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TO ITS FRIENDS and well-wishers, the Members of 3rd Canadian Field Ambulance extend heartiest greetings. At this season of the year our minds turn irresistibly to Canada and those whose thoughts and prayers have, we know, followed us during the past year. Their's has been in many ways the harder part. We are not discouraged, but if at any time we might have been inclined to be down-hearted, we have been cheered by the kind encouragement received in many ways from our friends across the sea, and we look hopefully forward to the time when Victory for the Allies shall bring to an end this terrible struggle.

AS CANADIANS we are proud of what Canada has done, not only here but at Home, where great and willing sacrifices have been made to help the common cause, and as a Unit we are proud of having been privileged to participate even in a small way in the work she has done here.

THOSE OF us who have been spared throughout the year realise that we have much for which to be thankful. We recall in kindest memory those of our Comrades who are no longer with us, and to the friends who mourn their loss we tender our deepest sympathy.

J. A. GUNN.

Editorial.

IT affords us a great deal of pleasure to present this—the first number of "Now and Then." It is hoped that readers will overlook any shortcomings, owing to the fact that this issue has been somewhat hurriedly prepared in order to have it on the streets by Christmas. The need of a magazine devoted to a chronicling of topical news items affecting this Unit has been long felt, and the co-operation of all ranks to make it a success is earnestly solicited.

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We regret very much that so many of the officers originally with this Unit have been transferred to duties elsewhere. Working with them since mobilisation we had come to know them well. We must bear in mind, however, that as specialists in various branches of medicine and surgery their services are of greater value to their King and Country in their present posts. Our loss is somebody's gain, and the best wishes of the Unit are with them.

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Current copies of the "Listening Post," published by the Seventh Battalion, and the "Dead Horse Corner Gazette," the Journal of the Fourth Battalion, have been received and perused with interest. The existence of Journals published by military units in the war zone has been fully justified, and in entering this sphere of journalism we are confident of success.

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The Minstrel Troupe, whose activities are noted in another column, is doing great work amongst the troops of the Division, and it must be a source of the keenest pleasure to its members to bring a smile to the faces of those of our comrades who are finding their daily routine in the present period of quiescence, somewhat monotonous. It is gratifying to find these men giving up their spare time for the unselfish object they have in view, and we know their efforts are appreciated by the kindly remarks we have frequently heard made by officers and men of the various Units visited. The Minstrels look forward to further opportunities of driving away dull care.

THE EDITOR.