

In the final game, Capt. Ricardo was chosen to uphold the Officers' end against S.-Sgt. Malcolm, who, regardless of the fact that his adversary was the local Croesus and could control the amount of his fortnightly stipend, played a conscientious and skilful game. The Sergt. being also a Masseur, there was no hope for the Captain, be he ever so skilful, and the massed attacks of the Staff Sergeant enabled him to win by 31 points.

An exhibition game followed between Capt. Gordon and an opponent chosen by the Entertainment Committee for 1,000 up. After several breaks, accompanied by much good-humoured banter from the hosts and guests and refreshment from the dispensary, the contest was declared a draw by R.S.M. Alden, who had kindly relieved the carpenter of his duties.

In the dining-hall of the Mess a cold collation of excellent comestibles invited the appetited guests, who then gathered thither with fixed determination that no injustice would be done to the viands. Conversations and outbursts of merriment completely obliterated the groans which the tables made on account of their heavy loads of good things.

Everyone, however, was sympathetic, and quickly transferred much of the weight to its proper destination.

Later, enshrouded in a film of cigar or cigarette smoke, the company appreciated an entertainment presented by Sergt. Roberts and his Troupe of Players. It is considered that everyone enjoyed themselves.

(We would like to see our genial guests in the Mess again at no distant date:—Pres. Entertainment Committee).

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## Staff Smoker.

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Well, the long-looked-for "Smoking Concert," after much delay, took place on the evening of the 24th September, 1918, and it was, indeed, a huge success.

The boys started to come in at 7 p.m. (no reserved seats), and, after settling themselves, were supplied with a "drappy o' Beer" and smokes to be going along with.

We were favoured with the presence of our O.C., who kindly consented to open the smoker with a few remarks, which dealt with the welfare of the boys, and his desire to see us comfortably settled in our new Recreation Hut (which he had opened earlier in the evening), and to aid us in every way possible to better our social life in camp.

We were also favoured with the presence of the Adjutant, Major Sutherland, and R.S.M. Alden.

After the Colonel's remarks, the "Parakeets" (who are now famous for good variety) opened the concert part of the evening. It would not be fair to make reference to any individual's particular part, for they all do their best, and all received due applause. Sergt. Roberts, their leader, has every reason to be proud of such a troupe, and he has our best wishes for continued success.

The Committee, who were responsible for the evening's entertainment, certainly made it a great all-round success, doing everything possible to make the occasion what it was.

Cpl. Goodfellow was responsible for the refreshments, and he did it in his most liberal style, there being plenty of ham and salmon sandwiches and tobacco, and also the good old beer. We regret that some did not get enough "moisture," and also that some men do not understand fully that they are human beings and not "Tanks."

John Barleycorn started his rounds rather early, and, of course, finished sooner than was expected. Never mind, boys, this being the first smoker, we hope to improve as we go along, and make each one better than the last.

Cpl. Mahoney was in charge of the programme, and showed excellent taste in getting the "Parakeets" for the evening:

The Committee wish to thank Miss Quinlan, of the Catholic Army Hut, for the loan of the stage decorations, and the Concert Party for their excellent programme,