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L' ENVOI

Welcome the coming, Speed the parting guest.---Pope.

"HEN the patients were here they were an awful worry, and now they've gone we miss 'em," these words were spoken by one of the staff in the hall the other day. Hitherto the patients have been providing most of the copy for the Canadian Hospital News, but this week it is purely Personnel (not personal) ability; however, as most of them were "one time patients," so they readily render assistance with the work.

Since the departure of the patients and the removal of all the furniture from the rooms and wards, the buildings resound like the hills of Killarney, and all the weird stories of the Hospital ghosts have been revived. If you ask one of the "men who know" they will tell you that the wine-cellars, below the "clink," though now absolutely devoid of material spirits, are quite radient with those of the supernatural species. All the subterranean passages are infested with enemy spies, and the tower is being used for handing notes to passing Zepps. A Chatham House man will tell you how he was chased all around the garden by the Townley Castle ghost on the night of pay-day; and you soon are convinced that this would be a splendid opportunity for Sir Conon Doyle to gain inspiration.

It is only when you are deprived of a good home that you can realise the value of that which you have left, and now that the Hospitals are moving from this area we appreciate more fully what a really good home we have had in Ramsgate, and greatly regret our leaving. The Promenade and the Sands look decidedly changed, and one misses the hundreds of blue-clad forms basking in the sun, and benefiting by the unrivalled Ramsgate air while convalescing. Yes, we are leaving Ramsgate, but it is with the retention of many happy memories, and we would express our deep gratitude for the many kindnesses and hospitality shown us by the townspeople.

THE EDITOR.

CHATS FROM CHATHAM

The latest revue. "Stand-to, Boys," no lights.

From Sergeant-Major to Bugler. The Chatham House S.M. is sure a worker these days.

Why was the officer not Abel(I) to pay the Price? Was it that he was Prest(on) for Go(u)ld, or was the weather too Lowry? Have a Hart!

We understand that Bugler Jones' teeth tasted sweet and fresh when Beatrice returned them from the laundry. Oh, you little "Beatty"!

The "Lawton Hounds" have discovered an estaminet in town where it is possible to buy "Squirrel" Hooch. Try it boys! The more you drink the faster you climb.

Did Sergeant Howe have a premonition, or was it only a coincidence, that he rushed off to Hasting last Friday? We hope mother and daughter are doing well.

We admit that the Gin in the Southern States has some kick, but what about the Rum issued in the front line trenches? Perhaps (?) Pte. Dey can inform us. Snow certainly has thrilling effects.

Overheard at Chatham House on Tuesday morning:—"Are you taking in the dance to-night?" "What dance?" "The farewell dance at the Granville?" "Is there any refreshments?" "Why, don't you know they've ordered 60lbs. of marmalade?"

Mid-Week Football Match

The R.N.A.S. lads from Manston were the guests at Chatham House on Wednesday, when an excellent match was put up. The teams were very equally balanced, and the game was one of the best that has been seen on our ground. Playing against a slight wind, the Nuts scored two goals in the first half, Tootell scoring the first from the wing and Sammy Horne the second. In the second period the Flyers showed good combination and scored a goal, the ball, striking the inside of the upright, glided past Kingston. After both goals had been visited in turn, Dicky, from a neat pass by Blondy Berrett, added another. Towler, Strutton and Tootell worked hard all through. Final score—Nuts, 3 goals; Airmen, 1:

A TRENCH LITANY

By C. H. Dodwell

God of Sabaoth, I but ask
Humbly to bear whate'er befals—
The dreary, uninviting task,
The sight that sickens and appals,
Ear-rack of never silent guns,
Burden of bare vicissitude,
Losses of comrades—cherished ones—
To suffer all with fortitude.

If fate vouchsafe me safe return
To firesides of my fond desire,
Give me the grace to never spurn
The lessons learned in lines of fire.
Chivalry, love, and noble aims,
Knowledge of things undreamed within,
And this—that Private Whats-his-name's
The same as I beneath the skin.

Or if the hollow eyes of Death Should cast commanding gaze on me, Bidding me yield the Shibboleth, And plumb the black unfathomed sea; I pray that I at last may fall In paths where honour ever strayed, And answer the unwished-for Call Unquestioning, and unafraid.

CINDERELLA DANCE AT THE GRANVILLE

On Tuesday evening last, with the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. J. T. Clarke, the personnel held a very successful Cinderella dance in the Granville. The ballroom was prettily decorated with flags and bunting, and an orchestra of young ladies provided excellent music. R.S.M. Hodder and Sergt. Gibbs shared the duties of master of ceremonies. The late Ward I. was tastfully converted into a card room; whilst lounges afforded excellent "sitting-out" accommodation for tired dancers.

The thanks of the staff are heartily tendered to Matron Riddley and her able assistants, the Sisters, as the success of the evening was largely due to their excellent preparation and ministration of light refreshments.

A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION

(To the Editor, Canadian Hospital News)

Granville Canadian Special Hospital, Ramsgate, September 5, 1917.

Sir,—May an expression of deep appreciation be conveyed through your pages to our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. J. T. Clarke, for the excellent entertainment of last night, and to the Matron and Nursing Sisters, whose untiring efforts very largely contributed to its success.

The personnel will look back upon yesterday as one of the very bright and enjoyable days spent in our "Good Old Granville," and while it may be the last, it was by no means the least of many good times spent in Ramsgate.—I am, etc.,

C. V. HODDER, R.S.M.

DINNER AT THE C.C.O.H.

A highly successful dinner and concert was given the staff of the C.C.O.H., Broadstairs, on Saturday last by Mrs. P. G. Goldsmith and Matron Wilson. The boys and girls sat down to an excellent repast, and were waited on by Col. and Mrs. Goldsmith, the Matron, Nursing Sisters, Capt. and Mrs. Howie and the officers. After dinner a splendid programme, arranged by R.S.M. Thom, was carried out, which included such popular artistes as Miss Flo Clair and Mr. Bob Dennett. After a presentation to Mrs. Goldsmith by the boys, and to the Matron by the girls, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close. The heartiest thanks of the staff are tendered to all who so kindly organised and provded the entertainment.

GRUNTS FROM GRANVILLE

WHERE?

Why did the Sergeants destroy the record, "When You Come Home, Dear?"

We certainly are all on the "quivy vivvy" Sgt. Lake, but what is it, a disease?

Did Sgt. Horne like the still night air, or was he searching for Zepplins?

Why did Driver Green speed to Minster at such a rate at 7 a.m. Was the Registrar's open?

Butcher Shop—Good opening for first-class butcher. Apply, Operating Room, 3rd Floor.

Was Sgt. Payne a floor-walker in civil life, or did he take the Napoleon role at Drury Lane"

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Judging from the actions of certain parties at "Stand-to," there are several arms that hope to support crowns.

To Let—Princess Louise suite, Granville, unfurnished, good sea view and occasional sunshine. Apply, Johnnie Walker, 14a.

We miss the playful Patter of the Pats and the doggeral Yaps from the Yappers, but we have the spit of the Grand Bullets again with us.

Left-off Clothing—We have received a recent shipment from Chatham House of odd boots and hyphenated clothes, perforated footwear and double-mouthed kit-bags. Apply, Sergt. MacDonald, Q.M. Stores.

Captain Lowry, to Massage Class, "You see men, the human body may readily be compared to a tree; you have your limbs, your trunk and ——."

One of the class, "Yes, but we get darn few leaves around here."



FOOTBALL

By Corp. Bert. Bowskill

On Saturday last the Granville Canadian Football Club played their opening game of the season, their opponents being the pick of the Navy-The Ceto-their old rivals of last year's cup ties when these two teams met in the semi-final on the Chatham House ground. Despite the unpleasant weather there were quite a large number of spectators to watch the game, including quite a sprinkling of the fair sex. Staff Towler won the toss for The Nuts, and defended the Townley goal the first half, taking the advantage of a slight wind. The game opened up in cup-tie style, both teams being on their toes and out to win. After about ten minutes of mid-field play the Sailors opened the scoring, Farrell finishing with a well-placed shot, which Kingston handled but failed to clear. After fifteen minutes of give-and-take play Tootell and Brade took the ball down the wing, the former scoring the best goal of the match with a well-placed kick that gave the visitors' custodian no chance. Shortly afterwards Barrett gave the Nuts the lead with a good shot close in. Half-time found the Nuts leading by the odd goal of three.

On resuming play the Ceto boys went away with the wind behind them, and for a time looked dangerous when S.M. Budge relieved the pressure with a big boot from beyond the half-way line, the goalie handling the ball failed to clear, the ball going through his legs. The game at this point began to get a little rough when Towler went through and scored No. 4 with a fast shot. Just before time Horne caught the backs napping and scored another goal for the Nuts, the Fragments defeating the Ceto to the tune of 5 goals to 1. Kingston made only one mistake behind a good defence in Mutt and Jeff. Towler was the best man on the field, working hard all through the game. Tootell and Horne were the pick of a good line of forwards. Doyle, Weavers and Lewis played well for the visitors. Appended are teams and positions:—

Cumum	,	Wingston	1	
	D 1	Kingston		
	Budge		Willis	
	Strutton	Towler	Bowskill	
Barrett	Longworth	Horne	Brade	Tootell
		0		
Trollope	Brough	Burridge	Farrell	Lewis
	Turner	Weavers	McPhee	
	Doyle		Woodlake	
Naval Base	e,	Smith	Journal	

CRICKET

By Pte. Jas. Alex. Ford

The Granville Canadian Cricket Club closed a most successful season last week with a match against the 336th Battery of R.F.A. from Canterbury. That the team are to be congratulated on their prowess is clearly shown by the fact that they have played sixteen matches, losing three and winning thirteen. Bravo, G.C.C.!

Batting and Bowling Averages

Batsmen's Name	Total	No. o inning		
Sutton	146	7	0	20.85
Harrison	244	13	0	18.77
Preston	192	15	0	12.80
Bowskill	96	10	2	12.00
Avres	168	17	2	11.20
Longworth	21	3	1	10.50
Houldcroft	104	11	1	10.40
Willis	82	8	0	10.25
Strutton	129	16	0	8.06
Dive	72	11	0	6.54
Hall	19	6	3	6.33
Kingston	55	14	4	5.50
Foster	14	4	0	3.50
Shepherd	48	- 15	1	3.43
Brade	14	6	1	2.80
Bowling,				
Bowler's	No. of	No. of	No. of	Maiden Average runs

Bowler's Name	No. of overs	No. of runs	No. of wickets	Maiden overs	Average runs per wicket
Foster	18	53	11	2	4.81
Kingston	143	397	77	21	5.15
Dive	123	251	46	37	5.45
Bowskill	20	55	10	5	5.60
Preston	40	118	15	11	7.86

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Where are we going and when?

Have the packing cases arrived yet?

What happened to the three N.C.O.'s at Margate Monday night?

What are the Imperials doing with our marquees?

Are they holding side shows?

How the Supply Stores Sergeant was in three places at once where bombs dropped in the recent raid?

Was he Johnny on the spot?

Who expects to win the pool in a certain guessing competition? If Staff Moore prefers Margate to Broadstairs now, and why

the sudden change?

Why the woman over the wall was so upset when a recent survey board had a fire in the incinerator.

Would she have liked some wood?

If the recent Board on "Damaged Goods" was a success.

What has happened to all the camera fiends who took pictures of the raid?

Are there no proofs?

Where the bomb really exploded?

And who saw it coming?

Will the Hospital News carry on in the same bright way?

Who swiped the woollen underwear that was put in the Quadrangle after the raid?

Will it tickle him to death?

Did Staff Towler have a record sale the night of the dance?

How did the N.F. Fatigue Party enjoy their morning's work at Chatham House?

And what did they do?

If Staff Edwards was a dancing instructor before the war?

Where the perfume comes from which certain of the Chatham House N.C.O.'s are using.

Where all the souvenirs came from that they are making in the Machine Shop.

If the Lance-Corp. of Police was a real comforter to the old couple during the stand-to the other night.

How the Ordnance Inspecting Officer kept his cigar alight during the recent air-raid.

BULLETS FROM BROADSTAIRS

Chorus for the "Grand" Opera:
"Pack all your troubles in your old Kit-Bag."

Who is the President of the Order of the "Clutching Hand," and has he initated the S.M. yet?

Is it true that Lawyers are careless? If you don't believe it ask the Files Clerk.

Now Fenton when is that wedding really coming off, don't wait until next Pay Day?

A young man named W.A.E.

Once drove to Margate by the C.,

When returning that night

Stop! extinguish that light!

Which suited old Alf. to a T.

Who is the N.C.O. that does not care to go out at nights now and has the issue of the Canadian Hospital News dated August 25th, anything to do with it?

Did Pte. Eardley really fall in love with the little girl in Chester or the one in the Strand? Ring up Broadstairs 7 for further information.

Is it true that the "Yappers" are the only unit that really know where the Hospitals are going to, after suggesting every name in the A.B.C. Do they know any more funny stories?

Is it true that Pte. Houghton wanted to see what it was really like to ride in a Bridal Carriage or was it the fascination of old times with the "Ribbons" that induced him to take that trip to Margate on Monday, and why did the policeman tell them to put out the Lights?

CONGRATULATIONS

Sergt. MacFarlane our Yarrow dispenser has gone and done it. The marriage of Miss May Burgoyne to Arthur M. MacFarlane was solemnized at Broadstairs on Monday last, and the bridal carriage with the happy couple were drawn to the brides home by the willing hands of the Yarrow staff.

Our heartiest greetings to Sergt. and Mrs. MacFarlane.

DOINGS AT THE RANGE

By Pte. H. W. H. Smith

Although our patients have left us we still carry on. This week we have added two more to the National Roll of Marksmen. Lc.-Corp. Graham, won his place with a score of 390-possible 400he also won the N.R.A.S.S. Certificate with 290 out of 300. Some little time ago one of the crack rifle teams announced to us that they held six National Roll marksmen, no doubt to indicate that we were up against marksmen of a very high calibre. This team we have defeated twice, and hope to have the pleasure of further matches with them in the near future. We won the match with Truro by the narrow majority of 5 points. One of their team had particularly bad luck, otherwise the result might have been quite different. We have received letters from several clubs hoping we shall meet them in the Boroughes & Watt Challenge Cup in October, if we are still running as a club. For this event we can enter two, if not three, teams of four men each. In addition to this valuable trophy, the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs presents to the winning team four silver medals and £8; to the second, four bronze medals and £4; to the two teams knocked out in the semifinal, £2 each; and to each of the four teams knocked out in the previous round, £1. With three teams in, as we are at present, we should make a good showing.

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