

## A Popular Major Leaves the Unit

It is with the greatest regret we record the departure of Major Howard to Canada after being with the Unit for nearly a year. He returns to take up his duties as Director of medicine at the university of Iowa, from which he had been given one year's leave of absence. The selection of Major Howard as a member of the Unit was very pleasing to a very large number of friends of the College, for it was felt no more worthy or more representative person could be found even though at the time he was connected with another University.

Major Howard had no previous military training but with characteristic energy devoted himself to the months' study and training necessary to secure a Commission in the C.A.M.C. During the early days of the formation of the Unit he spent a lot of time enlisting and examining men and did also much valuable work in connection with the systematic organization of the different departments. As senior Medical Major during the working period of the Hospital, Major Howard had much to do, and he did it all with a thoroughness, completeness and conscientiousness that are beyond all praise. His associations with the junior Officers and those with him in the wards, was marked by a tact, delicacy and consideration that render their relations at all times of the happiest.

Major Howard in every way loomed large in this Unit, and it is safe to say that the loss of no other Officer would be felt as much.

His going will severely affect the Medical Department and it is doubtful if a substitute of equal medical knowledge with as well established a reputation can be found to replace him.

Devoted to athletic games — all of which he played exceedingly well — he will be much missed on the tennis court, the golf links and the base ball diamond.

His tall familiar figure, too, will be missed at the soccer games all of which he attended as he was specially interested in the success of captain Robertson's team.

Perhaps, however, Major Howard's leaving will be felt most of all in the ante-room on account of his being so sociable, so companionable and so cheerful. A most interesting conversationalist, well read in history and literature, of big broad views, sympathetic and considerate, his company was always much sought after.

Major Howard in going back to America, leaves behind him nothing but the most pleasant of memories. He will always be fondly remembered by those who were privileged to know him, by those who were fortunate enough to have

## Congratulations and Personals

Our warmest congratulations are extended to Matron Machatchy upon being awarded the Royal Red Cross, First Class. This is the second time Matron Mac Latchy has been honoured, having been mentioned in despatches by Sir John French in his New Year Message.

Miss MacLatchy P.A.M.C., has had much experience with Military Hospitals and is possessed of very fine executive and administrative ability. It is pleasing to note that the excellent work she has done with the Unit has been recognized in such a distinguished manner.

The following promotions have taken place lately :—

Sergeant Tinling to be Sergeant Major.

Sergeants Barnes and Warner to be Staff Sergeants.

Corporals Slack Egan and Gareau to be Sergeants.

Lance Corporal Fry and Private Montgomery to be Corporals.

Congratulations on Q. M. Sergeant Finlay on being attached to this Unit.

A draft of one Corporal and five men has just come from Shorncliffe. It includes Corporal Shawcross, and Privates O'Brien, Taylor, Snowdon, Prentice and Almon. The latter, who was formerly a member of McGill Med.'89, has spent the last 25 years in South Africa. He saw service against German West Africa, before joining the Canadians in England.

Lieut Wert. R.A.M.C., formerly of this Unit, being one of the men who were granted commissions in England, had a few hours' leave from the front and spent them looking over the new place. He has had some great experiences " up the line " with an Ambulance.

" Big Chief " Otto Demuth R.A.M.C., another commissioned from this Unit, is in an Officers' Hospital in Malta, with enteric.

Visitors to the Hospital during the past week included :—

Colonel Finley, No. 1 Canadian General Hospital.

Colonel Cameron, No 1 Canadian General Hospital.

Major Hamilton Gault, D.S.O., P.P.C.L.I.

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been associated with him — and he takes with him the warmest wishes and kindest thoughts of every one in the Unit.