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Items of interest as seen from our
Observation Post.

The Corps Commander takes very keen interest in the work of the Corps School. He visited it three times last week, and the way some of the Platoons smartened up under his supervision surprised even themselves.

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New Nissenbow huts continue to go up replacing the tents, as rapidly as possible. The encampment will soon be a model one in every respect.

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Two hundred Sappers from the 4th Divisional Engineers arrived this week to build trenches and construct rifle ranges in connection with the School.

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The shower baths recently completed on the grounds for Officers and N.C.s are being well patronized.

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The closing of a number of estaminets in the village has resulted in better patronage for the camp messes.

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Sergt E.B.J. Fallis is leaving the School to take a special course of instruction preparatory to getting his commission.

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The Canadian Corps Training School was first started by the Corps Commander, Lieut-General the Hon. Sir Julian H.G. Byng, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., M.V.O., in July, 1916. The first course consisted of 28 Officers and the second of 52 Officers drawn from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Canadian Divisions.

The School was closed in August and did not reopen until October when the third course was held consisting of 52 Officers and 112 N.C.s from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Divisions. The first three courses were for three weeks, but it was found that in the winter time, when the days were short and the weather uncertain that it was desirable to have the course lengthened to four weeks. The fourth course commenced on November 26th and was attended by 64 Officers and 128 E.C.s from all the Divisions of the Canadian Corps.

FOUR QUOI ?

Some things we want to know.

Is it true that a sniper disguised himself as a turnip and was bitten by a cow ?

If Sergt Goss attended sick parade and got a number nine pill, would he "make a movement of it" ?

Why doesn't the Bridge Club of No. 1 Platoon get a Maxim silencer ?

Who is the young officer who received 42 pairs of socks from as many different females, and how is he going to acknowledge them all, and what would happen if he got the envelopes mixed ? What will the Censor say ?

Was the officer who stuck the bayonet in his chin, whilst demonstrating a parry, hoping to work a "Blighty" ?

Who is the individual who exclaimed "I dare'nt", when ordered to bend down at P.T. ?

Did the paymaster fall or was he pushed ?

Who was the officer who was seen trying to read "La Vie Parisienne" with the aid of a French dictionary ?

Who is the N.C.O. who said he'd rather be a full buck in the rear rank of the Sanitary Squad than give mutual instruction ?

What is the name of the officer who when "unfixing", put his bayonet in his greatcoat pocket instead of in the scabbard ?

Who is the officer who objects to "M-c-o-v-e-----totherightinfours" ?

Why didnt we all enlist in the Coldstream Guards ? (You must think)

What staff job does a certain Sergt-Major in No. 7. Platoon expect to get after the course, and why does he wear part of an officer's uniform ?

Who is the sergeant in No. 4. Platoon who has three helpings at every meal and is still thin on it ?

Who is "Jolly Jack, the Sailor" ?