

**ANSWERS
TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

D. L. K.—No, the Quartermaster is not supposed to supply you with black currant jam on request. Such luxuries are only for the Sergeants.

C. R. G.—Yes, certainly. All promotions in the Canadian Militia are made on merit; personal or political influence has absolutely no weight.

H. S. G.—We have heard insect powders will kill fleas on cats. A much better plan, and one we would strongly recommend, is to soak the animal in gasoline and place it close to a flame. This method has never been known to fail.

N. S. G-n.—No, we know of no better or more practical method of detecting the odour of alcohol on the breath. However, we freely confess we are not expert in such matters, and would suggest you consult some married woman.

N. S. B-n.—We are unable to estimate the value of your splendid advice in £, s. and d. However, the knowledge that you have rendered a fellow-being such a service should be reward sufficient in itself.

N. S. M-h.—As far as we know, there is no regulation in K.R. and O. to prevent you from using the O.R. as a place to practice roller skating. We feel quite certain the floor is substantial, but might suggest pillars.

Several Nursing Sisters.—No, "on command" does not mean that the officers in question have been sent abroad in "command" of a Division; nor does it mean they may be recalled "on command" of any particular individual. It is a matter distinctly with the A.D.M.S. office.

R. A. T.—Personally we would call it a draw under the circumstances. Of course, if the Marquis of Queensberry rules were not enforced, as you say, you might claim the title on a foul.

Several Night Nursing Sisters.—No, as far as we know the R.S.M. is not on the consultant staff of the Hospital.

Night Orderly.—We understand Night Supervisors are appointed by Royal Warrant, and cannot be dismissed without the consent of the British Cabinet, General Sam. Hughes, and the Hague Convention.

An Admirer.—The climate may have some effect in the change of colour, but not knowing the previous hue cannot say whether a hair-dye would be of any benefit.

Music Lover.—No, we know of no song entitled "The Braes of Yarrow." The M.O., Nursing Sisters, or patients in the vicinity of the ward might supply the information.

Eighteen Australian Patients.—(1) No, two pair does not beat three of a kind. (2) Certainly you have the right to cut the cards, even if he is a Canadian. (3) No, the Hospital does not furnish chips; apply to any N.C.O. (4) No, dealing from the bottom is not considered good form. (5) No, it is not the custom to pay partners.

The Twins.—Very sorry we cannot give you any information on the subject. This is a strictly family journal, edited by an officer with a keen sense of right and wrong; consequently such topics are absolutely forbidden. P.S.—We will be glad to advise you privately.

R. J. W.—No, as far as we know the Hon. T. W. McGarry is not the supreme head of the Militia in Canada. You must have taken the officer up wrong. Kindly inform us where you received your information, and we might advise you.

T. A. C.—We feel quite certain this is not a training school for padres. They are merely relieving M.O.'s "on command."

Military Police.—No, there are no wild animals in the Officers' Mess; the noise you refer to might have been caused by Captain Jamison singing, Captain Shenstone taking a bath, Major McKay shaving, Captain Clarke using a new brand of hair restorer, Captain Kennedy arguing, Captain Crawford peacefully sleeping, or Colonel Chambers after a brilliant run of five at billiards.

One of the Sisters.—(1) Yes; Capt. Hilker hails from Hamilton. (2) We are quite ignorant of the name of the church he attends. (3) We scarcely think his spiritual adviser could force an apology.

The Padres.—(1) We know of no reason why you are now sleeping in the officers' quarters. (2) No, we heard of no complaint.

Several M.O.'s.—We understand being relieved of the duties of Orderly Officer is a reward for gallantry under fire: somewhat similar to the Victoria Cross.

TO THE NURSING SISTERS.

AN APPEAL:

WHEN the Editor asked me to write something for this issue from a Chaplain's point of view, I am quite sure he never intended that I should write what I am going to write. Instead of news notes, I am making an appeal, and in a quarter in which we are accustomed to find a gracious response. As a staff we are out to heal. Those wonderful patients of whom we are so proud, and who help us so often as we try to help them, are at the parting of the ways. At least one chapter of their lives, as soldiers and as men, lies behind them. Nobody tells all that he has seen: nobody tells more than a fraction of what he has felt. Even the man who is returning to duty will find himself in new surroundings and with new responsibilities. Going back to civil life, whatever the disability for service, has its own cares and temptations and tasks. Can we be right, any of us, if the healing of the Hospital be confined to the mending of bodies only? All that is worthy that has been accomplished by the best of us has been accomplished as the result of some victory of the soul. And soul-victories mean God. May we not seek Him better during this 'tween-times of Hospital life? There were resolutions made in hours of danger and pain which it will take high manhood to carry into effect: it is so much easier to vow than to pay. Opportunities enough are ours at Orpington. Why should we not be using more freely the Sunday services, and especially the family worship each week-day morning at 8.30 in the Recreation Room? The fact that half, and more than half, of us have duties that prevent our attendance should only make the rest of us keener. War has taught us to pray for others as well as ourselves, for comrades, and those at home, and those who are trying to help us. And it is just in this connection that I want to make my appeal to the Sisters. Without a word of slight upon the work of M.O.'s, it must be plain to everybody that the ward is the woman's realm. I am going to ask the Sisters to charge themselves with yet another task on the patients' behalf. I want them, fairly and frankly, as counsellors who are listened to because they are loved, to give the invitation to every patient, and quite

often, "Pray brothers, pray." The Sisters can't get to morning prayer, and even Sunday opportunities are on no very liberal scale for them. But what they are doing, and His blessing that is resting upon it, entitle them to say with all their heart, "Pray, boy, for yourself and me also."

PASTOR IGNOTUS.

CAPT. RYAN GOES TO CANADA.

IT was indeed with a feeling of deepest regret that, on Thursday, August 24th, we said good-bye to Captain Edw. Ryan, who left for Liverpool, en route for his home in Kingston, Ontario. Early in the week Capt. Ryan received word by cable that his wife and youngest son were both quite ill. The news came as a great shock to him, for he intended bringing his family over here this fall. However, on receipt of the cable he decided to go to them, if possible, in their time of trouble. He obtained two months' leave of absence, and sailed on the Northland, Saturday, August 26th.

He will be greatly missed by everyone in the unit for his geniality, for the keen interest he took in all that pertained to the welfare and development of the Hospital, and for his marked executive ability. He has charge of the Psychopathic Section, which he has developed to such a high grade of efficiency. He had just completed his term as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mess, which he had held since its inauguration. He was also manager of the Baseball Team, and took a keen interest in its development.

It is the earnest hope of everyone in the unit that Captain Ryan's wife and son may both speedily regain perfect health; and that ere the two months are up he will return to us, to carry on with his usual vigour the work he was so capably performing.

FOR the second time within a very few weeks the Medical Staff has been depleted. This time by the transfer of Captains Parr and Richardson to Shorncliffe, where they will do Board Work. It is understood that their transfer is but temporary; and we hope to have them back with us soon.

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