., Canadian Corps; Lt.-Col. Dill, D.S.O., G.S.O. No. 2, Canadian Corps; Major Thomson, Staff G.H.Q.; Lieut. Sir Basil Brooke, M.C., A.D.C., Corps Commander; Capt. Brayfield, Bombing Instructor, 1st Canadian Division.

SEE SCHOOL AT WORK,

Visiting Battalion Commanders see that they should send most Promising Men to Courses.

That the work of the school may become more fully understood by the various commanding Officers in the Corps, arrangements are made during each course which admit of visits being paid the school by groups of Battalion Commanders. These Officers are shown just exactly what the school is doing. There are no special stunts put on for them; everything goes forward in exactly the same manner as on any other day. They see and judge for themselves as to the wisdom of detailing for courses at the school the most promising of their Officers and N.C.Os.

The Commanding Officers who visited the school during the present course were: Lt.-Col. R. P. Clark, Lt.-Col. G. F. Morrison, Lt.-Col. Harry A. Genet, Lt.-Col. C. W. Edwards, Lt.-Col. R. W. Frost, Lt.-Col. R. C. Andros, Lt.-Col. J. M. Proves.

Other Officers who visited the school during the month were: Maj.-Gen. Burstall, Brig.-Gen. A. C. Macdonell, Lt.-Col. H. Macphail, Lt.-Col. C. P. Templeton, Major A. S. Donaldson, Capt. F. W. Tidmarsh, Major R. W. Scott, Major Philip Hunloke, Major H. F. H. Hertzburg, Capt. J. P. S. Cathcart, Capt. R. A. Matthews, Capt. B. J. Cochrane, Lieut. Gerald H. Wilkie.