

## A/S.Q.M.S. W. Douglas.



A/S.Q.M.S. Douglas joined up with the old 6th Field Company, 2nd Div., and proceeded to France with this unit in September, 1915.

He was seriously wounded, and returned to England in 1916.

On becoming convalescent he joined the Depot, and was employed at Headquarters.

He became Depot Clerk on the re-organization of the Engineers formations in May, 1918, where his smiling and efficient personality still dominates the Headquarters Sub-Staff.

There are many cases, however, where dances are advertised as being features of the social life of a certain definite Battalion or Company, and many well founded kicks are registered because the members of such definite units are placed at a disadvantage in obtaining admission by reason of the influence of certain dancing cliques.

A further ground of complaint concerns itself with the treatment that has been accorded the C.E.T.C. orchestra by the 3rd Battalion Committee.

At previous dances, this Committee has always employed an orchestra—the C.A.S.C.—from outside the Depot.

Now Sergt. Reading—who is in charge of the C.E.T.C. orchestra—has been at great pains and some expense to form and train his party, and it appears to us a little invidious that this Committee, who have at

last employed our own orchestra as the result of pressure being brought to bear on them, should have submitted that orchestra to the indignity of a public vote in the dance hall, as to which is the best orchestra.

It is up to the Engineers to support their own institutions. Let the spirit which kept us together in battles, spite of divergent opinions, in spite of possible mistakes, also keep us together in peace.

Even if our orchestra is not the best—and we maintain it is—our own men should support it.

It is also worthy of note that the orchestra which bears the name of the C.A.S.C., when employed in this connection, is mostly borrowed from Sergt. Reading's C.E.T.C. orchestra.



## Headquarters.

In record time, and without any hitch, the last of the Canadian Engineer Corps Troops left the C.S.M.E. Lines on April 16th, *en route* for Liverpool, where they embarked on the s.s. "Belgic." During their stay with the C.S.M.E. the boys had been favoured with good weather, which allowed them to indulge in outdoor sports and enjoy a pleasant leave, and, in fact, did much to keep them in good humour while awaiting the completion of documents.

The work of preparing the nine units for despatch to Canada, no mean job, especially when it is mentioned that this was the first demobilization work carried out by the C.S.M.E., was safely navigated, solely through the combined efforts of all ranks of C.S.M.E. Every branch pulled together, from the Chief Instructor, Lieut.-Colonel D. S. Ellis, D.S.O., down to the runners, the staff working night and day during the six weeks the units were stationed in No. 1 Lines.

No department in itself can be singled out for praise. The work of outfitting the men was admirably carried out by Capt. W. S. Gordon and his staff. The Records Office, in charge of Lieut. Stirling, worked night and day preparing documents, and credit can be handed to Sergts. Burgess and Palmer, and also to Sapper Harold Marten, for the absence of delay in securing any man's documents. Lieut. J. H. Kerr, Corpl. A. Morrison, and the Pay Staff were on the job every minute, first paying the men and allowing them to get away on leave, and later handling Last Pay certificates. The Medical Officer, Capt. McLarty, had no mean job in looking after the health of the men, and the countless examination each man had to undergo before being declared fit for travel.

At Headquarters, C.S.M.E., Lieut. Craig, D.C.M., Adjutant, and Lieut. P. Daniels were to be found hard at work, many a time up till midnight.

No one derived much pleasure in preparing the Corps Troops for return to Canada, but it was some satisfaction to all ranks to receive special commendation from officers of London Headquarters Staff to the effect that in no other instance had they found documents in such splendid shape as those prepared by the C.S.M.E.

The Canadian Corps Signal Company, Canadian Corps Survey Section, and Anti-aircraft Searchlight Section, left at 2.30 o'clock Saturday morning, April 12th, proceeding direct to Liverpool.