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## Officer Patients at the Granville

THIRTEEN IN NUMBER.  
ALL DOING WELL.

Since the Granville opened, there has been a number of invalided officers there taking treatment. The majority of them have been wounded, and have come from the various departments of the Canadian Service. There are two dentists on the roll, being, Capt. O. G. Hassard and Capt. J. C. Holmes of the Canadian Army Dental Corps, the latter being Adjutant of this body. A V.C. in the person of Capt. F. A. Scrimger, C. A. M. C., is also one of the patients receiving treatment. He served at the front with the 14th. Battalion, and recently contracted Septic poisoning in the hand.

All the officers are doing well and enjoying their stay in Ramsgate. The billiard room is their chief rendezvous, and billiards is their chief recreation. The Tables and equipment in this room are the very best, and the furnishings are ample and comfortable, making the quarters suitable for a smoking room as well.

Two of the Officers are doing Staff Duties at present, and the services of others may be used when their condition permits.

The following is the list of Officer Patients:—Major J. H. Lindsay, acting Second in Command, originally of 11th. Reserve.

Capt. E. S. Endacott, Paymaster,  
Lieut. Sparks, 11th. Reserve.  
Lieut. J. H. Clark, 11th. Reserve.  
Capt. L. J. Thomas, 30th Reserve.  
Lieut. E. L. McLean 32th. Reserve.  
Major R. B. Roos, 36th. Reserve.  
Lieut. D. J. Allan, 43rd. Reserve.  
Capt. L. W. Cameron, C. F. A.  
Capt. O. G. Hassard C. A. D. C.  
Capt. J. C. Holmes, C. A. D. C.  
Major J. E. Brown, M. M. G. B.  
Capt. F. A. Scrimger V.C., C. A. M. C.

A Piano has been put into an unused room in the basement of the Granville, to be used for rehearsals. One may now hear many cheery songs coming from that otherwise uncheerful room and it is there that much of our talent is discovered and developed. The other day Trooper Pringle, (1st Mounted Rifles), who has not yet been heard in

public, was singing there abscondedly in the early morning, giving his excellent baritone voice some exercising. He is a good singer and has a large repertoire at his command, and it is hoped that that this may serve as a tip to someone to induce Trooper Pringle to take the platform on some future occasion. He was accompanied by W. Lakey (3rd C. M. R's), whom some of us has seen on the stage, but he is as yet, also an unappreciated quantity.

The man who gives us our daily bread, works very hard to do it at the Granville, is E. Barberal, one time, chief Chef at the St. Cloud Hotel, and previous to that appointment, was Second Chef at the Lord Warden at Dover. He is a typical Chef in appearance, being fat, handsome and cheery. He drinks beer and likes it, jokes and sings with the boys and although there are many perplexities, attached to his job he is never disagreeable. If you are disgruntled, go and have a talk to the chef, he will put you right, and if you are chronic, get a job in the kitchen peeling potatoes, and it will do you more good than sitting in a draught in the recreation room.

## LIFE AT THE GRANVILLE

[Lance-Corporal Scrivner is a humorist and comedian of the right sort. We will remember him as "The Parson" in a recent sketch. His fun serves as constructive criticism—Ed.]

"Get into your Blues" is perhaps the first item on the large and varied programme of instructious in vogue at the "Granville." With sinking spirits you hand over your cherished khaki and visions of liberty are wafted away forever. But cheer up, you are allowed on the promenade in the afternoons. You are permitted to look at the beautiful expanse of sea and watch the waves expending their fury in a vain effort to smash that magnificent piece of architecture—"The Pier." This in itself is sufficient to heal the wound caused by the painful extraction of "one shilling" by the ever watchful paymaster; Surely the "sins of the guilty were for ever visited upon the innocent" (?)

After your afternoon gaze and walk, you "About Turn" and soon the yawning portals of the Granville swallow you up; for has not the bugle sounded, that welcome call; and after hanging

up your coat and hat on the assigned peg, you dash madly to the Dining Hall. And then you wonder—why you dashed at all!

After you have slowly retraced your steps to the recreation room, you gaze at your hat and coat with longing eyes, but as the guardian of the door will gently ask you to "Show your Pass" you leave your coat and hat still hanging—for "Discretion is the better part of valor" or in other words "Blues are preferable to Whites."

The hours pass wearily on and at last it is bed time, and as you slowly turn down the blankets on a bed, which in all probability has not been properly made for many a day (you know which bed I mean) you think of the days in the firing line and how at that very hour you might be dragging your rifle and yourself through mud and slush in a sap leading to the "Listening Post."

Perhaps, after all, the Granville is a pretty good place.

—H. L. SCRIVNER

We give below an extract from the Court Circular of July 21st. 1915, with reference to the conduct of Capt. F. A. C. Scrimger V.C. during the fighting at Ypres between 22nd. & 25th. of April, 1915, for this he was decorated by the King with the Victoria Cross.

On the afternoon of 25th April, 1915 in the neighbourhood of Ypres, when in charge of an advanced dressing station, in some farm-buildings which were being heavily shelled by the enemy, he directed under heavy fire the removal of the of the wounded, and he himself carried a severely wounded officer out of a stable in search of place of a place of greater safety. When he was unable alone to carry this officer further, he remained with him under fire till help could be obtained. During the very heavy fighting between 22nd. & 25th. April, Capt Scrimger displayed continuously day and night the greatest devotion to his duty among the wounded at the front.

## Entertainments

HOSPITAL ORCHESTRA BUSY  
FOUR CONCERTS THIS WEEK

Pte. W. A. Loielle is developing a very efficient orchestra and has nine artists now working under his instruction. Pte. Loielle is a P. P. C. L. I. man and served with that gallant

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EDITORIAL

An idea was born a few weeks ago that a newspaper could be published by the Canadian patients and staff at the Ramsgate Hospitals. This modest little issue is that idea realized. The object of the enterprise is to afford recreation interest and ever increasing number of patients, personnel, Officers and sisters of this Canadian hospital centre. We are confident that this object will be attained. A large number, representing all phases of hospital life, have been interviewed and the reception and accord given to the newspaper proposal, has been extremely gratifying. We are glad of course that this is so, for the reason that the responsibility to a large extent, rests with us all to make the newspaper a continued success. It is proposed to issue the paper weekly, and in order that the news should cover all departments of hospital life, a staff of reporters is being organized to glean items of interest; we ask our readers to give a "news" representative every consideration.

One other matter, to issue any publication costs money. Each copy will cost you one half-penny, but this will not create a very large fund. We are glad to publish a few advertising announcements from local business houses, which advertisements are being paid for at specified rates. We urge, therefore, that our readers will deal with our advertisers when doing their shopping. Good things have small beginnings. As our facilities increase, so will we increase. We hope to make this paper always newsy, entertaining and illustrative.

Naturally the Granville Hospital has had the largest array of talent for entertaining in the past, but according to present indications, the Chatham House boys will compare favourable with them in this respect very soon.

Pte. Wray, one of our leading comedy artists, is now at Chatham House, and he is not idle with respect to entertainment features at the latter hospital.

Capt. Pequegnat is also interesting himself in bringing about an entertainment contest between the concert parties of the two hospitals, and a Challenge Cup is to be put up for this purpose.

The Chatham House stage and recreation room provides excellent facilities for good concerts. The room will seat about 400 comfortably.

It is requested that all those who can do anything even in a small way to promote the success of these entertainments will give in their names, those at the Chatham House to Pte. Wray, and those at the Granville at the Y. M. C. A. counter.

My Impressions of the Canadians

BY A RAMSGATE LADY.

I was very anxious to see the Canadians when I heard they were coming to our town, in order that I might compare them with our own Tommies. The comparison is quite favorable indeed, since they are, for the most part, fine looking men, yet representing many different types. There are the sturdy "Kilties", the characteristic French Canadian and the petite and well groomed officers. The men in blues are the most interesting and the uniform is a bit of a shock until one gets used to them, since the short man invariably wears the long man's trousers. I was also amused at the big red "hankies" that fluttered about during the period of coughs and sneezes. They are large enough for pinafores. Another point of interest is that one can always detect a Canadian rendezvous by the litter of pea-nut shells and the odour of Spearmint. I must admit that I felt very sorry for the "blues" being confined to a section of the promenade, sitting forlornly on cold benches. However, they amuse themselves with mild flirtations, and I, for one, do not mind being flirted with by them. In spite of bandages and crutches they have a smile for everyone and their greeting is usually "Hello Kid" whether one is nineteen or ninety. The most merry looking ones frequently wear their clothes inside out, perhaps to save laundry bills. It cannot be for punishment as that would be too undignified for saviours of the homeland. Perhaps when the summer days come and hearts begin to melt, our guests may be given freedom to wander about the sands, and the many pleasant parts of the town they have not yet seen. They will be always warmly welcomed by the residents and shopkeepers, the latter particularly having missed them of late.

The "Blue Band" is a good idea as it shows he has been "over there", and all the girls love the "wounded".

—(MRS.) I. LOVEM.

Royal Palace Theatre

MONDAY, MARCH 20TH

AND DURING WEEK

I'm Right

TWICE NIGHTLY

Questions that are Asked

Who is the man who wears the Boxer Rebellion Ribbon, and states that the date was 1898?

The name of policeman at the Granville who frequently "squares it" for one Bob?

If one of the sanitary policemen should not wash out his mouth with Chloride of lime?

If some of the Ramsgate girls are not somewhat too anxious to be provided with double berth transportation to Canada at the conclusion of the war. Will all their dreams come true?

If Sergt. Tully did not look better with his moustache?

Did he cut it off as a result of seeing his photograph reproduced in a recent issue of the press?

How old was the N.C.O. who is now 30 years of age, when he served in the South African war?

Why will a number nine not cure the large number of patients who claim to be "fed up"?

Who is the popular N.C.O. who provides a luscious bunch of flowers each week to a smiling sister.

Do the Canadian officers like the idea of our Sisters receiving favours from British officers.?

Are the former officers slow.?

New Sisters' quarters are being furnished in a large residence building on the front opposite the Granville, which will accommodate about thirty-five. When completed all the sisters now billeted and resident in the Granville will reside there. There are twenty-six Canadian sisters now in Ramgate.

Sergt. Shorthill, ward master 4th floor, was called to Shorncliffe on Wednesday last to give evidence in the court martial of Pte. Mansfield.

Pte. Mansfield left the Granville on January 4th without permission and was missing until Feb. 28th when he reported to the civil police. He belongs to the 27th Battalion and is being tried before the Colonel of the 11th reserve.

The management desires to thank the "Thanet Advertiser" for kindly loaning supplies to make this issue possible.



regiment at the front for four months, being invalided to England on May 8th last suffering from shell shock. The violin is his hobby. The orchestra has given several creditable performances during the past few weeks, and under difficult circumstances. The health of a few in the group has not been good, but they are all now much improved and will devote more time to practise than formerly. The matter of funds also was a handicap for a time and this also has been overcome to a great extent. Good music has been secured as a result, and the instruments replenished and repaired. The versatility of the orchestra has been a notable feature and we all remember the great applause given Sergt. Blake for his excellent selections on the ridiculous mono-string instrument. He was seen putting a new string on it the other day, so that the prospects are that we will hear him again soon. In addition to the enjoyable performances on Monday evening at the Granville, and on Tuesday evening at the West Cliff Concert Hall, a concert was given in the Palace Theatre on Thursday evening. The purpose of the performance was to contribute funds to the British and Red Cross Societies. A great deal of time and energy was expended to make this programme a success, and the members of the orchestra have the satisfaction of knowing that it was so.

**SPORTS**

**HOCKEY**

The Canadian boys were again flying the flag of victory last Saturday night (11th) after defeating the Ramsgate War Workers in the best and fastest game they have played so far at hockey. The game ended with the score at 1-0. The goal was made by Pte. Williams, captain of the team, who after many rushes from his own goal, finally netted the ball, reeling the goalie to do it. When the game was ended the captain of the Government boys came back with a red-hot challenge for a return match which was accepted on the spot. So another game has been arranged between these teams which should be very exciting. The line-up for the Canadians in the last game was: — Centre, Fallis; left, Vansickle & Wilson (new players); right, Wingate; back, Williams; goal, Lill.

On Thursday evening the Canadians are having a novel Polo match with the "Lassies." They are giving their goalie and are playing five men against six. The forward line is to be the old boys, and the fastest players, who are Williams, Balfour and Wingate; while Pte. Carr plays full and Vansickle may try goal.

Arrangements are being made for some very exciting games of Polo and Hockey in the near future.

**FOOTBALL.**

Wednesday afternoon's game between the Navy and the Canadians resulted in a win for the Canucks. Our boys showed excellent form, and in contrast it was evident that the lads in blue needed practice. Coporal Ducros the Canadian Captain, scored three goals, and was followed in the good work by Johnston Burritt and Greaves. Our forward line was unpenetratable. The score was 7-1.

To-day a great game is anticipated with the King's Liverpool Battalion team. Officer's and men are being asked to turn out and cheer the lads along. The game is to be played on the Chatham House grounds.

Sergt-major Smith of the Taplow Hospital staff is visiting relatives at Broadstairs at present, and called on some former pals of the Granville staff. He returns to Taplow tomorrow.

A course of lectures is shortly to be instituted at the Granville on electric treatments. Major Wilson is the lecturer.

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