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Editorial.

We wish to offer in this, the first Number of the *Gazette* issued in 1916, our best thanks to the Battalion for the support given to our Christmas Number. The Editors can begin the year with a feeling of satisfaction and a knowledge that the time and effort given to the Paper have not been spent in vain. We have received many letters of congratulation, some of which will be found below, and we only hope that we shall as a Battalion live up to the flattering expressions of praise accorded to us. "Nulli Secundus" is a proud motto. Can we earn it and hold it? We think so.

Another stage has been reached at last in our Active Service life. Leave is being granted, sparingly, it is true, but some of us have been "Home" and the traveller's tales we hear make all the rest of us homesick. There are many rumours, few of them true, but we hope that soon larger drafts may go to Blightie without blighties.

From those lucky ones who have had leave we learn that there is a royal welcome awaiting us. The people are always eager to welcome anyone "back from the Front," and it is only when we get back there that we really realize that we are now real soldiers who have seen and taken part in the big work. The consideration accorded to us now is very different to that granted in our days of training. They appreciate the work we are doing and they let us know it.

The gratitude of every soldier who has been on leave must be given to all the ladies and gentlemen who minister to our needs on the way across and who take us in hand on arrival and direct us on our various

ways. Whether to parts in England, Wales, Scotland or Ireland (or even in one case which came under our notice, to the Channel Isles) the gentlemen with the G.R. armlet can always direct us. They give their time and answer endless questions unsparingly and tirelessly. Ladies and gentlemen, our best thanks to you all!

We still carry on with the same old round. In—out—in and then a time of pleasant rest spent in improving our limited knowledge of engineering and cable laying under the most exhilarating conditions of mud and bullets. Also we wander round the country side (sixteen paces between companies, eight between platoons) and then — back again to the comparative ease of the trenches!

We are sorry that we have had to disappoint our Readers with regard to the photographs and autographs of the Contributors to our Christmas Number, but we have been unable to get a complete collection, and were unwilling to give an incomplete set. We hope very shortly to be in a position to publish them as a supplement to our paper which can be added to the Christmas Number and kept as an additional Souvenir of the Big War.

We trust that the addition of sketches will be appreciated, and that all our artists will try to help us by sending to us illustrated jokes or cartoons. The Editors will be pleased to place drawing pads, ink, pens, or brushes, at the disposal of anyone who will volunteer.

It is with pleasure that the Battalion welcomes back the Commanding Officer, who has had quite a long leave in England and Canada. During his absence we have carried on according to the syllabus and are quite confident that nothing has occurred to detract from the fair name of the regiment.

His message to us from Ontario gives us considerable pleasure, for it is good to think that with all the "hundred and umpty-umpty" battalions being formed at home, the Old Score is not forgotten.

Mortui ut viveret.

Battalion Orders.

By Major H. V. RORKE,
25/12/15.

LAUDATORY.

It is desired to place on record the self-sacrificing services of two of our late departed comrades, Pte. G. E. Taylor and Pte. H. Bowyer, who, on the eve of Xmas Day, voluntarily offered their services in the face of great danger, to assist in the removal of a wounded comrade for medical attention.

It is deeply regretted that in this service they made the last great sacrifice of their own lives.

"Greater love hath no man than this that he gave his life for his friend."

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Promotions.

Lieut. H. W. A. Foster to be Temporary Captain, vice Captain C. L. Stewart (invalided), d. 17/12/15.

8161 Sergt. Howard to be Temporary Lieutenant, d. 20/12/15.

Lieut. F. E. Morkill to be Temporary Captain, d. 15/10/15.

(Authority, Supplement *London Gazette*, d. 12/1/16.)

Lieut D. J. Corrigan to be Temporary Captain, d. 15/10/15.

(Authority, Supplement *London Gazette*, d. 12/1/16.)

Battalion Notes.

We may be excused for publishing *in toto* this letter received from the General Officer Commanding the 2nd Division:—

2nd Canadian Division,
4/2/16.

The Editors,
20th Bn. C.E.F.,

Dear Sirs,—Many thanks for the very interesting copy of your Christmas Number. Your Battalion since crossing the water has justified by its good work the addition at some future date to your motto of "*nulli secundus*."

My best wishes to you all!

Yours faithfully,

R. E. W. TURNER,
Major-General.