



The Canadian Corps Training School.

IT is the proud boast of the Commander of the Canadian Corps, that there is no soldier braver or more self-reliant than the Canadian. The General's judgment in this has been confirmed on innumerable occasions, but he is not content to let it rest there. He is cognisant of the fact that colossal personal courage is not sufficient in itself to make a great soldier. Training and discipline are as essential to the soldier's development, as fearlessness is the necessary foundation.

The Canadian Corps Training School is the outgrowth of this idea in the mind of the Corps Commander, and the school is fast becoming one of the vital agencies in producing, from the semi-raw material from overseas, soldiers efficient in every respect.

The officer or N.C.O. who has attended a class at this school, and has failed to view the training he has undergone from a wider angle than merely a respite from duty in the trenches, is not worthy to hold his rank in the Canadian Force. There is a great outstanding lesson to be learned—a lesson which will enable the officers and N.C.O.'s to acquire that knowledge and training which will fit them to organise the instinctive bravery and magnificent physical equipment of the men in their command into an irresistible fighting force.

Apart from the practical instruction received through, and the general military knowledge gained from, lectures on every conceivable subject, the insistence of the officers in charge of the training upon the importance even of the smallest detail in the matter of dress and deportment is in itself a key to the main lesson which the school sets out to teach.

It is not reasonable to suppose that the Corps Commander would permit officers whom he has specially selected for the instructional staff at the school, to impose on the students any mere empty series of petty vexations. The burnishing of buttons, the pipe-claying of belts, and the brushing of uniforms is not demanded out of deference to any fastidious fancy, or by way of concession to a taste in punctilio, of the officers in charge. These little things are all a part of a well-thought-out plan to teach the officers and N.C.O.'s the necessity of smartness and discipline in the creation and maintenance of a well-organised and efficient army. Just as success in industrial or mercantile life comes to the man who takes a pride in his work and avails himself of every opportunity of gaining additional knowledge from the experience of experts, so is it in the making of a well-trained soldier. The little things count as well as the big.

If, as a result of the training afforded, this lesson has been learned, and if the