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ANOTHER GREETING TO OUR COMRADES

BRIGADIER ADDRESSES OFFICERS AND MEN

WING to circumstances over which we had no control, we were compelled to suspend publication of The Clansman for more than a month, but, like the proverbial black cat, we have "come back" and for the fourth time in ten months we say "Heilo, fellows." In the new camp we have the support of the officers as under the old conditions and have succeeded in lining up a reasonable amount of advertising, with more yet to come. We again ask for the support of other ranks and feel safe in feeling that we shall get it just as heartily as in the camp which we left.

The same old force is at work on the paper again, but other men of our unit have volunteered their services and are now on the staff. The policy will not be changed and every effort will still be made to make The Clansman representative of all ranks. Our inquiry column is at the service of any man in uniform and all signed communications will receive every consideration. Address your queries or contributions to The Clansman and leave them at your battalion or company orderly room and they will reach us without delay.

And speaking of contributions—remember, please, that it takes money to run the paper and that we have been six weeks without revenue and that every copy sold will help to overcome the difficulty which we now face. We will supply wrappers for mailing and you may purchase copies at the dry canteens, officers' mess, sergeants' mess or at the Tintown, Hindhead or Haslemere news stands. Come on in, fellows, with the boost that is needed.

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A good many promotions have come through orders since the last issue of The Clansman. We extend congratulations to all the fortunate ones, since we feel that in every instance the promotions were well earned.

Innovation in military lines, and one which we have every reason to believe will be a success and help to promote efficiency in the service, was sprung shortly after our arrival at the new camp when the Brigadier, Lieut.-Col. Gunn, sent out notices of meetings to be held in the Cinema across the square. The first meeting of the series was held for the benefit of the officers of the new division and the Brigadier spoke to his subordinates in a manner which will not soon be forgotten. He asked for a more hearty co-operation in bringing about a feeling of "esprit de corps" and laid stress on the necessity of discipline in all ranks. Many little plans which will ultimately mean much to the officers and men under his command were brought out and emphasised in a striking manner and at the end of the lecture every commissioned man present felt that he had something more to look to in the training of his men.

The second meeting was held on the following evening, when the Brigadier addressed the non-commissioned officers of the brigade and brought out point after point which are being found helpful in the training. He spoke strongly for discipline and every N. C. O present was made to understand that no infringement of the rules would be tolerated. He referred to them as "the back bone of the army" and asked all to co-operate with him in making the new brigade one of which Canada might justly be proud.

In each of his talks the Brigadier spoke more as a comrade than as a commanding officer and drove home every point with a skill and force that carried conviction. It is safe to predict that Lieut.-Col. Gunn will be more than ordinarily popular with his officers and men and that, in carrying out the plans which he has made, he will have the hearty co-operation of all ranks.

It is probable that the meetings will follow at frequent intervals.