



THE JUNIOR SUB LOQ.

As Lamartine observes, "Tout est bon, tout est bien, tout est grand, a sa place." Mayhap therein is a justification for the existence of Junior Subs. We have discovered none other, and that even is neglected. As a Junior Sub of quite ultimate juniority we speak with feeling, if not authority. We shall not define the duties of the Junior Sub. It can't be done. We indicate merely. He has position but no magnitude, worth talking about. Being a body so small, and moving, as he does, perpetually, in a field of larger luminaries, he has no settled orbit. He is drawn hither and thither, he becomes bewildered, salutes with his cap off, calls the Sergeant-Major "Sir", and the drinks are on him. They always are. He is perpetually Officer of the Day. His path is strewn with Brigadiers, Working Parties and Defaulters, and a succession of batmen distribute his perfectly new kit. He provides humour for the Mess, vicariously, be it understood. Imaginative witnesses repeat his sayings and describe his doings for the delectation of their (and his) fellows. He is taught to regard the Royal Montreal Regiment with the highest veneration, and the most humble respect, and — possibly for that reason — the R.M.R. regards him with no respect whatever. Yet, strangely, the Immanent Providence which guides the Destinies of Kings, Emperors, Red Tabs and Adjutants, watches also Sparrows and Junior Subs. It's a good life.

ENVOI - "PAY AND RECORDS"

(With apologies to a distinguished Author.)

"When the last 'Trooper' has landed
Our Veteran Crew - ev'ry one,
And the last Corporation has lauded
The deeds - it believes - we have done;
We shall lie, and lying continue,
To him and to her and to you.

14TH BATT. ITEMS

FROM REST BILLETS

And, when we have beggared invention,
We'll fashion the telling anew.
And ye, who were left, ye shall marvel
Ye pale, stark, upright in your chair,
When we tell of the Charge at La Bassée
Of our Regiment which never was there
We shall find truthful base for our
telling -

Mons. and the Marne, and the Aisne,
We have heard of these places, we'll
tell you

We went there, again and again,
And no one shall cease from lying,
And no one shall e'er admit.
An action was fought in all Flanders,
And he was not present at it.
But each N. C. O. and each man, Sir,
Each O. C. with Crown and with Star,
Shall invent any story he can, Sir,
For the people who knew not the War".



Lt.-Col. R. P. CLARK, C. O. 14th Batt.

SPORTS AFIELD.

Particulars of the Battalion Sports held during a recent 'rest' are unfortunately not available owing to a package of M.S. having been lost in the mail. It may be said, however, that they were highly successful. An excellent and varied programme was carried through with precision and expedition, in the presence of an enthusiastic company of visitors.

The Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders were present, and the Officers of the 15th Battalion came in force. Music was provided by the Pipers of the 15th, and the Band of the 2nd Brigade. Both highly appreciated and both contributed materially to the success of the proceedings. The Boxing, Running, and machine Gun competitions were alike good, while No. 2 Company's Drill reached a very high level. Our thanks are due to Captain Archibald of the Y. M. C. A. for a very fine exhibition of Pole Jumping and Hammer Throwing.

A pleasing feature was the fine sporting spirit shown by all competitors - winners and losers alike - more especially in the Boxing competitions. In this connexion we must give special mention to a Sergeant of the 15th Battalion, who fought a drawn match (exhibition) against a stronger and heavier man, with great pluck. His performance was loudly cheered by the spectators.

In the evening a concert was held at the Y.M.C.A. before a large gathering of visitors. Nursing Sisters from Nos. 3, 10, and 17 Casualty Clearing Stations came in force, to the evident delight of everyone. Miss Hare of No. 3 C. C. S. very kindly presented the sports prizes. An excellent programme was staged, and a delightful evening was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem and enthusiastic cheers for the visitors.

