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## Editorial.

Your magazine is now an accomplished fact, and well on its way to a successful future, on a sound financial basis. Everybody has been very kind, and with the continued support of our correspondents and subscribers, and any words of advice (be lenient!) you may have to give, we will do our best to increase and improve it from time to time.

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All you fellows round the Depot ought to be jolly pleased that the Sappers have been doing so well at sports. You have had good results at football, and there are several good boxing men who did well in the championships at Shorncliffe and elsewhere. The winning of the Hackbridge run last month, against some very hot teams, was quite a score. It just amounts to this, that if everyone takes an interest in things generally, it is as good as a pat on the back. I think that we all need a little encouragement these days.

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Within the last few days I have had several inquiries on different matters: requests for information, and also for advice in obtaining some material. I was very pleased to be able to carry out these commissions. There may be others in the same boat, so I should like to let our readers know that I shall be very glad to be of any assistance in answering questions, or obtaining any information within reason. Naturally, this is not a detective agency, nor am I a "Datus"; but I may be in a better

position to do some things than are some of you now in France. There are two things that you are requested *not* to forget: your O.C. is always your best friend if you want anything, and that this office cannot deal with matters of discipline.

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I have been trying to get some information with regard to the wearing of the red or blue service chevrons, but can hear nothing except that the regulations do not apply to the Canadians, and that a ruling is expected soon. I have seen several of our men wearing the red stripe who were not entitled to do so. It isn't cricket for men to claim the word "overseas" as applying to themselves when they did not leave this country until 1915.

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We were all glad to see so many of the old school returning for three months' leave home. There are many, many more whom we should have liked to have seen. To see those old faces of the "originals" brings back to us memories of those whom we shall never see again.

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There will be several competitions arranged from time to time, which I want to see everybody enter into. I think that they are a great thing for finding the latent talent which abounds in all ranks of our Companies.

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I am sorry that there are still several Companies which we have not yet heard from, except that they have a correspondent. Some of them must have an attack of stage fright. Now, show up; you need not have the "limes" unless you want them.

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I want to thank all those readers who have been so kind as to pat us on the back with regard to the first number.