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Editorial.

To all our Readers and Contributors we sincerely wish a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Victorious New Year.

Battalion Notes.

On behalf of the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Battalion we tender our heartiest thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who have so kindly and unsparingly sent gifts of comforts and luxuries from Canada.

At the time of going to press we are not in possession of a complete list of these generous donors, but they may rest assured that their thoughtfulness is highly appreciated, and brightens our lot in wet trench and dreary billet.

Considerable change has taken place in the Battalion during the past year. Many old comrades have returned to England wounded and sick, some have gone to other spheres of activity and others have passed to the Great Beyond.

To take their places men have come to us and have with a sense of quiet determination and content found a home in our ranks.

For these we cannot but express our admiration. The keen desire for knowledge and their appreciation of the experience of their older comrades pronounce them of the best type of soldier: eager, willing, and alive to their work.

But excellent as these are, we desire to impress on them the knowledge that all these soldierly qualities may be exalted, duty made nobler, arduous tasks made lighter, if permeating the whole is that spirit of pride in the Battalion, which only those who have taken part in its glorious undertakings and shared its hardships can fully understand.

It is for those who have come to us recently to endeavour to absorb this spirit.

No Battalion of the Canadian forces has more glorious records, and we feel assured that, imbued with pride in those records, every man will move forward determined to hasten the desired end.

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We received a letter from an old comrade who, unfortunately, reached Hospital in England through severe illness. It was shortly after leaving the Somme.

He wrote: "How I wanted to be with the Battalion, but to-day I am proud to wear the 20's on my collar." —That is the spirit.

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It is with pride we look on the long list of honours bestowed on officers and men of the Battalion.

We should have liked to have published the list, but we hope in our next issue to do so.

To you, the recipients, we offer our heartiest congratulations, and with all our comrades in the Battalion express the hope that you may be long spared to proudly wear them.

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Now to all those who through sickness or wounds are for a time

