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EDITORIAL.

IN submitting this, the initial number of THE BARRAGE, to the gaze of a critical public, we are conscious of its many defects in composition. Our plea for forgiveness is that it is the work of the men of the rank and file of the C.R.A.—men inexperienced, for the most part, in the world of letters, and whose sole incentive was that this edition might divert, if but for a moment, the minds of our readers from the monotony of camp life. Owing to the very nature of a Reserve Depot, where men come and go "like ships that pass in the night," our difficulties have been many and all but insurmountable.

If the spirit of esprit de corps—a closer comradeship and a unity of thought and understanding; if amusement, and, better still, food for thought, may emanate from these pages—THE BARRAGE will not have lived in vain.

It is the intention of the staff to make this a monthly magazine, published on the 15th of each month. Contributions of poems, prose and art are solicited, and arrangements are being made for boxes to be installed in Y.M.C.A. Huts Nos. 4 and 5 for their reception.

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BY the time this issue makes its advent upon a startled Canada, everyone will be working themselves up to that state of affability and joyousness that Canadians always manifest at the happy season of Christmas.

While the Canadian Reserve Artillery Depot regrets that it cannot attend the Canadian Christmas festivities as a body, every individual will be present in the spirit.

At no other season of the year does memory become so vivid as at Christmas. Pleasant indeed are the memories of by-gone Christmas dinners eaten beneath the parental roof.