

"Bruce In Khaki"

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EDITORIAL

MEMORY

Old Jacques bounced his golden curled grandson on his knee. Marvellous tales were forthcoming of the days that seemed but yesterdays; and Youth enraptured listened to Old Age. Yes, and Old Jacques does not retrospect alone on days that are no more. Oh! what a glorious thing Memory is.

Memory: instinctively our mind flashes before us interesting pictures of past, present, and, yes, even if we are at war, of a future.

A year in England! A long long time, and yet the reverse. Looking back we see that we have not been altogether uncomfortable. But back in Bruce they are daily wondering and worrying about us. Why? Because we must seem to them as they seem to us, oh so very far away. But there is a "Tie that Binds" and "Fond Memory brings the light of other days around us." Some day the Boys of "Bruce in Khaki" are going to march to the tune of "twenty-three in the old book" back to Saugeen or Brant or Greenock and hear that last, long drawn but welcome "Dis-miss." And then a laugh, a cheer, but also a funny little feeling that whispers through the lips of Memory.

"There's no more turning out in Khaki tight,
 And no more sloping arms or turning right.
 There's no more singing in the huts at night,
 Nor no more orders to "Douse out that light."

And if we haven't got the gang we

simply must have something. And then lo beside us we find Memory pondering also, our Pal for life. But then when the quiet evening of our days draw nigh, the same old moon that shines now so pleasantly on the Red City of Witley Camp will shine once more through the windows of the cozy home where now someone is keeping the home fires burning. And as Harry Lauder says:

"When the war is over and the victory is won

And the flags are waving free.

When the bells are ringing and the boys are singing

Songs of Victory.

When we all gather round the old fireside

And the Old Mither kisses her son.

All the lassies will be loving all the laddies—

The laddies who fought and won."



Bruce Comedy Company

The "Bruce Comedy Company" is being organized, and some good entertainments can be looked forward to. A good selection of costumes and sketches have arrived and the troupe are busy rehearsing plays. It is the intention of the company to put on a performance weekly, and a good play is being arranged for Christmas afternoon. There will be some good special features, new music and songs, and a real up-to-date performance can be expected.

The following are handling the various details:

General Manager, Sergt. Neil McDonald
 Secretary, Pte. W. B. Thompson;
 Treasurer, Pte. A. T. McCombe;
 Stage Manager, Pte. J. Ammann;
 Property Manager, Pte. J. Kincaid;
 Musical Director, Pte. B. Hodgson.

It will be announced later when the first performance will take place.