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EDITORIAL

Esprit de Corps.

Every man who is a man thinks his own section the best of his company, his company the best of his battalion, his battalion the best in the world. "Esprit de corps" has done much to make the tradition of the British Army what it is and has been.

A man should carry this fine spirit, this "Esprit de corps," as well in hospital as in the field. Here at the Granville we have an institution commanding the respect and admiration of all who come in contact with it. We should be as jealous of the honour and good name of our hospital as of our battalions. To the population around we represent our country. It is the duty of each one of us to shew ourselves worthy of the Maple Leaf we wear, and so to conduct ourselves that in the years to come the memory of Canada's soldiers shall to the people of Ramsgate be remeniscent of all that is best of the Country whose Sons we have the honour to be.

A General Hospital in the Field

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The work of a General Hospital in the Field deals on the Lines of Communication with the care of the sick and wounded in accordance with the requirements of the Military Service. These requirements vary greatly, depending largely upon the amount of activity at the Front. When large numbers of wounded are sent down, the accommodation of the hospital is lessened and there is need for prompt evacuations. When the convoys are small or infrequent the accomodation is greater and the cases are retained longer. Then there is the middle or mean condition—the most common—when the hospital has the average number of cases.

The character and extent of surgical and medical work varies with these conditions. While emergency and urgent operations are done under all conditions, many other operations of little or no urgency, or during the interval period, may or may not be performed according to the existing conditions. The qualities, therefore, of elasticity and adaptability are frequently brought into play and are characteristic of the work.

Among the many points to note in connection with hospital administration may be mentioned the following:

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS

Here a capacious A. & D. hut is required, as a large number of cases may be delivered to or evacuated from the hospital within a short period, and reception accomodation is necessary for the time being.

Stretcher Wagons are very serviceable, for on them can be placed stretchers as they are removed from the ambulances, and the men need not be disturbed again until they are placed in bed. Meanwhile they pass through the process of being admitted and transferred to wards. The use of the stretcher wagon is also a great saving of fatigue to the orderlies in lessening the carrying of stretchers, more especially as admissions take place principally at night at the end of the day's work. The most suitable

form of wagon is one made rather low and with rubber tyres.

On entering the A. & D. Hut all patients are asked that articles of value should be handed over for safe keeping and the necessary receipts given. The careful observance of this rule avoids much subsequent trouble and correspondence.

In taking the particulars of the case, such as name, number and unit, six or more clerks are employed so that delay is avoided as much as possible. At each table the particulars are taken down on a set of duplicate cards by two clerks, the particulars being ascertained from the man and called out by a third clerk.

The medical examination is done and the diagnosis made by two medical officers, and the admission is usually carried out by the Registrar, who also checks the accuracy of the name, number and unit and other particulars, a very important matter, by having the patient repeat the particulars. By this means admissions are effected with great accuracy.

In the case of large convoys it will be well to have two admitting Officers. One might take the sick, and the other the wounded; or one the stretcher cases and the other the walking cases. As the wards can be allocated in accordance with either of these classifications, one admitting officer would not conflict with the other.

When a man is marked for discharge the necessary clothing is issued and placed at his bedside to be in readiness. In this way evacuation can take place with little difficulty and at short notice.

The Card Index System is now adopted as the official method, and it is found suitable to have these cards filled in duplicate, as one set is used in the ward for records and the other (Canadian) in the Registrar's office for the administration and subsequent filing for future reference.

WARDS.—Whether the wards are huts or tents it is important that they be of considerable capacity, say from 50 to 70 beds in each. The existence of small wards adds much to the work of Medical Officers, Nursing Sisters and Orderlies. The use of large wards correspondingly diminishes work and facilitates administration. Should tents be used to obtain the desired capacity, it is necessary to join the number of tents together to form the so-called corridor wards. With the Indian Pattern European Private tents ten of them make a suitable number. With the large hospital marquees four may be linked together. The central portion of the tent ward is used with advantage as a duty room, and is most convenient for the distribution of food and ward work.

Tents and huts should be placed, if possible, some fair distance apart from each other; not only does this facilitate cleanliness, but it is a valuable safeguard to patients in the event of the occurrence of fire.

Little detonators,
Little ammonal,
Little piece of shrapnel,
Little fuse as well;
Put inside a jam tin,
Thrown across to Fritz,
German stretcher bearers
Gather up the bits.

A Tragedy

(Quartermaster-Sergeant and Company Sergeant-Major discovered walking along promenade closely immersed in discussing affairs of state).

C.S.M.—You see Quarter, if they bring up reinforcements from Vladimir Vholinsk and cut off the retreat from Bucacz Storovitsch front they will force the retreating army into the marshes round Kolopineskarvitch.

First Small Boy—(rushing forward) Please mister 'av yer any cigarette cards?

C.m.S.—No sonny I haven't, don't smoke them! As I was saying, Quarter, if they can bring up their artillery from the Sertchipela-Lucholodo and so disorganize General Blunpzerh's lines of commun—

Second Small Boy—Got any fag cards mister?

C.S.M.—No! No! I haven't. No!—er,—cut off General Blunzerh's lines of communication with Wetzizenski, then if they can bring cavalry through the Carpathians via Vlodorosvernovitsch they will—

Third Small Boy—Any fag cards govenor?

C.M.S.—D—No! I ain't, darn you—that is via Vlodorosvernovitch they will force Generals Phfunkovitch and Chopaboutabitsky to reorganize on the front Prysmelinyz-Seriptololsck-Polowernipq, thereby losing the fortified position of Jostipolinkx which—

Fourth Small Boy—Give us a fa—

C.S.M.—Gol darn your everlasting pestering little hide, etc., etc., etc.

(Extract from Routine Orders No. 3301K). C.S.M. — was this day sentenced to fourteen days Cold Spinal Douche, for wilfully, on the night of the Fifteenth, throwing a small boy over the East Cliff.

H.S.S.

The Communication Trench

It's a dark and stormy night! The rain comes down in torrents. A band of soldiers resembling pack mules and soaking wet are wending their weary way up to their favourite craters and shell holes.

"Hole H-O-L-E" The cry passes along, and just as you realize what it means you drop through the trench mat up to your waist in thin liquid mud. The man behind falls over you and packs you on the head with his rifle. After a scramble you struggle out and find that one of your gum boots is missing. You grope about for it and get the mud all over your face and hands, while your pack flops over your head and knocks your nose into the trench mat. At last you get the boot out and find it is half full of mud!

By this time the men behind are asking if you are looking for souvenirs, and say that if you don't move they'll give you a souvenir worth keeping! So you put on the boot and trudge forward.

You intend to make no more mistakes and keep your eye fixed on the trench mat all the time!

Thud! you see hundreds of stars and your head feels as if it is knocked off. When you recover you find that you have run into a piece of overhead cover, through trying to keep your eye on the trench mat. The result is that your head spins round and you keep running into the side of the trench.

The men behind murmur something about "Rum jars." But every thing, even communication trenches, comes to an end, and at last you emerge into the front line, and sink down into a mud hole to get a bit of rest. When someone shakes you by the shoulders and says, "You go on sentry duty tonight and there will be a rifle inspection in the morning." You crawl to your post and your mind is filled with things unutterable. You mutter between your teeth, "Gawd help any German I see tonight"!!!

SERGT. ———

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Who wore flannels on his leave and "had a ripping time, bah jove"?

Is it true that the X-Ray Sergt. has grown two inches as a result of the opening ceremony?

What happened when the Sergts.' Mess was found to be dry when recently visited by the "Comedians"?

What remarks were made by one of our drivers who had a bevy of beauty in his car on opening day?

THE ARMED LINER.

The dull grey paint of war
Covering the shining brass and gleaming decks
That once re-echoed to the steps of youth.
That was before
The storms of destiny made ghastly wrecks
Of Peace, and Right and Truth.
Impromptu dances, coloured lights and laughter,
Lovers watching the phosphorescent waves,
Now gaping guns, a whistling shell; and after,
So many wandering graves. H. S. S.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

KEEP OFF THE GRASS—As you say, a constables job "a'int all lavender."

ENQUIRER—We cannot answer for the gentleman who lost his wig. Enquire at the proper quarter.

SIGNALLER—We also notice the absence of the Canadian Flag on Friday in front of Chatham House—there were some fine "neutral" flags, though!

HAMBURGER—Wants to know what grudge prompted the gift of a meat mincer to the hospital. Wait till Sunday morning and see!

STUDIOUS—He may have been to "H'Eton" for education—judge by the length of his vocabulary

N. C. O.—Yes, we saw you! You push that pram, like an old hand.

Lt. H. McN.—We have always understood the letters to stand for Charlie Chaplin's Army Corps. Your version, Cool, Cosy and Comfortable touches the spot splendidly, however. Glad to hear from you.

WITH APOLOGIES TO SIR WALTER SCOTT

The way was long, the night was cold,
The soldier was infirm and old.
His khaki pants and shirt of grey
Seemed to have know a better day.
A flask, his sole remaining joy,
Was empty! Hence a worthless toy.
His rifle jammed, and wouldn't fire!
He swore, and showed a keen desire
To punch a fellow privates mug.
Along the street that men call "Plug",
Wearily, drearily, mile on mile,
Carrying sandbags in pile;
With ne'er vestige of a smile
Easing his Temper's ruffled calm;
But cursing each new false alarm—

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A whizzbang! Darkness!—then "Alrighty
Cheer O! you fellows, it's me for Blighty."

H. S. S.

Sports and Entertainments

Mr. Miller and his party, in their new role of "Humor-eskes," came before the Granville audience on Saturday last. New costumes and new programme were greatly enjoyed by a large crowd.

Our friends the "Briefs" gave another fine concert on Monday.

Tuesday's "Movies" were splendid, and we thank the friends by whose courtesy they are shown.

The Vaudeville Coy. from the Pavilion entertained the Granvillians on Wednesday afternoon in first-class style.

"The Yorkshire Nightingale," Mr. Bacon, entertained the Granvillians on Wednesday evening. His amazing versatility enabled him to hold his audience for two hours with song, humour, drama, and burlesque, and he received an ovation which told its own tale of a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Our congratulations to the London Area Personnel on the appearance and get-up of their journal "The Londser-can Gazette," the first number of which is to hand. May it prosper, and in time grow to the dignity of type. We shall have much pleasure in placing in on our exchange list.

We announce, with deep regret, the death of Bugler Chambers, 34th Batt. C.E.F., who passed away at the Granville on Wednesday, July 5th.

They say that the war has induced a revival of poetry—so much so that, where Elinor Glynn held full sway, we now find Milton and Shakespeare in full possession. We therefore give a few quotations, which seem appropriate to present occasions, to enable our readers to give the impression of deep learning by voicing them.

FOR "BLUES."—"Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage."—(Shakespeare)

FOR LIGHT DUTY MEN.—"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." (Tennyson)

FOR ACTING CORPORALS.—"Arm'd with my brief authority I stand."—(Shakespeare)

GERMAN "VICTORIES."—"Or wake to ecstasy the living lyre."—(Grey)

DISCHARGED BY BOARD.—"A noble judge! A learned judge."—(Shakespeare)

INSPECTION MORNING.—"Out! damn'd spot!"—(Shakespeare)

COOK-HOUSE.—"A little knowledge is a dangerous thing." (Pope)

PAY-DAY.—"On with the dance:
Let joy be unconfined."

C. H. WALL-CLIMBERS.—"They have their exits and their entrances."—(Shakespeare)

"SCOTTIE" IN BLUES.—"Once more into the breach(es).—(Shakespeare)

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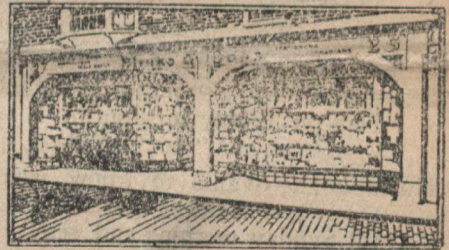
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