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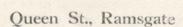
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CHANGES

ANY and varied are the changes which have taken place during the past three years. In the war zone, towns and villages have disappeared, whole families swept out of existence, farms destroyed, etc., etc. In England and in Canada as well, many changes have also taken place, and are continually taking place. Battalions are formed, the officers and men living together for one or two years, are often absorbed by other battalions, and in this way great families are broken up and scattered. Parting from friends and associations is always painful, but it is one of the natural happenings following a great war. The writer has witnessed the breaking up of two units to which he had been attached, the associations of which are now only memories. The intensity of the recent air raids may mean the breaking up of our present unit, and with it will go the Canadian Hospital News. We know that this will be unwelcome to many, as the paper that represents the wounded Canadian Tommy in his lighter and happy moods is becoming more and more popular every day, and is being looked forward to each week by hundreds of Canadians, as well as by their many friends in this country.

We want to assure the readers of this paper that every possible effort will be made to continue its publication. In Lieut.-Col. J. T. Clarke, the *Canadian Hospital News* has a champion who will leave no stone unturned to ensure to the wounded Canadian soldier the continuance of the journal he loves and helped to create. In any let us all be soldiers in the truest sense of the word, and make the best of whatever the future has in store for us.

To the patients who have left this area we wish to express our gratitude for the interest they have always taken in this magazine, and we assure them that their good fortune will ever be welcome news to us.

Let us therefore hope that the Canadian Hospital News will continue to be published in a new field, and bring a cheery smile to the faces of our wounded Canadian soldiers.

THE EDITOR

SUSPENSE

Pale Goddess of Suspense, who strikes the harp of life With cruel art, Till all its chords are jangled out of tune, and leave A broken heart: Till love has turned on fate The sullen eves of hate Why must you lead a women's anguished brain To where her fairest lies So restless, throbbing in the throes of pain, That dim the aching eyes? Why dim the vision of a man who aims To bear a gilded name, Then mock him, till his weary feet despair To climb the hill of fame. Till pain breeds unbelief In glowing laurel leaf? Still, grimly still, you strike that fragile harp, until It's strings lie snapped; Until the music of life's tortured souls is stilled. In silence wrapped. Pale Goddess of Suspense, What is your recompense?—By Dorothy L. Warne. www.

BY A TRENCH BRAZIER

Warmly our brazier's gleaming, Cheerily comforting the weary way; Conjuring dreams—redeeming The stark, stern duties of a soldier's day Between my old sweet briar, This friendly fire, And you, Comrade, beside me Sitting, in sober, silent sympathy, Come gladdening thoughts to guide me Through the dead desert of dull apathy. Flickering fire-side fancies Flitting visions of a twi-light hour, Gay mental necromancies Gilding again the Present's withered flower With tinctures of the Past, Until at last Blossoms again Life's Glory; While all the aching moments melt away, And memory's treasured story Revives the pristine joys of Yesterday. -By C. Dodwell

CHATS FROM CHATHAM

Good-bye Ramsgate! Good-bye Ramsgate! Good-bye Ramsgate, we're going to leave you now.

Souvenirs of the Raid.—Apply Q.M. Dept., Chatham House.

Q.M. Stores, Sunday.—Staff-Sergt. Moore held a dress rehearsal of Damaged Goods, "Shrapnell" taking the star part.

The end of a perfect night, Monday, August 27th, and still the Hospital News comes out.

We noticed that although the Sergeants made a hurried exit, the S.M. did not Budge.

We would like to know if Corp. Munro fully appreciated the view of the "type lice," shown him by Lc.-Corp. "Red" Delaney.

It was a dark and stormy night. At least the Chatham House Sergeants thought so as they scrambled from under their marquees at midnight, in a rain storm, minus ———.

Even the storm of Monday last took a hand in the evacuation, pulling down five marquees, several bell tents, and a police hut. Some hustle.

Corp. Linfoot—Gee, they do have some funny names in Wales. They all begin with A.

Corp. Armstrong-Lloyd George doesn't.

Presentation To Our Padre

Last week a very interesting, and at the same time spontaneous, presentation was made to our beloved Padre by "The Cripples" of Townley Castle and the Chatham House. To voice the love we all have for our Padre (and Mater), would sound like sacrilege, nevertheless the action of the lads proves in a small way the affection we bear "Our Father." The gift took the form of an ebony walking cane with an ivory handle, a large gold ferrule bore a suitable inscription. Major Hooper expressed himself as highly pleased with the present, although, he said, it was more blessed to give than to receive, and heartily thanked his "sons," not so much for the cane in itself, as for the thoughtfulness which prompted the action. That the Major may still be attached to the Granville Canadian Special Hospital as our Padre and Friend is the earnest prayer of the personnel and patients alike.

"Canadian Hospital News" Workers



Standing—R.S.M. Thom, Grand; Corp. Bowskill, Chief Printer; Lc.-Corp. Graham, Secy.-Treas.; Pte. J. A. Ford Compositor; R.S.M. Cattermole, Yarrow. Miss D. I. Warne, Writer; Capt. Bartholomew, Editor; R.S.M. Campbell, Pats; Pte. Mitchell, writer: Lc.-Cpl. Le Sauvage, Photographer; Pte, Marr, Printer.

GRUNTS FROM GRANVILLE

WHERE?

Did you see the reflection of the Hospital News in the Daily Mirror

That creepy melody, "And when I die—Pass me the margarine please."

Inside Information.—A local movie house announces "America Awakes" next week.

Who of the personnel answers to this description:—Presumably Scotch, brilliant, modest and shy, slightly injured about two weeks ago and put in hospital.

Though Fritz did drop a bomb fifteen feet from our press a delay of one day only was necessitated last week. The *Hospital News* will never die, but will simply fade away.

We would like to know the exact state of estamination of the Granville Policeman who passed a couple sitting on the Prom. and addressed the lady, "A rosh b'tween twa thorns."

We notice that Sergt. Mac. has been working very hard and putting in a lot of overtime recently. Is it on account of the air raids? Never mind, Mac, here's the best.

Heard on leaving Examination Room. "That's as near to being electrocuted as I have ever I want to be." (We wonder if the U.S. Medical Service have brought over one of "them there" electric chairs instead of "these here" little batteries.)

Overheard this at the breakfast table:—"Yes the McCafferty's were the royalty of Co. Mayo, and one of my ancestors was King McCafferty. The old guy was struck with a shillelagh at a county fuir, and his assassin took the throne. The son of the defunct king beat it to Canada, and here I am, a direct descendant."

To the hidy inquiring why we never published the second spasm of "The Two Scotch(ed) Sergeants" "Pica Sma'" would say that aft r their experiences at Margate, the two chums were "boarded" one being sent home to his mother, in Canada, the other back to "The Girl He Left Behind Him"—in France.

CRICKET

By Pte. Jas. Alex. Ford

The visitors on Saturday last at Chatham House were the Head-quarters, 336th Battery, R.F.A., from Canterbury, when they were again beaten, this time by an innings and 17 runs. Winning the spin Kingston put his men to bat, with Ayres and Bowskill first up. The latter was out to a clever ball by Sellens for 4, while the former put up 15 then fell, and with six wickets down for 39 things did not look too rosy for the Cripples. However, Harrison was in good fettle, and very ably partnered by Ted Houldcroft, they ran the score up to 99 when Ted was held for 16, while the Sergeant was also caught for 65, the tallest individual score of the season. The tail end of the team sent the figures up to 121 when all were out. Sellens did the execution with the ball taking six wickets, while Morgan had the other four. Harman and Loveland were also tried, but did not succeed in penetrating the defence of the Fragments.

Going in, the "Oil Rags" made a rather bad start, Bristow and Morgan coming out for "duck." Tiner was just getting used to the bowling when Kingston gave him a nice medium ball which he neatly handed to Foster. Sellens made a nice stand, and played a cautious game for his 24 runs. Sellens is a good all round cricketer, and it is no sarcasm to say that he was the "No. 1" of his battery on Saturday afternoon, with both bat and ball. The Gunners were all out for 49 rnns, when they "followed on." Here the "No. 1" got bowled before he broke his egg, and he meekly retired to the pavilion. The others made contributions to the score of 55 all out. In the first innings Dive secured six wickets for 19 runs; Kingston four for 28. In the second innings Foster took one for 8, Bowskill four for 11, Kingston three for 17.

 ROYAL ARTILLERY
 GRANVILLE

 Bristow, Ibw, b Dive
 0 Bowskill, b Sellens
 4

 Tiner, c Foster, b Kingston
 10 Ayres, b Sellens
 15

 Morgan, b Dive
 0 Willis, b Sellens
 1

 Sellens, c Ayres, b Kingston
 24 Harrison, c Lewis, b Morgan
 65

 Harman, b Dive
 4 Strutton, b Sellens
 5

 Lewis, b Dive
 0 Shepherd, b Sellens
 1

 Ward, b Kingston
 1 Dive, b Sellens
 0

 Loveland, b Dive
 6 Houldcroft, c Sellens, b Morgan
 16

 Winchester, b Dive
 1 Foster, c & b Morgan
 9

 Pierce, c Foster, b Kingston
 0 Kingston, not out
 1

 Cannon, not out
 1 Summers, b Morgan
 3

 Extras
 2 Extra
 1

 Total
 49 Total
 121

R.F.A. Second Innings.—Cannon, run out, 8; Loveland, st Strutton, b Foster, 8; Tiner, b Bowskill, 4: Morgan, c Foster, b Bowskill, 13; Sellens, b Kingston, 0; Winchester, c Foster, b Bowskill, 1; Lewis, c Foster, b Kingston, 7; Bristow, not out, 5; Pierce, b Bowskill, 1; Ward, st Strutton, b Kingston, 6. Extras, 2; Total, 55. Harman did not bat this inning.

CRICKET (Continued)

On Wednesday afternoon the Granville Canadian Cricket Club played their last match for the season at Chatham House, the opposing team being the Astorias from Taplow. Needless to say the 'Villians were out to win, and they did so, beating the Taplow Canadians by 31 runs, neither of them reaching to double figures, while four of them were out for nix. Kingston and Dive divided the wickets evenly between them, the former having five for 15, the latter five for 10.

Going to bat the homesters managed to run up a score exactly double that of the Taplow boys. Harrison and Willis being the only two to reach double figures, the former making 14 and the latter 15 runs; the others adding their quota to the total of 62. Hinwood bowled well for Taplow, capturing five wickets at a very small cost; Campbell taking four, the other wicket falling by some very smart fielding, the player being run out.

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WHERE THE HOSPITAL IS MOVING?

The question as to where the Hospital was being moved was perplexing the minds of all the Granvillians, but Ross seemed to have the finest idea for a good rumour. That Pte. Ross was an atheist I was well aware, but that he possessed clairvoyant and telepathic ability I had never surmised. He told me to concentrate my thoughts on the subject of the proposed removal of the Hospital and working *incog*. we might learn something definite about it.

There they were, the two Hospital-Air-Ships due to arrive from Aberdeen to take over the Granville were directly overhead and descending rapidly, and they were soon securely docked on the Granville Prom. They were of the Super-Zepp class and had been converted into Hospital-Air-Ships to convey Canadians home when worn out and discarded.

The arrangement of the wards and offices was most convenient and the Hospital News print-shop was located in the stern of the second ship in order to catch all current wit and humour for the Grunts and Chats, which would naturally drift back that way. The top deck was being reserved for a baseball diamond and the only difficulty seemed to be for the O.C. to select a spot for a recreation room. He had decided to discontinue all treatments during the voyage, so the masseuses had opened a tea-room for the boys. The problem in my mind was the manner in which it was proposed to pass the boys from one ship to the other en route, but we had not been long under way when I noticed a patient jump over the rail of our ship and land in a very cleverly arranged net on the top deck of the other. Everything seemed complete.

We were sailing just over Margate when I remembered I had not bade *Good-bye* to the flapper I met at the Winter Gardens last Sunday. I persuaded them to put me down, and so I missed my trip to Canada all because of a flapper.

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By Major E. Bertram Hooper, (Chaplain)

I acknowledge with sincere thanks the following amounts since my statement of last week:—

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Since my last letter we have been through another air raid, which caused very considerable damage to our hospital, causing the death of two of our men and injury to several others. I deplore the loss of life and the suffering caused by this dastardly attack upon our hospitals, and I offer my tenderest sympathy to the bereaved and the sufferers.

The removal of our hospital to a less dangerous locality will be a relief to the great majority of our patients, as well as to their friends at home. At the moment of writing I am in absolute ignorance as to where the hospital will be established, and (what is to me more serious) whether I shall still be its Padre in its new home. It would be a real grief to me to be removed from the Granville Canadian Special Hospital. I have spent 16 months of the

happiest period of my life here.

To the Officer Commanding I owe most hearfelt appreciation of his constant kindness to me, and his generous consideration and support in all that I have tried to do for the good of the patients. The entire staff—officers and personnel—have been good to me. As for the patients, they have been always true lads and sons to me. I cannot express in words all that I feel in my heart. I have been so very happy because my whole heart and soul have been in my work, and because the patients, personnel, and officers have all made me rejoice daily in my relationship to them as The Padre.

May God bless you all is my constant prayer. My prayer for myself is, that I may still be attached to this hospital, when the

removal is completed, as Chaplain, Padre, and Friend.

Wherever I am, I shall continue such service as I am able to render by means of my Wounded Soldiers' Fund. The song The Immortal Kitchener is doing well, and my Fund will soon receive a substantial increase. This will in no way be affected by the removal of our hospital from here. I am truly sorry to have to leave Ramsgate and Broadstairs. I have received much kindness, especially in Broadstairs, where I have made my home, I hate to go, but will always remember the many friends I and my family have made here, and the happiness of the days spent in this beautiful part of Kent.

So far as the Granville Canadian Special Hospital is concerned, I hope that my "Good-bye" may only prove to be but Au revoir,

and that to the end of the war I may be, as now,

THE PADRE.

DOINGS AT THE RANGE

By Pte. H. W. H. Smith

Matches

The match with Penzance resulted in a win for Granville by 22 points. Canadians, 1146; Penzance, 1124.

With the Leyton team we were not so fortunate. The Leyton boys won by the narrow margin of 8 points. Considering it was the first time the home team had shot on these targets, the boys put quite a respectable score, and received hearty congratulations from the Leytonians with the promise of a return match in the near future. Canadians, 757; Leyton, 765.

In the return match with the Colchester team the 'Villians won by the narrow margin of 5 points. This is the hottest bunch of marksmen that we have hit up to date, and the boys piled up all possibles, against 799 in the previous match, which constitutes a record.

Teams and scores as follows:-

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H. Smith - Staff-Sgt. Slinn Sgt. Travers - Pte. Mathison Scout Heathman R.S.M. Hodder - LcCpl. Le Sauvage LcCpl. Graham	100	Sgt. Mills -	-	LEK	100
	100	Sgt. Leeds -			100
	100	Cpl. Morton		-	100
	100	Lieut. Siggers	-		100
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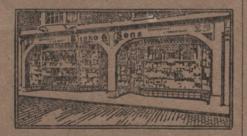
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