

THE CORPS SCHOOL PIERROT TROUPE.

It has always been the aim of the Commandant and the Staff to provide as much entertainment as possible for those attending the school, so that in addition to the benefits derived from the instruction and the exercises, the class might enjoy a real rest and a good time. With this object in view games, sports and concerts have always been encouraged at all times, and many very happy evenings have been spent in the Recreation Hut.

effective item. A musical sketch, "The Optimist and the Pessimist," was fine, and C.S.M. Lessels and Sergeant Gordon were very smart sentries, with good voices.

An imitation of a "Cat and Dog" debate was so realistically done by C.S.M. Lessels and Sergeant Hall that it was with the greatest difficulty that "Ginger"—the Adjutant's dog—was restrained from making a third member.

The second part of the programme was given by the Troupe in their Pierrot costumes. C.S.M. Lessels was a "Live Wire," and his "Jingle Johnnie" was an excellent item. Sergeant Hall made a great hit in "A Wee



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With the idea of making these evenings even more successful, the Commandant suggested forming a Troupe. The suggestion was taken up very enthusiastically by all the members of the staff. No time was lost in ordering costumes, music, and other essentials from London, and practices were the order of the evenings. Great activity was reported from behind the scenes.

At length operation orders were ready, reconnaissances made, positions allotted, and zero fixed. The attack was timed for 7, March 30, and began according to plan. The Band of the Third Pioneers led the offensive most successfully. Sergeant Gordon sang very well, and later took part in a duet with Sergeant Hall. Sergeant Hall was a big factor in the show, and his Indian Dance was reminiscent of Miss Maud Allen at her best. Bandsman Ramsay sang, and, supported by the band, gave a very

Scotch Nicht," and had to give two encores. Sergeant Gordon sang "A Perfect Day," and gave good advice in "Never Let your Left Hand Know what your Right Hand's Going to Do." C.S.M. Cruickshanks went "Roaming in the Gloaming," and C.S.M. Gloag told what could be done and spent in "365 Days." The band gave other pleasing items, and assisted very materially to the success of the evening. C.S.M. Bell accompanied the singers very sympathetically.

The Troupe can look back on their first appearance with happy memories, and may look forward to future entertainments with confidence.

The concert was repeated on the following Sunday afternoon, with a few changes, when many of the 17th Battalion Royal Fusiliers accepted the Commandant's invitation. Lieuts. Stegman and Wilson assisted the Troupe.