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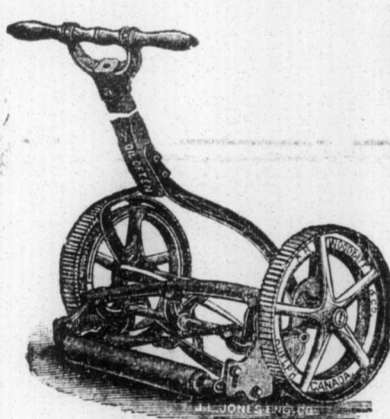
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## "A" COMPANY HELD SPLENDID CONCERT LAST EVENING

Departed Comrades Honored; Capt. "Mac." Toasted; Good Musical Program of Varied Versatile Parts.

'A' Company met last night in the Men's Mess at the armouries with much of their old time jollity and good comradeship. Absent faces there were and well beloved, but the wife of one who will never be forgotten in the annals of 'A', Mrs. Colquhoun, as she appeared for a minute at the entrance, got three ringing cheers and a tiger. A tribute that was touching, real and kind.

Present from the regimental staff and seated at the officers' table were Col. H. Genet, Major Ballachee, Adj. M. Cutcliffe, Capt. Watt, Major Brooks (2nd Dragoons) Lt. Emmons, Acting Captain Roy Secord and Lieut. F. C. Thomas. From the Sergeants' Mess of the Regiment, Sergt. Major Muir, Staff Sergt. Allan. From the 36th Battalion, Hamilton, came a popular ex-colors, Color Sergt. W. Bolt and Pte. E. Ray ("Pompey") Corporal Mercer and Corporal Stanley.

Mine Host Crumbach's food disappeared, iced drops on a stove or molasses in July being a suitable parallel to the quick shift they received. The Colonel smiled (Colonel's sometimes do) the 'Pay' told regimental things to the 'Horse' and the 'Adjutant' fraternised with the 'Major' as the parade querulousness were merely an indisposition not a cultivated facility, and in the lines where the khaki tunics hid the souls of men, there was glee and jollity reminiscent of the days before the C.T.V.'s left 'Londing' for wildscraps, for of such is the "Harmony."

There was a program more or less obscured with smoke, and in its kindly gloom, talent shone like beacon lights.

**CAPT. R. SECORD.**  
In a demonstration of popularity, the genial young skipper held the floor and with some happy introductory sentences proposed the toast "The King," honored by singing it through

**PTE. A. FERRELL**  
Violinist with melody and go enough to make the feet lift, gave his turn and had to repeat it, showing his versatility by playing in all conceivable ways.

**THE STAFF**  
was toasted with an additional three roars for the Colonel, who rose and in characteristic vein said the right thing and paid a few compliments and one to ex-colors Bolt (much applauded). He also paid a tribute to Captain Colquhoun, with more than usual warmth referred to his company now on active service. Briefly expressing his thanks for the splendid showing 'A' company had made in giving active service men, it was a splendid record. They had a splendid young officer in Lieut. Secord and he hoped they would do their best by him.

On Saturday, he saw the 36th Battalion at Hamilton, and the Brantford men, in every branch of work, they were superior to all others on parade at sports.

**MAJOR P. P. BALLACHEY**  
got away with his old chestnut 'A' company being a company in which one got a good feed once a year and in most other things it led the way. Col. Genet has done well in rearranging the companies and now they are nearly on an equal basis for numbers. Brantford has sent very close on 1000 men to the front and he hoped the men would fall in line like the 1st, 2nd and 3rd and do their duty when their call comes. It looks like a long war, Russia has met with reverses and has big difficulties to overcome, having to transport troops as far as from Vancouver to Toronto and sometimes this can only be accomplished by marching. More men would therefore be called for, and Canada must do her part. (Cheers.)

**PTE. P. FARNSWORTH**  
sang as a break and sung without one—The call of the Motherland with stirring swing, and got his usual merited encore and applause.

**ADJUTANT CUTCLIFFE.**  
The "noo hadjustant" was received with usual honors tendered the children of the gods when the men love. He spoke with modesty and good humor. Shooting, he said would start in a short time, and he would see every man get his shoot.

**CAPT. G. WATT.**  
The "pay" was glad to get his kind reception. Pay would not be given by the government this year, but he was happy to say they would be able to finance all companies this year from the regimental funds. With some eulogistic remarks to little "Mac" who led like a hero in the recent charge of the Fourth Battalion, he sat down.

**CAPTAIN EMMONS.**  
was brief and took his little dose of orator's role with capital good nature. He spoke on recruiting and emphasized the constant effort needed in getting good men.

**A SILENT TOAST.**  
was honored to "Our Boys on the Firing Line" with every evidence of restrained feeling.

**CORPORAL STANLEY.**  
sang a barrack ballad with reference to "Energy" the Eighth, said gentleman being remarkable for polygamous habits it seemed a favorite and got chorused loudly by all present.

**THE VISITORS AND BOYS OF THE 36TH.**  
got a vigorous toast with the rollicking good fellow chorus of "Jolly Goodfellows" as an accompaniment to

which Major Brooks responded in a few short appreciative words.

**COLOR SERGT. "BILLY."**  
"Billy" Bolt and Corporals Mercer and Stanley returned modest thanks like soldiers they were, rather prepared to act a part, than talk of it. They passed out amid Auld Lang Syne and cheers, good byes and good wishes.

**CORPORAL WATT.**  
sung with his 37-power strength baritone and sang of home and boyhood, and he affected his comrades deeply. They showed it by clapping.

**THE OFFICERS' TOAST**  
was happily taken up and the cheers were well meant, though they embarrassed the recipients terribly.

**CAPT. R. SECORD.**  
replied it seemed an easy task to keep 'A' company together when "Mac" was near, but since he had gone he could only battle on the best he could. He was apologetic for his part. He felt he could only do his best and when at times the drill was intricate he had relied upon the boys to pull him through. They were in full strength and that was good. He was sure Capt. "Mac" would find the company in good shape on his return.

Lieut. F. C. Thomas made a short and pithy address of thanks and expressed faith in 'A' company for the future.

**PTE. LUSCOMBE**  
was the night's stellar burnt cork artist and comedian, and was vociferously hailed, encored and dismissed with reluctant howls.

The night then closed with God Save the King, and the soldiers of 'A' Company dismissed till another year would bring its banquet night.

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### SPORTING NEWS

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia, May 20.—Griner performed the remarkable feat in yesterday's game, in which St. Louis shut out Philadelphia 3 to 0, of pitching to only 27 batsmen in nine innings. Griner was touched up for only two singles, and he did not give a pass, while he was given perfect support.

In trying to reach second when Baker failed in the first inning, Byrne was touched up by Butler, whose foot struck the runner on the head. Byrne suffered a slight concussion of the brain, and Stock took his place.

**R.H.E.**  
St. Louis . . . . . 6 0  
Philadelphia . . . . . 3 2 5  
At Boston—Mammaux held the Braves without a run yesterday, while Pittsburgh scored seven times off the delivery of Stroug, a New York youngster, hard. In the ninth inning Crutcher, who took Ragan's place in the Boston box, did not allow a hit in the last four innings. Score:

**R.H.E.**  
Boston . . . . . 6 1  
Pittsburg . . . . . 7 10 0  
At New York—New York made it two out of three from Chicago yesterday, winning the deciding game of the series by a score of 5 to 1. The visitors hit Stroud, a New York youngster, hard. In the ninth inning Marquard went into the box and retired two Chicago batsmen with the bases full. Score:

**R.H.E.**  
Chicago . . . . . 1 0 1  
New York . . . . . 5 6 1  
At Brooklyn—Jack Coombs won his third straight victory and scored his second successive shutout of the season yesterday, when he blanked Cincinnati 2 to 0. Score:

**R.H.E.**  
Cincinnati . . . . . 0 0  
Brooklyn . . . . . 2 9 1

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit, May 20.—Cobb's daring on the bases helped Detroit defeat New York 3 to 1 to-day. His single in the third inning sent Covalleski home with the run that tied the score. The next Georgian stole second and third, but Peckinpugh's fine stop of Veach's bounder over second stopped the rally.

In the eighth Cobb walked, stole second, advanced on a wild pitch, and came home on Young's single. Tyrus had four stolen bases to his credit. Score:

**R.H.E.**  
New York . . . . . 1 6 2  
Detroit . . . . . 3 6 1  
Batteries—Keating, Caldwell and Nunamaker; Covalleski and Stanage.

At Cleveland—Cleveland evened the series with Boston yesterday, winning by 5 to 2. Foster was knocked out of the box. Joe Jackson made his debut as a first baseman and did well. Cleveland . . . . . 5 10 1  
Boston . . . . . 2 6 0  
Batteries—Hagerman and O'Neil; Foster, Ruth and Thomas, Carrigan.

At Chicago—The wildness of the Philadelphia pitchers paved the way for a nine to seven victory for Chicago yesterday in the final game of the series. After giving his eighth base on balls in the eighth, Wyckoff was succeeded by Pennock, who allowed three more. This coupled with opportune hitting, including safe but

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