

to speak, and since our coming over a year ago now, wonderful changes have taken place. In somewhat the same manner as the mushroom cities of the gold mining districts of America are rushed up in a night and a dreary wilderness gives way to noisy, bustling life, the face of the country round about

us has been transformed. Where before we stood alone in a barren expanse of rolling fields we are now in the very centre of what might be termed a large and exceedingly active military community in which is to be found a representative unit from almost every branch of the Service.

### WE CONGRATULATE.

THE O. C., the Matron, Captain W. A. Clarke, Sister Morrison Sgt. G. Nairn and Pte. T. Sayer on having been mentioned in Lieut. General Milne's dispatches. This recognition of their services during the past year is well deserved and reflects great credit on the unit as a whole.

No. 4 on their excellent troupe of minstrels, whose performance afforded the members of this unit no end of enjoyment on the evening of Dec. 16.

The following members of the unit on having got off on leave: Sgt. Major Glass, Sgt. Rawlinson, Cpl. Davies, Ptes. Wing, Fairclough, Hunkin, and Kelleway. We can imagine what a jolly time they had in Blighty during the Christmas week.

The following members who were selected and have gone on the second leave batch: —Sgts. Harrup and Russell,

Cpl. Mc Hardy, Ptes. French, L. Hamilton, O'Leary, and Evans, and Scott. Other batches are going — or expecting to go—soon.

### NEW ADJUTANT AND S. M.

AS the result of some of No. 5 officers leaving to take up duties temporarily in Field Ambulances near the trenches and some of the N. C. O.'s going to England on leave a number of changes have taken place in the administration of the unit, two of which, at least, we must mention. Capt. D. J. Miller has taken Capt. Hannington's place as adjutant, the latter being for the present at the 81st Field Ambulance. Captain Mackintosh filled this position for a brief time until he went away on leave. Staff Sgt. Lawlor has been promoted Sergt. Major to replace S. M. Glass who is on leave.

