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lordly sweep of his hand produced for the inspection of the keen-faced little door keeper a pass entitling the holder to a free seat. The incident, small as it was, shows a sad lack of appreciation of the good work being done by the young men of the High School Cadet Corps, and if those who are seemingly so anxious to foster local recruiting would, or could, bear in mind the fact that "the boy is father to the man," it would be more in keeping with the eternal fitness of things. A few words of encouragement or even a kindly smile to the hard-working youngsters would go a long way to encourage them in their work, because "they also serve who only stand and wait."

No, gentle reader, it is no more correct form for an officer to march down the aisle of a theatre or an auditorium with his cap on his head than it would be for an ordinary gamin. Both should know better.

The many friends of Sergt. Paul Edmonds, the well-known local singer, who left here with the first draft from the 5th Artillery, will be pleased to learn that he has secured a commission in the Royal Field Artillery and is now with his battery in India.

### SCOUTS AND SCOUTING

(Lieut. M. M. Marsden.)

Christmas and New Year drawing near, I, on behalf of the Scout section, wish the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Battalion a very merry Xmas and fighting New Year.

We have been busy on examinations. The scouts detailed to me for instruction having worked hard and conscientiously, I, with the sanction of the C.O., submitted a badge for his approval which all qualified scouts of our Battalion should wear. He having approved of the badge, I held a series of examinations, and I heartily congratulate the men who have passed through Battalion Orders as Qualified Scouts for the 67th.

There are still a few of the men who have not qualified, for the reason that they have not been with me long enough to get sufficient training. I wish also to thank these men for the keen interest they are taking in the work, and should we not leave for the front soon, I will hold another examination in February.

The following were the points examined on: (1) Field sketch of a route travelled; (2) road report; (3) bridge report; (4) water report; (5) general information; (6) conventional signs; (7) map reading, use of compass, or setting of map; (8) general field work.

The Scouts under me hold a record of having no crimes against them, and the highest shooting average in the battalion. They have shown themselves to be in every way thoroughly reliable, willing and intelligent. I also want to thank the O.C.'s of companies for having selected last September such good men for the work.

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I cannot let pass the uncalled for remarks which appeared two weeks ago in the "Western Scot," and would say that it is the greatest honor an officer, N.C.O. or private can have is to be selected as a Scout. A battalion without Scouts is as badly off as a man without a dollar. A scout in all kinds of warfare has the other men's safety in view all the time. Who is responsible for the protection of troops either en route or at rest? The Scouts!

Who does the C.O. rely on for all information ahead of him? The Scouts?

Why is it that no Scouts have the V.C.? For the simple reason that on active service at the front they earn a V.C. a dozen times a day, but there is no one there to see them.

Old chum Scouts of mine have gone off and never returned. Some shot. Some captured and tortured to death. Some drowned swimming rivers in flood, trying to the last to bring back information. Some killed by lions. Some by snake bites. It ill behooves any man to cast any slur on a qualified Scout of the 67th Battalion C.E.F. or any Scouts in His Majesty's forces.