

NO 2 COMPANY

One of the main events of the week at Willows Camp was the concert given in the Y.M.C.A. building by No. 2 Company. Owing to a number of No. 2 Company's men being temporarily out of action by inoculation, the programme was made up at the last minute out of those who were able to perform, and the result passed all expectations. We were sorry that some of the other companies were unable to be present, having been ordered into the trenches, but nevertheless there was a good attendance. We also regret that Capt. Bullen, our popular Company commander, was not able to attend, but in his absence Capt. Halliwell performed the office of chairman in a very creditable manner. On the platform with Capt. Halliwell were Lieuts. Wilmot, McDiarmid and Badger and Co. Sgt.-Major Johnston. Space will not permit of mentioning any items on the programme, which we would like to do, as there were some very excellent performances. Refreshments were furnished by Lieut. Badger. Decorations were kindly lent by Mr. D. Spencer. Our thanks are also due the Y.M.C.A. for the use of their building for the evening.

On Monday last, No. 2 Company was out cutting poles and brush to be used on the trench work. The men took a keen interest in the work, thereby getting out a large number of poles, which necessitated two or three trips to get them all to the trenches before 12 o'clock, and all came home with a good appetite for dinner.



OUR FIRST PROMOTIONS—Capt. G. W. Nicholson,
Commanding Officer No. 3 Company

During the morning, two men who had been carrying a very heavy pole, dropped it as being too heavy to carry, and took up a smaller one and proceeded on their way. Capt. Bullen and Lieut. Wilmot coming along, saw it, and decided to carry it themselves. Sundry bets were made by the men as to whether the officers would be game enough to carry it all the way to the trenches. The officers of course were unaware of the notice taken, but just the same they took the pole all the way, which was a surprise to many, and maybe more so to themselves. Capt. Bullen evidently does not believe in the old maxim, "The more work, the less soldiering."

In this next occurrence we are writing about we will mention no names out of respect for the number of years the individual in question has soldiered without a spot or blemish on his character. The other evening, being inclined, from some unknown cause, to kick over the traces, he proceeded down town. How much lemonade he crammed into his stomach we do not know, but we are sure some of it went the other way and lodged in his head, giving him the notion that he was a regular devil with the ladies. On young and old of the feminine gender he bestowed a wicked wink and a lilted leer. He soundly berated passing soldiers for not saluting him. After spending the evening in this joyous state he proceeded home after looking at a clock in a butcher's shop and finding that he had only ten minutes to get him in before roll-call. On arriving in barracks he was astonished to find out that there was two hours and thirty-five minutes

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