

## FOOTBALL

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Between the passing of the Granville Canadian Special Hospital from Ramsgate to Buxton all kinds of changes have taken place. The unit under the command of Lt.-Col. J. T. Clarke, on leaving the air-raided County of Kent, was scattered far and wide. But eventually, after a few weeks' sojourn at different hospitals, we have been gathered together again, although there are a few of the well-known faces seen no longer amongst us.

One thing we do know, that amid the changes which have taken place, we still have the Granville Canadian Football Club—"The Nuts"—almost intact. The steadfast and sure goalie, Kingston, is ever to be relied on; the backs, Frankie Willis and "Tiny" Budge have always to be reckoned with by opposing teams. Centre-half Towler, without doubt the hardest worker on the field any match, consequently coming in for more knocks and tumbles than any other two men; he is still captain of the team—more power to his elbow. Staff Towler if ably supported on his flanks by Corp. Sid. Strutton on the right, and Corp. Bert. Bowskill on the left, and a better half-back line is not easy to find around this burg. Changes have taken place in the forward line since the old Kent days. Sammy Horne has gone to the outside right from centre, "Scottie" Paterson taking his place in front of goal. Bobby Brade and Tootsie Tootell hold the fort on the left flank; while Dicky Longworth gives Sammy all the support he can on the right. Hayhurst is a good reservist, he plays a good, clean game, and is so willing at any time to fill a gap. We all miss little "Red" Forbes, who has been transferred to the C.A.D.C. Although erratic at odd times, as a general rule he played a sterling game.

Between leaving Kent for Derby several weeks have intervened, and football fell into the back ground against military duty. But now that things are beginning to look ship-shape, the *Nuts* have emerged from their shells, and once more taken the field.

The Buxton and District League competition is in progress and a brief summary is offered for your acceptance. The G.C.S.H. is at the top of the League, having played and won five matches, and scored 26 goals while the redoubtable Kingston has kept his net clear. The two matches with Peak Dale ended in wins for "The Nuts" by 6-0 and 3-0. The two with Tideswell were also wins. The match at Tideswell was played under the most wretched weather conditions, the scores being 3-0 away and 9-0 at home. In the home game the play was fast throughout, and there were several touches of good football by both teams, but the better combination of the Fragments prevailed. Sammy Horne played a splendid game, sending in several beautiful centres, three of