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### EDITORIAL.

On Monday, September 13, news reached our unit from Official Quarters that Lt.-Col. A. E. Ross, who ever since the training days at Valcartier, had been in command of No. 1 Field Ambulance, had been promoted to the more responsible post of Assistant Director of Medical Services for our Division.

While every member of our unit knew that the honor could not have been more suitably bestowed, we were equally unanimous in our regret that Colonel Ross would have to leave us, and these mingled feelings were evident as the men assembled on that evening to hear our departing O.C. say a final word. His speech was short, as it was not the time for many words, but everyone who heard him will remember the kindly and encouraging way in which he took leave of us. He expressed appreciation of the co-operation of every member of the Ambulance, and in leaving us for a work of greater scope and responsibility stated that one condition on which he took the step was that Major Wright should succeed him. That Officer had long before won the confidence of the men as Adjutant, and as O.C. the confidence will become stronger. He may be assured that every man of the Ambulance will stand by him, and take his share in maintaining the reputation which No. 1 has already attained.

In the evening Col. Ross was the guest of the Officers in their mess. Official news of the departure of our O.C. had only been made known at mid-day and there was very little time to make such arrangements as would do justice to the occasion. However, a committee of two officers busied themselves during the afternoon with good results. Their efforts were supplemented by some special and cheerful exertions of Atkins, Fenwick and Metcalfe, always on the job and ready for anything extra in their line, particularly when the cause was as good as it happened to be in this case. The dinner included the following Toast List:—

- 1.—The King.
- 2.—The C.A.M.C.  
Proposed by Lieut. F. McGuire, 2nd Canadian Infantry Battalion.  
Response by Capt. O. E. Carr.
- 3.—The Allies.  
Proposed by Capt. H. Beaudry.
- 4.—Our Guest, "For he's a jolly good fellow."  
Proposed by Capt. D. V. Warner.  
Response by Lt.-Col. A. E. Ross.
- 5.—"Home and Friends."  
Proposed by Capt. G. J. Boyce.  
Response by Capt. A. D. McConnell.
- 6.—"The Day," when peace with honour for the Allies comes.  
Proposed by Capt. C. R. Graham.  
Response by Capt. E. L. Stone.
- 7.—"Our next Merrie Meeting."  
"Should auld acquaintance be forgot."  
"God save the King."

### MAJOR DUVAL'S DEATH.

Universal regret was caused when the news of the death of Major J. H. Duval in England, reached our unit, the other day.

The late Major was badly wounded on the 26th April, when gallantly engaged in his duties at St. Julien, in succouring the wounded, and it was hoped that he was recovering when the sad tidings of his death were received by his brother officers and men of No. 1 Canadian Field Ambulance.

Major Duval was a native of St. John's (Quebec) and graduated at McGill in 1898. Upon the outbreak of the

war he was practicing in St. John, New Brunswick, and he was one of the first to volunteer, arriving at Valcartier in the memorable August of 1914, when he was placed in command of "A" Section of No. 1 Field Ambulance.

The late officer was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of St. John, and a fine tribute was paid to his memory by the Pastor of that Church upon the Sunday following his decease.

Mrs. Duval and her two young children have the deepest sympathy of all officers and men of No. 1 Canadian Field Ambulance in their bereavement.

### GENERAL ALDERSON'S FAREWELL.

The following special order was issued by Lieut.-General E. A. H. Alderson, C.B., now commanding the Canadian Army Corps, and it will be read with interest by every member of the 1st Division, who has had the honour of serving under that distinguished soldier.

13th September, 1915.

On handing over the command of the 1st Canadian Division to Brigadier-General (I hope soon to be Major-General) A. W. Currie, C.B., as I have done this morning, I wish to give my heartfelt thanks to all ranks of the Division, and especially to the Brigadiers and the Divisional and Brigade Staffs, for the so loyal and efficient help they have given to me during the eleven months that I have commanded the Division. It is this help that, in spite of the difficulties of organization, of the trying and climatic and other unpleasant conditions on Salisbury Plain, has made my period of command so pleasant.

I have already expressed personally to all ranks my appreciation of the conduct of the Division in action at all times, and especially during the trying twelve days—22nd April to 4th May—at Ypres. I will not, therefore, say any more about this conduct, except that I shall never forget it.

I am consoled in my great regret at leaving the Division by the thought that, as Corps Commander, I shall still be in close touch with it.

In handing over to General Currie I feel, as I have told him, that I hand over an efficient fighting unit, which, I am sure, will, under him, add to the reputation it has made, and also give him the same loyal support that it has always given me.

I feel that I cannot conclude better than by asking all ranks of the 1st Division to always remember the words which I am adopting as the motto of the Canadian Army Corps:—

"CONSENTIENTIES VI TRAHUNT VICTORIAM."  
(Those in agreement seize victory by force.)

### "A" SECTION NOTES.

Sgt. L. B. Warnicker who came out with the last draft is now attached to "A" Section.

Will someone kindly state why A. E. Ravenhill Wood is always called "Scotty" when he is really a Welshman, and should be treated accordingly as such.

A delightful little Smoking Concert was held by "A" Section, Tent Division, the other night. The following programme was successfully carried out:—

- (1) Musical Medley by the band.
- (2) Song by S.-Sgt. Thomas Griggs, the silver-toned baritone, entitled "The Famous Number Nine"
- (3) Song by Pte. J. G. Lutes, "The Warbling Blacksmith," entitled "My Old Mush-eroom."
- (4) Song, "The Toilers" very hard work (for the audience), by Pte. Don. Stewart, sole representative in Flanders of the American Beef Trust.
- (5) Grand Finale contributed by Corporal "Pop" Mean.