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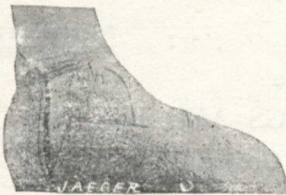
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Editorial Efforts

HELP ALONG THE WORK

IT is now two months since I became editor of this magazine, and I am pleased to say that everyone has been very kind and considerate toward me during this period. Many shortcomings there has been and will be noticable in this as well as any other publication, but the endeavour will always be to make it a weekly visitor that every Canadian soldier and their friends will look forward to with eagerness.

To the members of the staff, who are more closely connected with the work, I am deeply grateful, I assure them that their loyalty to the Editor of the *Canadian Hospital News* is appreciated far more than I can frame words to express. I also wish to thank our advertisers for their support; it is the continuation of this that makes the publication of the magazine possible. They are contributing very materially to the enjoyment of hundreds of wounded Canadian soldiers. I regret that my other duties prevent me from calling on each one personally, but can assure them that their kindness and support will not soon be forgotten. With an apology for this personal reference I assure the readers that no pains will be spared to make the *Hospital News* a magazine worthy of the support of everyone.

We are all anxious to see our paper attain as large a circulation as possible, and towards this end a special appeal is made. Messrs Marsh, Limited, have kindly placed at our disposal one of their large show windows, where a very nicely arranged advertisement can be seen, every bit of the work being done by members of the personnel and patients. This display is worth much more than a passing glance, and is attracting a great deal of attention. Let everyone become a subscriber, and after you have read the paper yourself, send it along to some soldier friend, who will be sure to enjoy it. It is all written, printed and published by wounded Canadian soldiers. Many new phrases are introduced by the boys, the jokes they spring upon one another are harmless, and are given and taken in a true sportsmanlike spirit. Many of the stories, both in verse and prose, are written by former patients at the Granville who are now back home in Canada, showing that they have not forgotten the enjoyment they at one time derived from the quips and quibbles in our weekly magazine. Won't you help along the work?

THE EDITOR.

SONG—THE BOYS OF THE C.A.M.C.

By Corp. A. Vernham, Late 60th Batt.

We have songs about our soldiers who are fighting at the front,
We've songs about our sailors, too, who help to bear the brunt.
There's another little unit though, who never looks for fame,
But they just work on in silence, they're brave and very game.

Chorus—

So here's to the boys of the C.A.M.C.
The boys who are dauntless and brave,
Who work at the front so gallantly
Our wounded men to save.
Though quite unarmed, they're never alarmed,
They're as fearless as can be,
So here's to the boys, give a cheer, make a noise
To the boys of the C.A.M.C.

You can see them with their stretchers as they go through shot
and shell,

Those gallant little "Fetchers" who are not afraid of hell.

And many boys we have with us, we wouldn't have to-day,

If it hadn't been for Red Cross men, who found them by the way.

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When Tommy goes to "Blighty" seeking rest from battle's wear,
The Red Cross man is handy and he takes him in his care.

So when the war is over, and the world's at peace again,

We'll not forget the boys of whom we're singing this refrain:

Chorus—

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CHATS FROM CHATHAM

The Chatham House boys were on their knees Sunday morning, but not in Church.

Is it true Corp. Sugg was heard to swear he would never don a bathing suit again?

We have heard of the head of the house losing her pin money, but now Sergt. Head has lost the beer money.

Wanted man well up in the art of chimney sweeping, who will undertake to get at the Chatham flues.

When a young lady asked Bugler Jones what part of Scotland he hailed from, he promptly answered Montreal.

Corp. Short has found a shortage in the linen department. Corp. Davidson is wearing two shirts.

For breakfast we have Bread and Jam,
For dinner we have mush.
At supper then, more Bread and Jam,
And then at 7—Slush.

Your opponents all seem to be of the Stars and Stripes nature Frenchie. Have you any distaste for the breed?

Corporal Linfoot, reading over the diet sheets—Marmalade for breakfast—Quite a change—No wonder Lord Davenport resigned.

Why does our Landscape Artist spend so many reflective minutes drawing attention to his splashes that decorates the roofs of the tents.

We hear that the Sergeants' Mess are selling the Player Piano. How will Sergt. Harvey spend his spare moments? Some operator Sergt.

We have heard of Milk, Chicken and Ordinary diet before, but until this great war we had never heard of Police Corporal's Special Kitchen diet.

Can't that patient member of the R.P.'s do anything besides chewing his stale wit? And why does he not pick on some one possessing his own amount of brains? Try the goose-yard.

THE "PILL-SLINGERS" LEAGUE

Granville v. Princess Patricias

On August 8th., a break in the weather allowed a schedule game to be played between Granville and Princess Patricia's. The weather was catchy but the players got in their licks just before the weatherman got busy with his sprinkler. The score gives the reader the impression that it was a one-sided game but it was hardly that. Bennet was not in his best form, and in the second and fourth innings the break by the Granvillians ran away with the score.

Heatherington pitched a no hit no run game, and only in the seventh inning did he allow any free transportation, he received excellent support from the field which accounts for the cipher score.

Capt. Boyer played a star game on first for the Granville, he is one of the finds of the season.

The score was 12—0 in favour of the Granville.

Yarrow v. Granville

On Wednesday evening a schedule game of what was supposed to be *baseball* between Yarrow and Granville was played on the Chatham House ground, when the Granville boys again showed their superiority over the Yarrovians to the tune of 23 runs to 3. In the second inning Granville made 8 runs. M'Donald pitched well for the 'Villians, only allowing 3 runs. R.S.M. Cattermole and Sergt. Billingsley pitched for Yarrow, both of whom require more practice before their next game or we shall have another cricket score.

WANTED—Copies of the "Canadian Hospital News."

Will any reader who may have a copy of any of the following numbers of the *Hospital News* kindly mail same to the Editor. Copies thus loaned will be returned if the sender desires.

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A private was in the M.O's. office the other day, very smartly dressed, buttons and belt clean as could be, when the following conversation took place:—M.O.—Well, my man, how would you like to be my batman? Private—Well, sir, it is work which does not appeal to me, sir. M.O.—No! What did you do in civil life, anyway. Private—I was a Professor in M'Gill University, sir.

PATTER FROM PATS

Wanted, an Umpire. _____

The guy with the hard face says he feels well if he does look sick. _____

The R.S.M. still maintains that the smartest soldier is on the Police Force. _____

How smart the "Quarter-Bloke" looks on parade. Yes, he was on parade last Tuesday. _____

Sgt. Behan should try Danderine instead of Bush Déveloper, as we never heard of hair growing on wood, anyway. _____

Will someone please tell us:—

Why is a Company Sergeant-Major? _____

Who the S.M.'s medical adviser is? _____

If the bootmaker has won a "housey house" yet? _____

If the physical training instructor is organizing a circus? _____

Why so many ladies want to know if the Provost Sergeant is married? _____

Why the ground ward M.O. is so annoyed by the mention of baseball rules? _____

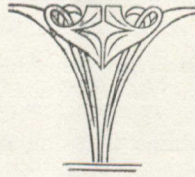
Who got the "wind up" at the last raid? And don't they run fast for C3 men? _____

Who is the Non-Com. who still believes that the First Contingent did not leave for France until October, 1915. _____

Whether the fattest patient Sergeant carries that young tree to support his game knee, or to support his air raid yarns? _____

Who is the Dental Sergeant who is trying to imitate the Kaiser? No, Pherese, he does not drill the soldiers, he only drills their molars. _____

Who are the Sergeants, who has annexed the only "room and bath ward" and why have they placed on the door the sign "Keep Out! By Order?" _____



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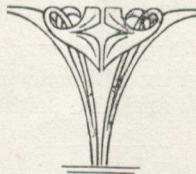
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GRUNTS FROM GRANVILLE

"How to mutilate the English Language"—By Pte. Connell.

"Messes and how to make them"—By Lc.-Corp. Lunney.

"How I rose from the ranks"—By Policeman "John O' Groats."

Now that our Scout has had a hair-cut, he wants a sponge to wash his knees.

"How to take Berlin." Place it "Out of bounds to Canadians" and they will soon get there?

Can a man be arrested for drunkenness if he freezes his beer, then eats it with a knife and fork.

When is a cook not a cook? When he is a Granville cook, then he may be a painter, but then we have seen numerous cooks who paint.

We notice that at least two of our baseball players give a better game when they bring their lady friends to witness the match,

Last week we said that the X-Ray Department had a Good-win, now we doubt it. Poison-ivy does not grow on the Prom.

"What we would do if the Germans tried to capture the Granville (water) Tanks"—By Sergeants Crowe and Henderson.

We have seen the Cavalry Field Ambulance, and read about the Mounted Stenographer, but the Mounted Dental Corps is entirely new.

We hear that a subscription is to be taken up to purchase a sweater for a certain Sergeant, or some garment that will cover his nakedness.

Who is the patient, and a Pioneer at that, who thought none of the personnel had been to France? The percentage seems to compare favourably.

Sergt. O'C. says that the 70 square inches of matter in last week's *News* on "Sergeants" was overdone. You can always tell a Sergeant, but you can't tell him much.

CRICKET

By Pte. Jas. Alex. Ford

On Saturday afternoon last the visitors at Chatham House cricket field were the Royal Engineers (I.W. & D.) from Sandwich. After the copious rains of the previous few days it was thought that the wicket would certainly be a bowler's one, but the warm sun of the forenoon dried it very considerably, and the best game of the season resulted. Going first to the wicket the Engineers showed up as if they were in for keeps; but Taylor, who looked good for a tall score, was well held by Foster when he had made 10. Allison, his partner, made a good stand, and all the wiles of Kingston and Dive apparently could not remove him; then Foster was tried, and in his first over sent Allison back to the pavilion, clean bowled for 42 runs. Goddard, who went in first wicket down, carried his bat, and displayed splendid cricket all through, playing a safe but slow game for his 30 not out. All the others made useful contributions to the total, only one who did not succeed in breaking his "R.E." Altogether the Fragment's fielding was excellent, and undoubtedly was the principal factor in keeping the score of the Sandwichmen from reaching into centuries. Dive took two wickets for 32 runs, Kingston six for 43, and Foster one for 14.

On taking their lease of the wicket, and with the task of having to run up 130 runs to win, Shepherd was bowled without breaking his duck, while Ayres was smartly caught for 5. Capt. Preston took things easy, and, although he got no lives, was nipped for a dozen. Harrison had the hardest of hard luck, after boiling the bowling down to a fraction, he got run out on what looked like a very safe double, but the fielder threw straight for the wicket, and got it in all. Houldcroft, the only other to reach double-figures, played his usual careful game for his 13. The Granvillians are to be complimented on such a creditable loss against such a formidable team as that of the Engineers, which included four or five English County cricketers. Details:—

ROYAL ENGINEERS		GRANVILLE	
Taylor, c Foster, b Dive	10	Shepherd, b Taylor	0
Allison, b Foster	42	Ayres, c Goddard, b Andrews	5
Goddard, not out	30	Preston, b Andrews	12
Brooks, lbw Kingston	9	Strutton, b Taylor	0
Bromley-Devonport, b Kingston	9	Harrison, run out	26
Wilson, b Kingston	1	Bowskill, b Andrews	2
Common, b Kingston	3	Willis, c Common, b Taylor	5
Franklin-Adams, st Harrison	10	Houldcroft, b Goddard	13
Moulton, lbw Kingston	0	Dive, b Masterton	6
Andrews, c Preston, b Kingston	3	Foster, b Goddard	1
Masterton, c Kingston, b Dive	4	Kingston, not out	0
Extras	8	Extras	15
Total	129	Total	85

CRICKET—(Continued)

On Wednesday afternoon a team from the Canadian Military Hospital, Hastings, visited Chatham House, and put up a good game. The ground was rather heavy, which made scoring very slow. Going first to the wicket, the Homesters could not make much of the bowling, Capt. Preston and Sergt. Harrison being the only two who seemed to be able to cope with it, both players held the leather down, each running up a score of 28, and both were clean bowled. The Hastings bowlers were Castle, who took five wickets; and Edmunds and Bate, who each secured two. The Hastings boys then took their turn at the wickets, and for a time looked as if they would run away with the match. With only five wickets down and 63 runs up, things looked blue for the 'Villians, but a change in the bowling worked wonders. Foster and Bow-skill capturing six wickets in the last eight overs of the game at a cost of 7 runs. The Fragments won by the narrow margin of 9 runs. The totals were Granville, 74; Hastings, 65.

FOOTBALL

(By Our Special Correspondent)

A general meeting of the Granville Canadian (The Nuts) Football Club was held on the afternoon of Thursday, the 9th August, at which there was a good turn out of members. Lieut.-Col. J. T. Clarke, presided, and prefaced his remarks by again complimenting the team on the record of wins last winter, and exhorted the members to still greater efforts in the coming season in order to uphold their high reputation. The Commanding Officer set the ball a rolling by calling for the nomination of office-bearers, the elections resulted as follows:—

President.—Lieut.-Col. J. T. Clarke, O.C., proposed by Staff-Sergt. Towler, seconded by Corp. Strutton, elected unanimously.

Vice President.—Capt. W. J. H. Gould, elected *in absentia*.

Secy.-Treasurer.—Corp. Strutton, proposed by Staff-Sergt. Towler, seconded by Pte. Forbes, elected unanimously.

Captain.—Staff-Sergt. Towler, proposed by Pte. Kingston, seconded by Corp. Shepherd, carried by acclamation.

Deputy Captain.—Pte. F. Willis, proposed by Pte. Longworth, seconded by Corp. Strutton, elected unanimously.

Committee.—Capt. J. A. McCollum, Corp. Shepherd, and Pte. J. A. Ford, with the Captain, Deputy Captain, and Secy.-Treasurer, *ex officio*.

This being all the business on the agenda, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

DINNER !

As it appeared to one who stayed at our happy domicile for lunch.

I accepted his invitation gladly, for I wished to see just what it was like. We proceeded downstairs and along interminable passages until we came to the Dining Room, well that is what we will call it to save any argument. There was quite a little queue around the door as we approached,—there was a grand rush and a yell as though the 'Varsity had got the ball in the back line scrim—, the dinner parade went forward.

However it was better than a camp I was in the other day when Cook House sounded, there was a mad rush, each man with a mess tin, but one poor fellow stumbled over a tent peg and then lay on the ground quite still, profoundly repeating the rosary. I rushed to his assistance and asked if he was injured, "Naw, but it's no good now," he said, almost sweetly, "There aint no dinner now they've et it."

Eventually I secured my ration of a mysterious dark substance that the boys called Mulligan, then I seated myself at the table eager to taste this fragrant dish, but, somehow, I didn't eat, it wasn't the food, certainly not, but I just seemed interested in watching the rest, and I—"Put the skids under the grease," the man at the other end of the room murmured in tones that nearly punctured my ear drums, each man gave it a different name as he passed on the request, and the chap next to me called it lubricator, unfortunately, I called it butter, and was in bad grace for the rest of the meal. As I was taking my helping of prunes, or C.P.R. strawberries they termed them, two forms appeared at the door, and the one who may have been a "Ballyhoo" man before the war shouted: "Shun, Ordly Offser." I thought he was taking too much liberty in thus petrifying the room, and it soon proved that I was correct, for the Officer said calmly: "That's alright my men, just carry on," as much as to say: "This fellow doesn't know what he's talking about." Needless to say there were no complaints, and I heard the men were planning to erect a tablet in memory of the last man who complained. The dinner continued without interruption.

I had a vision of some of the boys arriving back home and saying; "Mother, please pass the grease." "Give us a hunk of punk please, Father," or "Slide up the glue please, brother." But then they are all well and happy so "qu'importe." Grayman.

BULLETS FROM BROADSTAIRS

Our Weekly Puzzle—Why is P.G. like the man in the moon?
Ans.—Because he is always out at night.

The Quartermaster says "No more Bannanas." There are too many on the tasteing committee.

Why is the Staff of the Grand such an excellent one? Because they have only one "Flaw." (No. 153181.)

We hear that Pte. Barnes nearly burst a tyre when he blew Cook House door. What will happen when he has to blow Reveille?

Have you visited the Beauty Parlour at the Grand? Hair Cut 6d., Shave 3d., Shampoo 4d. Court plaster provided free. Some parlour!

Is it true that a routine order is about to be published calling for a parade of the Staff in Pyjamas? Does the adjutant know anything of this?

We hear that the Ward Master and Orderly Sergeant have been given an issue of gum shoes and patent water detectors. Their zeal and untiring energy has located scores of leaks in the water system.

We hear that the Sergt. Cook does not get so many half-days off now. Will this cut down the donations of smokes the "Widow" used to be so free with—the Postman tells us no registered letters come these days.

Queen Mary is supposed to have had "Calais" written on her heart. The Q.M.S. thinks that when the gentleman in a white frock examines his "Gizzard" A. Form I. 1202 and I. 1218 will be indellibly stamped on his.

There is no need for a "Tide" Table at the Grand. The rustle of waterproof coats and the patter of sand shoes along the basement corridor is a sure index that the tide is nearly full, and Oh! the pretty bathing costumes of the ladies!

DOINGS AT THE RANGE

By Pte. H. W. H. Smith

"Hospital News" Competition

The "Canadian Hospital News" Competition always commands a good run of entries, and this month has held its own in this respect. Sergt. Henderson won the 1st prize with the score of 190 out of the possible 200; while Staff-Sergt. Slinn carried off the 2nd with 189. Being a time-limit competition this shows a very high degree of marksmanship, 170 out of a possible 200 on these targets being considered by the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs to be a good score.

National Roll of Marksmen

Two more of our members, Staff-Sergt Slinn and Sergt. Henderson, have fired this week for the above honour, both of whom qualified with scores of 385 each out of a possible 400.

National Rifle Association Skilled Shot Medals were this week won by Sergt. Henderson and Pte. Mathieson. Rifleman's Certificates were secured by Sergt. Wade, Pte. Shelton, Corp. Robson, Driver Menhennet, and Pte. Croisdale.

Matches

During the week we had matches with Truro, Cornwall, and Penzance, Cornwall, also a return match with Colchester. An interesting match was shot off with Cambridge, the result being a tie—793. Details:—

Canadians		Cambridge	
Pte. Smith ...	100	Sgt. Rosenberg ...	100
Lc.-Cpl. Graham ...	100	Pte. Wood ...	100
Sgt. Henderson ...	100	Pte. Shearn ...	100
Pte. Clarke ...	100	Pte. Wallman ...	100
Pte. Fry ...	99	Pte. Bowler ...	99
Sct. Heathman ...	99	Pte. Shearr, C. F...	99
Pte. Mathieson ...	98	Pte. Doggett ...	99
R.S.M. Hodder ...	97	Pte. Webb ...	96
Total ...	793	Total...	793

Note.—For the information of Patients and Personnel who have recently joined the Granville and its annexes, the Rifle Range is situated in the basement at the Granville, under the concert hall. Here all are free to practice, either open or aperture sights, with rifles to suit all. The price of ammunition is 1d. for 8 rounds, and there are numerous prizes to compete for. We also have matches with all the leading Miniature Rifle Clubs in the country. **All are Welcome.**

Chaplain's Wounded Soldiers' Fund, etc.

By Major E. Bertram Hooper, (Chaplain)

My fund has been further increased during the past week by the following gifts:—

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The weather being propitious, we had, during the week, two splendid outings from the Granville and one from Townley Castle, with tea at Minster. I have invited the Canadian patients from Hill House Hospital at Minster to join us at tea whenever we come to the Bell Inn Tea Gardens. Some of them did so this week, and we were very glad to meet them. Capt. M'Kean, O.C. of the Hill House, and Mrs. M'Kean, have shown the kindest interest in our parties, and have helped me in many ways. I am greatly indebted to them, and to all who have contributed to the Fund. Another steamer trip will be offered us in the near future.

It is well to remind those who think well of the good that has been accomplished by the Wounded Soldiers' Fund, that £3 will provide a char-a-banc outing and tea; also that the profits on the song, "The Immortal Kitchener" (the sale of the first 2,500 copies) will be given to the Fund, so every purchaser of a copy will be helping us.

This week I sent my monthly remittance of £27 10/- to Messrs John Player & Sons for cigarettes.

THE PADRE.

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ENTERTAINMENTS

Arranged by Capt. Armour, Y.M.C.A.

Already the long days are becoming shorter and with the longer nights setting in, our thoughts instinctively turn to the ways and means by which many of us will spend our long Winter evenings. Last Autumn, Winter and Spring, a continual stream of all manner of concerts, entertainments, lectures, movies, etc. was provided in order to help the patients to while away what would have often been very monotonous weeks and months.

To supply a source of interest and provide enjoyable entertainments for the patients in our hospitals, a Concert Troupe and small Orchestra is being organised. Already sufficient numbers have offered to join this branch of our "Arts" to warrant a start being made. There are still vacancies for a very limited number of artists. Men who have had some experience in Concert work, who sing, play instruments, or who can take part in amateur theatricals are invited to send in their names or better still see personally Captain Armour in the Recreation Room.

On Saturday evening last Mr. Alfred Parker, the Lincolnshire Humorist delighted a large audience by his original and extremely funny entertainments, Mr. Parker introduced some very clever sketches and original songs, and he proved himself a master in the art of "making up." Lc.-Corp. S. Graham contributed several well rendered vocal numbers. Miss Dorothy L. Warne contributed much to the success of the evening by her sympathetic accompaniments, and also gave two of her clever and original sketches.

Movies drew big audiences last week and as usual excellent films were shown. It was regretted that Mr. Boyland's party was not able to appear as billed on Thursday night.

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