

cause He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

"Through much tribulation we enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."

A. P. S.

TO ALL OUR READERS.



BY the time this issue of 'TCHUN emerges from the press the Christmas of 1917 will be near at hand. We take this opportunity of wishing you all "The compliments of the season." May you live long and prosper, and may your shadows never grow less.

It is a long, long trail from this war-racked land of France to that fair Canada of ours—the grandest land on God's green earth, flooded with sunshine and all a-sparkle with frost and snow, wrapped in peace just as though war were but the shadow of an ugly dream. Those of us who are out here and must "stay on the job" look with longing eyes across the ocean to the broad lands, and those that dwell thereon, that we have left behind. And the best Christmas wish of all is that before another Christmas comes round again we may be marching home with Victory on our standards, and peace over all the world.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of "TCHUN."

SIR,—May I trespass on your valuable space to draw attention to a matter which, I think, is worthy of note.

During the recent Rifle Meet of the Canadian corps held at the Corps School, some 1,800 other ranks were gathered together, most of whom were billeted in the town in batches of from 10 to 20 in a billet, and in many cases not even under the control of an N.C.O. Not one single case of crime of any sort was reported during the whole 5 days of the Meet.

Comment is superfluous.

Thanking you, Sir,

TRENCH MORTAR.

THE CORPS SCHOOL.

November 3, 1917, is the first anniversary proper of the Canadian Corps School. The School has had the good fortune to have been left in the same place during the whole of this time, and, as a result, many improvements have been made to the buildings, training grounds, ranges, etc.

In November the Staff consisted of five Officer Instructors and seven N.C.O. Instructors; to-day there are seventeen Officers and forty-two N.C.O. Instructors. These include all the Instructors of the four different Wings of the School.

When the School first started everybody lived under canvas, and those who took Courses at the School in the early days can well remember the discomforts of the leaky tents in which they had to live, and also the lack of recreation and mess rooms.

This is now all changed, and every Officer and N.C.O. lives in a hut, proper recreation and mess rooms have been provided, in addition to a drill shed for use in wet weather. In fact, as one Officer said, who visited the School recently, "It all looks so beastly permanent."

Since December, 1916, two additional branches have been added to the School, and the number of Officers and N.C.O.s attending each Course has increased 300 per cent.

Notwithstanding the fact that of necessity a great many subjects must be taught at the School, the importance of close order drill and ceremonial is never lost sight of as a means of inculcating discipline and leadership. Great attention has been paid to teaching the tactical employment and handling of a platoon in the offensive, including situations arising in trench to trench, semi-open, or open warfare.

The 15th Course closed its shutters on October 27, and the 16th Course opened upon the 29th. On the Wednesday previous to the break-up a paper-chase was participated in by the whole School over a ten-mile course. The Chief Instructor and the Adjutant were two of the hares, and Lieutenants Heaslip and Green completed the quartet. They all finished with their tails in the air, although the Chief Instructor had a slight attack of the Heaves, while the Adjutant developed "Blind Stagers." No serious results are apprehended.

SOME RECENT VISITORS.

Among the visitors at the School during the last month were:—Army Commander; Corps Commander; Major-General A. C. MacDonnell, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Brigadier-General P. De B. Radcliff, D.S.O.; Brigadier-General Portal, D.S.O.; General White, U.S.A. Army; Lieut.-Colonel MacKenzie, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel Hayter, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel Warden, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel Kemmis Betty, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel Millen; Major Morrissey, D.S.O.; Major Betts, M.V.O. D.S.O.; Major Anderson; Major Hannay, D.S.O.