



The Brazier

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for THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH, 16TH BATT.,
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ONE of the features of the present stationary warfare has been the coming into existence, within the area of active hostilities, of several regimental newspapers or journals. Though for obvious reasons they contain nothing of military interest in the way of news, yet they portray much of the human interest side of life in the trenches, billets, etc. It is for this reason that the authorities of the British Museum, alert to secure for future generations, a record of passing events at the front have requested the War Office to issue a memorandum to commanding officers inviting them to forward copies of regimental news sheets and magazines for transmission to the Museum. Already some of the units of the Canadian Divisions on active service have their own publications, of which a partial list is as follows:

"Dead Horse Corner Gazette," 4th Battalion.
"The Listening Post," 7th Batt.
"The R.M.R. Growler," 14th Batt.
"The Brazier," 16th Batt.
"Twentieth Gazette," 20th Batt.
"Trench Echoes," 27th Batt.
"The Forty-niner," 49th Batt.
"The Iodine Chronicle," 1st Field Ambulance.
"The Splint Record," 2nd Field Ambulance.
"Now and Then," 3rd Field Ambulance.

The above publications are issued periodically as opportunity affords. Some are printed in England and others by French job offices at the front, while "The Brazier" has an added distinction in being set up and printed by regimental employees. Prices of these

journals range from one penny to one franc.

To the above list is to be added two meritorious Xmas publications. One by the 5th Batt., a very pretentious and artistically illustrated souvenir, "A Christmas Garland From the Front"; and the other by Corpl. J. F. Cadenhead, of the 16th Batt., a brochure entitled "The Canadian Scottish." Both "sold out," which speaks well for the literary ability of their respective authors.

THE steady growth of the Canadian Army at the front is to be noted in the expansion of certain activities having to do with the welfare of the troops. Early in the war these social wants were largely supervised by the Canadian Y.M.C.A. in conjunction with the Canadian War Contingent Association, through their representatives with the different field units, who still continue their excellent work. As the need grew with the ever increasing number of troops continually arriving from the Dominion, a new departure on a larger and more progressive scale was inaugurated by the authorities of the Canadian Corps. We refer to the Soldiers' Institute at Corps Headquarters, under the supervision of Capt. McGreer, Chaplain, 3rd Canadian Field Ambulance. It supplies a real need for not only the Canadian but the Imperial troops in that vicinity. On the Rue de Musee, where the institute is located, is a commodious, well-lighted and ventilated hall that is open daily between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. There is ample seating and writing accommodation, and pens, ink and stationery are provided free. The reading tables are stocked with the current magazines and London daily newspapers. There is also a small circulating library and books may be taken from the premises by anyone in khaki on payment of a nominal deposit to ensure their return. The hall contains a good-sized stage from which occasional concerts are given, besides a well conducted buffet. In brief, the idea is to provide a men's club where one can read and write with a minimum of noise and in pleasant surroundings. The institute also acts as a news agency for all the papers published by the various units in the Canadian Army at the front—including The Brazier. Sergt. Munro of the 15th Batt., C.E.F.,

is the capable and hard-working non-com. in charge of the institute, which is said to be the best of its kind in France.

In another section of the town Capt. McGreer has successfully established a popular variety theatre and cinema show in conjunction with admirable band concerts. The theatre is open each evening from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. This last undertaking will prove far more popular with Canadians—and we speak only for the troops engaged in the trenches—were the authorities to give consideration to an extension of the present hours of leave. At this season it is impossible for troops, even from a short distance in reserve, attending the evening entertainment and returning to their billets within the time specified on their pass. We may hope with the lengthening of the days further consideration will be shown in an extension of hours, particularly to those whom mental relaxation and enjoyment mean so much, and for whom, we understand, these concerts were primarily instituted.

LIST OF HONORS AND REWARDS

Since The Canadian Scottish came to France the following honors and rewards have been bestowed on members of the regiment for deeds of bravery or meritorious service in the field.

C.M.G.

Lt.-Col. R. G. Edwards Leckie—now Brigadier-General, The 3rd Brigade, C.E.F.

D.S.O.

Major G. Godson-Godson—now Camp Commandant at Corps Headquarters
Major William Rae—now Military Instructor
Capt. F. Morison

Military Cross

Capt. V. J. Hastings

Order of St. Ann, 4th class (RUSSIA)

Lieut. V. A. McLean—now prisoner of war in Germany.

D.C.M.

R.S.M. J. Kay: Sergt. Dougall, now Coy.-S.M.
Sergt. B. C. Lunn; Sergt. A. Denholm, now Lieut. in 15th Batt.; Sergt. W. Le Maitre;
Corpl. A. Lyons, now Lce.-Sergt.

Mentioned in Despatches

Lt.-Col. R. G. Edwards Leckie, C.M.G., Major G. Godson-Godson, D.S.O., Major W. Rae, D.S.O., Major F. Morison, D.S.O., Capt. E. M. Merrick (killed in action), Capt. V. J. Hastings, Corpl. G. C. Heath (killed in action), Lce.-Cpl. A. W. Minchin, Pte. A. W. Bigley, Pte. E. Appleton, Pte. P. M. Grant, Pte. C. Payne.