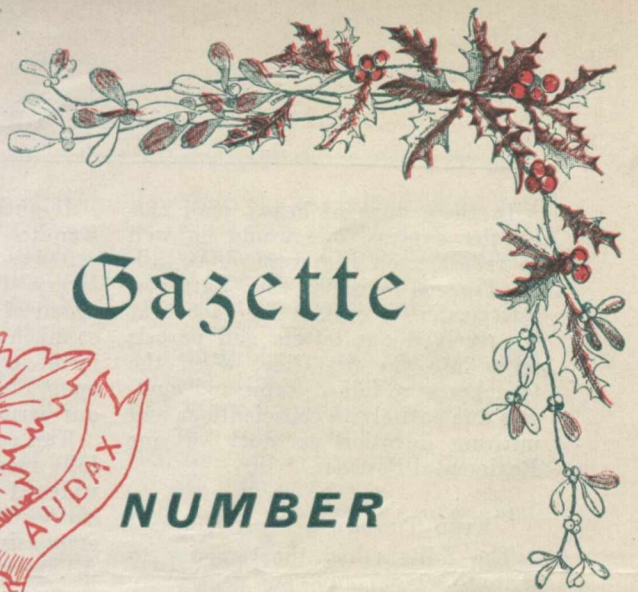


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Editorial.

The Editors are well aware that with a Christmas Number no Editorial is required. We are all too busy with opening parcels from home to read anything so uninteresting.

This being the case, we will cut down our usual exhortation to a few short words.

Good Luck to the 20th!

Vale!

It was with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret that the Battalion lined the road at — on — to bid farewell to our late Brigadier. The regret was tempered by the knowledge that he was going to a higher command, but above all that he was going to stay with Canadian troops.

We have now a double interest in the new unit which is to join our forces. We wish them and their leader the very best of luck!

GREETING!

FROM US TO OURSELVES.

THE OLD SCORE.

Here is to fame, and a lasting name
And loud may the Twentieth shout
"May it take the Huns a thousand
guns
To wipe the Old Score out."

To our many friends in England and Canada and elsewhere—Greeting! At this season, more than others, do we think of those at home (or elsewhere!) and wish them Health and Happiness. The heavy mails are concrete proof that we are not forgotten by those at home, and those at home are certainly not forgotten by us. Though absent in body, we are with you in spirit, and will be especially on Christmas Day.

Battalion Notes.

*God rest ye, Merry Gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay.*

'Tis hard indeed to Merry be,
Upon a franc a day.

A Merry Xmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year to all our readers and contributors! This is the sincere wish of the editors.

On behalf of our readers we tender our best thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who have so kindly come to our assistance and have made this number different from our previous issues. They have, in their busy lives, found time to send to us here in the trenches wishes of good cheer and good will.

Good luck to them, and once again our thanks!

We take this opportunity of thanking the ladies of Canada for the generous gifts of comforts and luxuries which are sent us from time to time. Many of these gifts come to the Battalion from unknown sources, and we wish to take this opportunity of thanking these unknown donors. Their thoughtfulness and generosity have added so much to our health and comfort.

The Officer Commanding "B" Company desires through this paper to tender, on behalf of his company, his very best thanks to Messrs. McMillan Brothers, Constructors, Hudson Bay Railway, for their gifts of cigarettes to "B" Company.

The boys of the 77th Regiment take this opportunity of thanking the ladies of Dundas, Ontario, for their most generous contribution to their Christmas cheer. There was more than enough for them all, and they were able to share the good things with some of their less fortunate comrades.

We, as a Battalion, are by no means snobbish, but the fact of our having again been complimented, this time by the G.O.C. the Division, would naturally encourage the belief among us that the Princes of the House of David were small beer compared with the Twentieth. The signal recognition of the abilities of Sergeant-Major Whitton by the G.O.C. is worthy of comment. No one in the regiment has worked harder or more unstintedly than he to bring the Battalion to its present very high state of efficiency, and the fact of our being able to endure so well the hard work of trench warfare is due to the system of physical training inaugurated in the Battalion by the R.S.M. and endorsed by the G.O.C.

A Y.M.C.A. dug-out has been established in the reserve trenches. This will supply a long-felt want; moreover the Institution also supplies the paper whereby the *Twentieth Gazette* is made possible.

A Telegram (we didn't send).
To the Provost-Sergeant:—

"While there's life, there's soap."

The Officer Commanding the Machine Gun Section acknowledges with very many thanks the Christmas Gifts from the Grenadier Chapter of the Independent Order of Daughters of the Empire.

The Huntsville members of the 23rd Regiment thank the Huntsville Patriotic Committee for their gift, which has been duly received.

The man who invents boots, which will not stick in Flanders mud, will make a fortune and gain the everlasting thanks of Mr. Atkins.

Our best wishes to the sister Battalions of the Brigade. We are all from the same province, and embarked on the same mission. Nothing will lead to success more surely than a continuance of the present *Entente Cordiale*.