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The acquisition of the band and also the services of a bugler—two innovations of the present school—have given a more finished tone to the parades. The band is an excellent musical organisation.

Several "Hut" dinners have been held at the Hotel Nonore, during the course of the school. These little affairs have, without exception, been most enjoyable, and well conducted. For the dinners the Commandant extended the hour of returning to quarters to 11 p.m..

The success of the present school has in no measure been attributable to the weather prevailing. The members of the school reported New Year's eve in a heavy fog. The next few days were fine. Then a week of wind and rain ensued, followed by more rain and cold. The latter part of the third week and the beginning of the fourth, which saw a heavy fall of snow and a temperature like that of Canada, capped the climax. The decision of the staff to hold the inspection parades in the town market square instead of on the parade grounds during the wet, cold weather, was greatly appreciated, and had the effect of reducing the number reporting sick.

On the third Sunday afternoon of the course an interesting soccer match was played between teams picked from the Officers and the N.C.O.s. The N.C.O.s won handily by a score of 3 to 0.

New drill uniforms were issued during the course, and were used when the classes were engaged in engineering work. The tunic and trousers were of good stout material, and afford good protection to the regular uniforms, which at this school must be kept in spotless condition.

During the course of this school commencement was made on the construction of a large drill hall at the upper end of the parade grounds. An addition also was made to the Officers' Mess ante-room.

The batmen dined wisely and well on Wednesday evening of the last week of the course. The spread cost a thousand francs. They paid for it themselves after assessing each Officer an amount necessary to meet expenses.

The Officers attended lectures held in an adjoining town on the first three Saturday afternoons of the course. They were conveyed to the place of assembly in motor busses. The lectures were on the following subjects: "The Causes of the War"; "Christianity and the War"; and "Tanks." All three were intensely interesting.

Heard in No. 4 Platoon.



FIRST SERGT.: "What in — did ye mane by telling the C.Q.M.S.-Instructor that oi was a darned fule?"
SECOND SERGT.: I didna do nae sech thing; didna hae to, by heck! He knowed already.

Attention! Stand Steady.

*The Canadian Corps Instruction School's the topic of the day.
Where Major Cameron and his staff teach Jack Canuck the way
To win the war by numbers, and strafe the gentle Hun.
If you give me your attention I shall tell you how it's done.*

*Sure the Sergeant Major sounds the whistle just before "Fall in,"
And the markers all "dress up" and "Stand at Ease" in front of him.
Then, should you move an eye-lid, or even change your mind,
When standing at attention, you will very quickly find
That the Sergeant Major's watching you.—He'll tell you without fail*