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MAJ. GODSON-GODSON GIVES ADDRESS AT CONCERT

NOT for a considerable period has such a capital entertainment been pulled off by the battalion as that staged in the Y.M.C.A. marquee, at Bulford Camp, on the evening of the 18th ult. Considering the brief period allowed the energetic organizer, Capt. Muirhead, to secure the talent the programme proved to be a well-balanced and highly interesting one. The S.R.O. sign was hung out early. The feature of the programme was undoubtedly the splendid music provided by the Second Brigade Band which rendered many selections. The show included a spirited boxing contest; many good vocal and instrumental solos and duets, Highland dancing and pipers. Practically every officer was present, and an especially warm welcome was tendered Major G. Godson-Godson, D.S.O., former Adjutant of the battalion, who found time from his new duties as Commandant at Canadian Corps Headquarters, to take in the entertainment and to renew acquaintances with both officers and men. In introducing the guest of the evening, Col. J. Edwards Leckie, D.S.O., said all were aware of how the Major had distinguished himself at the battle of Ypres and had been decorated by His Majesty with the D.S.O. He need hardly assure the visitor—for he must feel it—that those present were delighted to see him so far recovered in health as to again be on active service. As Major Godson was unable to make himself heard, because as a result of his wounds his voice was still greatly impaired, he would ask Capt. Heakes to repeat exactly the words the Major wished to convey to the audience.

On coming to the front of the platform with Capt. Heakes, Major Godson received a perfect ovation. He said:

"Under the circumstances, it is the

greatest pleasure possible for me to meet the members of the battalion again. I have never considered myself as separated from the 16th, and I hope I never will. I want you now to accept my thanks on the magnificent way you behaved on the night of April 22 at Ypres, and subsequently at Festubert. In my military career I have never seen such an exhibition of courage and discipline as on that memorial occasion at Ypres. Subsequently, I am told your behaviour was equally fine at Festubert.

The desire for the publication of a newspaper during the period that the 16th Battalion is on active service in Europe has culminated in the initial number of The Brazier. It is primarily issued as a vehicle for regimental news and anecdote, and contributions of verse, story, joke or sketch will be appreciated. I bespeak for the paper the hearty support of all ranks in making the enterprise a permanent medium which will reflect the esprit de corps of The Canadian Scottish.

J. EDWARDS LECKIE,
Lt.-Col., 16th Batt.

In my recent visit to Canada, particularly Vancouver, it was gratifying to me to see such great appreciation and understandingness on the part of the people there."

The speaker said he had inspected the new 72nd Overseas Battalion and was greatly impressed with same. The men now training struck him as being as worthy representatives as that portion of the original 16th from the old regiment, who had contributed so suc-

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PRESENTS BATTALION WITH FOUR MACHINE GUNS

Advices have been received by the Officer Commanding of the forwarding of a battery of four Lewis machine guns—a gift to the battalion. The patriotic donor is Mr. H. Bell-Irving, of Vancouver, B.C., father of Capt. R. O. Bell-Irving of No. 2 Coy., who has always followed with keen interest the fortunes of The Canadian Scottish since leaving Canada for active service. Arm.-Sergt. R. Russell, with a special detail, is attending a school of instruction to obtain the latest tips on handling these very effective automatic machine rifles.

FIELD SPORTS GALORE

Commencing tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, with a programme of track and athletic events for the members of the battalion, and closing Friday and Saturday with field days for the Third Canadian Infantry Brigade, weather permitting, the week gives promise of witnessing some keen sport. Besides different track events there will be football matches, boxing contests and an officers indoor baseball match. The transport section also intends holding a field day before leaving the rest camp.

ANIMATED PICTURES

Through the kindness of the Canadian War Contingent Association, in conjunction with the Y.M.C.A., The Third Infantry Brigade, now possess a moving picture machine. Since the battalion moved back for the rest Capt. W. Fingland, the Y.M.C.A. representative, has been giving cinema shows in the barns where the troops are billeted. The excellent talent to be found among the companies visited always assured a jolly "Sing-Song" as part of the evening's entertainment. The machine will make the rounds of the brigade, new films being provided from time to time.