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## ORIGIN OF THE SEAFORTH REGIMENTAL MOTTO

In the olden days of Scotland, the king gathered his followers and set out on a hunt. On the third day, a stag was wounded by the king, and turned upon him. Just as the infuriated animal was about to kill him, a McKenzie, a member of the party, came to the rescue and saved the life of his lord. So pleased was the king that he gave the McKenzie a grant of land and a crest. On the crest he caused to be inscribed, "Guid-ich'n Rich." The McKenzie since raised a body of troops and the old family crest was adopted.

As to the meaning of the motto, we find that authorities differ, giving three interpretations, "Help the King," "Honour the King," and "Followers of the King." In the effort to get at the original meaning, we are writing the headquarters of the original unit of the Seaforths and shall take their version as the correct one.

Haslemere is more than proud of one of her native sons, Acting Captain Humphrey, who deserted his father's drapery store at the beginning of the war and joined the colors as a private. He soon gained promotion, was made a lieutenant on the field and was mentioned in dispatches. A short time ago he was awarded a Military Medal and recommended for a captaincy, though he was wounded in the action. He is now in hospital, but expects to return to the front as soon as his wounds have healed.

## BANK HOLIDAY WILL BE CELEBRATED IN STYLE

Next Monday is August Bank Holiday and elaborate plans are being made for its celebration. Happy Valley, directly opposite Divisional Headquarters, will be the scene of amusements and one of the biggest and best programs of the year is being arranged. Every brass, pipe and bugle band in the camp is to be called into service and the Divisional Concert party will appear in a new and novel entertainment.

The program will begin at 6.30 and conclude at about 9.0 o'clock with a grand military tattoo. No admission will be charged.

The regular concerts and entertainment being staged in the Valley are more than proving popular and are being well attended by the amusement seekers of the camp. New programs are constantly being arranged, and, in fact, nothing is left undone which would in any way add to the pleasures of the evenings.

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N. C. O. to recruit—What's your religion?

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The weather man certainly put a crimp into the sports this week. To our readers across the seas we might add that we have had a cold rain for breakfast and dinner and a colder one for snpper every day this week. To our readers in the camp we say nothing about the weather—they can say it faster and better than we can.

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## The Editor's Page of News Notes and Personal Observations

The Troubles and Pleasures of a Canadian Highlander in Scotland—the new title of our sports editor's writings, which we hope to run in serial form. It will be accompanied by Brilliant Biographies of the Bounding Beauties, by Sergt. Sparrow, and Sleeping Serenely in the Sunlight, by Corp'l Quigley. Other features we hope to have at an early date will include Snipe Shooting, by the band between pay days, and O Death Where is Thy Sting, by the orderly sergeant of the regimental employee company. Getting Even With the Editor, a beautiful little poem without words, has already been presented and will be published when the music has been finished by the orderly room force. One strain has been submitted, but it was a plain infringement on How Dry I Am, and we have asked them to re-write the note.

We are a day late with the paper again this week. We reported sick Monday morning and the assistant to the M. O. presented us with a tumbler of white powder. We did not get to work until the following day and even then our ambition to stick steadily on the job was not very strong. One of the advantages (?) of working alone.

A rumor is current to the effect that C. S. M. Candaline, during his stay at Glasgow, mailed a friend a card. Nothing so unusual in that—but as he was coming home on the same train which brought the card, why could he have not been Scotch just once and saved the postage?

The pipe band is all Scotch; we doubt that not. But why so many interpretations to the battalion motto?

Something doing around the battalion orderly room this week. Sergt. Rhind told the bunch about his adventures on the escort trip and the whole force has been working over time planning how to get on a similar trip. It has been suggested that Sergt. Moore be persuaded to steal a Woodbine from Sgt. Holland and when the latter is sent to clink Sgt. Whynacht be sent for escort. The plan suits everyone but Charlie who fails to see why he should lose a Woodbine to get Whynacht a free trip.

Sergt. Rainford's mail arrived again

this week and the postal force has been working over time for several days.

Greatest excitement in Hades. Rumor stated Corporal Phillips was about to report sick. His Satanic Majesty has long needed a first assistant and would welcome the corporal, who, it is thought, would be able to create a new form of punishment by holding out false hopes for mail.

Entertainment extraordinary. Corporal Stubble, at one time a member of the band but now employed as the official sleeping beauty of his company orderly room, has taken up gymnastic training in the hope of becoming a bass drum soloist. His proficiency has reached the stage where he can remain awake for ten minutes at a time and can strike more blows at one sitting than a whole flock of ordinary drummers can in a month.

Relief wanted — Bandsman George Mitchell has entered the larger sphere of the musical world and has taken up the study of the clarinet. For ten minutes at a time he may be seen and heard with the business end of the instrument in the opening through which he absorbs food. By that time his comrades can stand it no longer and the enterprising soloist has to fade. Who ever invented the gob-stick, anyway?

We have been wondering what would happen if Mitchell and Stubble should try practicing together.

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# News Notes of General and Local Interest

The Convalescents of the Church Hill Hospital have formed a cricket team and are now trying to arrange a game with the sergeants of this brigade. Details are lacking at this time, but the lads in the military blues are said to have gathered a strong team and will probably give the sergeants a run for their money.

The football season opens again next month and the different teams are again looking ahead to the strenuous play of camp competition. It is rumored that the Command Depot is to put a strong team in the field. To judge by the support they are now giving their baseball team, we feel safe in predicting that they make every effort to win at soccer as well.

Saturday is "Portsmouth Day" and the baseball team, football team, brass band, attended by as many of the lads as are fortunate enough to secure passes, will make the trip to the Coast City on that day. The two teams will meet the A. S. C. team and the ladies' football club, while the band will entertain the city people and the visitors with stirring music during the day. Special cars will be provided on one of the trains leaving here in the morning and return may be made late in the evening. The editor hopes to be one of the party but?

That the officers' mess is soon to be artistically decorated was learned this week when we were told of plans for the work. On one side of the large fire place will be painted the Seaforth badge, while on the opposite side will appear the emblem of the unit to which the majority of our present officers belonged. The work is to be done by a well known local decorator and will do much to make the quarters more comfortable and home like.

There will be no issue of The Clansman next week—not because we think we need a rest, but because we have extra work on our hands which is going to more than keep us busy for about six days. We will resume publication the following week, when the paper will appear in a larger and more elaborate form. Watch for it.

The new band of the neighboring re-

serve is plodding along in a way that is truly surprising. When we said in a recent issue that it gave promise of becoming an organisation of more than ordinary merit we did not realise just how near the truth we were. They are making progress by leaps and bounds.

Saturday and Sunday evenings proved to be extremely busy ones for the neighboring village. It is with regret that we heard of the breaking of a window in the store of Deas & Son and of the theft of a few bottles of liquid refreshments. This same store had once before suffered the same loss. No track has been found of the guilty parties.

Haslemere stores will close for two hours and all business suspended for that time next Saturday afternoon in commemoration of the third anniversary of the war. Church services will be held and an invitation has been extended to all soldiers who are in the village at that time to attend.

Another general shake-up in the battalion this week and as a result some scores of stripes have been taken down. It is one of the fortunes of army life and it is to the supreme credit of the lads that there has been so little kicking among the reduced ones.



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## THREE YEARS OF WAR

On Saturday, August 4th, the war will enter the fourth year of its existence and, as was prophesied by Johannes, the Monk, in 1620, the whole of the civil world has met in the struggle of arms. "From the four winds shall come armed hosts and the East and the West and the North and the South shall sound with the crash of battle. The land and the sea, and even the air, shall be filled with blood and men shall cross over streams on the bodies of slain comrades." How true the prophesy is being borne out, the whole world knows today.

Before the passing of another week the magazines and the papers of all nation will be full of the events of the three long years and the historians will have turned another page in the already large but still growing volume, while the artist and the painter will continue to work under the direction of the gods of war. The record sheets of nations will become one shelf higher and again annual tribute will be paid the heroes of the battle field—but the words of praise and the stories of valor will not bring to us who are yet to cross the Channel a full and just realisation of the hardships so cheerfully endured by our comrades in the firing line. The most powerful writer, the most gifted artist and the most eloquent orators are at a loss to find the means of expressing just praise and, though volumes should be written, still one half the deeds of sacrifice, or acts of bravery and courage would not be told. We hope, and we believe it is the hope of every man in uniform, that another year will see us back in civies, but not unless the ends for which our comrades have given so many lives shall have been gained.

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## A Page of Baseball---New Team Distresses League Leaders

The past week has seen some of the fastest baseball games of the season and the last half of the schedule now promises to more than overcome the dull first period in which certain of the teams gave promise of becoming the laughing stock of the camp. Tail end teams have won from the league leaders and the changes in league standings have been many. The entrance of a Canadian Command Depot into the camp league promises to make the other teams look to their laurels and several aggregations which have heretofore looked ahead to easy victory over the casualties have now come to regard the gold barred lads as a team more to be feared than pitied.

Last Wednesday afternoon the Command Depot met one of the fastest teams in the league and, in the fastest game of the year, came out winners in a 2 to 1 score. To say that the game was a peach from the start to the finish would be saying too little. Both teams were in the best of trim and, though strike outs were few and far between, but few men saw the second station and a total of but three were able to cross the pan. Both teams had iron-clad infields and the outer gardens left nothing to be desired. Ground balls, Texas leaguers and star dazzlers were all handled in big league style and throws across the diamond and from the outfield were made with a snap and a speed which brought rounds of applause from the spectators on the four sides of the ground—and the crowd was one of the largest gathered at a ball game this year. It was not until the last frame that the winners were determined. In the first half of the ninth the Depot with two men on bases and one out, shoved a solitary run across and in the last half shut out their opponents. It was the first time we had seen the new bunch in action and we can easily agree with the crowd that they are a hard team to beat. They have since met and defeated two of the other aggregations of the camp league and are now looked upon as propable contenders for one of the first places at the end of the season.

The Seaforth team played in hard luck last Saturday when they crossed bats with

a Reserve unit from the lower end of the camp, the league leaders, and came out on the short end of a 5 to 1 score. Even the battalion star, Kelly, who can always be depended on to pull the team out of tight corners when occasion demands, had an off day and was a long way from his usual form. Corporal Moore, behind the bat, was also way off color and made errors which were of a certainty surprising to the rooters. Not only did he repeatedly let the sphere get away from him but he entirely failed to locate the bases and lost any number of men at second who would ordinarily have been easy outs for him. Hackett, on second, made a couple of bloomers but had a reasonable good record for the whole game. A new man appeared in center field and he more than made good. In three times at bat he registered two clean hits—and pulled down a long hit which looked like a good home run. The catch was certainly the most sensational one of the year and was received with a storm of applause from all ranks.

The hospital team has broken even in a series of games during the past fortnight, and, notwithstanding the reverses they met for a month or more, will yet have to be taken into consideration in the naming of league champions.

Our neighboring Nova Scotia Reserve is also still going strong and will finish in the first division without trouble.

Interest in the American game is at its height and even the fact that the football season is due to re-open in another few days has failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the diamond followers. The crowds in attendance at the eight contests each week have easily broken all sport records of the camp. It is to the credit of all teams and managers than the games have been conducted in a manner which is deserving of the patronage which it is receiving.

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