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Football Team Still Victorious

Again victors! By a score of 4 to 2 in the semi-final football match our boys took their opponents into camp. The ground was very heavy and at the of the first half the enemy was leading with the score 2-1, but in the second period they failed to deceive our goal-keeper, while our lads, on the other hand, pasted the pigskin past his opponent for a total of three counts. This victory, the fourth in succession, leaves the team undefeated and places us in the running for the finals. With an even break of luck we should romp home easy winners.

The game was the best of the season and, for the first time this year, our lads were on the short side of the score sheet at the end of the first period. The defensive work was brought into use in a manner which surprised even the most staunch supporters of the team.

Buck showed to better advantage than in any previous game of the season and it was his nice dribbling and pretty shot that put us in the lead, George is there with his part of the work when it comes to combination plays, too.

Steed played a brilliant game between the poles. He takes some awful chances, especially when he takes a healthy kick at the ball with the opposing forwards sweeping down on him. He seems to be gettuing away with it, however.

Jock Woods is there when it comes to classical blocking and the man who gets by him is travelling some.

A goodly number of both officers and men were on hand to give the boys a cheer, but there might have been more. Let every man turn out for the final game this afternoon. It helps the man on the field along when he knows his comrades are watching him and it gives the whole team impetus when they know that every one is interested.

The finals will be well worth seeing and everyone is invited out.

We might add that the history, and possibly a photograph, of the camp champions, will appear in the next issue of The Clansman.

Whist Drives Popular.

Whist drives have been the order of the day for the past three or four months and to say that they are popular with many of the lads of the camp would be putting it lightly. The last of the social evenings was held at the school house in Haslemere on Wednesday night of this week and is said to have been the greatest success of any similar event of the year. More than 150 people were in attendance and spent the early part of the evening at whist. The later hours were devoted to dancing and refreshment, the party breaking up shortly before midnight—it is said that every prize for the gentlemen went to men in uniform and several of the lads are today sporting new sticks, pipes and gloves.

An Invitation.

To the other units of this area:—

The Clansman, of the Seaforth Highlanders, hereby extends an invitation for you to come into the fold and help to make the paper one of general camp interest. We will venture to say that every unit in the district has one or more men who have been in the newspaper game and who would be only too willing to get up news notes of their unit each week. We have the space to spare and the inclination to spare it.

The invitation is out—will you accept and help us to make the only military paper of this district one which will serve the entire camp?

Address your reply to The Editor The Clansman, at the camp post office, and he will be only too glad to take the matter up personally.

A new addition has been made to the gas school in the person of a cute little dog which has already learned the daily routine and which is always first at the bombing pits. What rank, please?

Some of the Rumors

Late in the evening and early in the night of last Saturday, the air was filled with rumors. Some were so utterly foolish as to be funny, yet one might well be surprised at the way some of the lads swallowed them. They were like the proverbial snowball on its downward course—the longer they went the larger they became until they were like the mountains of our own western country.

One report had it that the Germans had landed near London with a force of 10,000 men, having made the journey across the channel by means of gigantic Zeppelins. An attack was imminent, it was claimed, and preparations were under way to march all troops to the defence of the city.

Another report said that a force of troops had been caught by the navy in trying to get across the channel and that a total of fourteen transports had been sunk in the engagement which followed.

Still another report said that the Germans had landed at Dover, captured the fortifications and were preparing to march inland.

Another said that the Russians had joined forces with the enemy and that an invasion was threatened by them.

News From Home

Latest advices from Western Canada state that the winter is breaking up in that section and that Farmers are preparing for spring work on all sides. It was added that the prospects were never better for record breaking crops and that prices are as good or better than last year.

An item in a Yarmouth paper states that the O. C. of one of the battalions thanks the ladies for serving hot biscuits to the lads on a route march. The kind lady also has the thanks of The Clansman for her interest in the lads in kahki, but we might add that should she decide to supply the hot biscuits after the fellows have had something more than a year of army fare she would have "some job."

Lads from the Yarmouth district will be interested in learning that Jacob W. Grant has been elected Mayor of that city. The new mayor is well known to many of the boys here who extend congratulation on his election.



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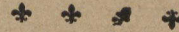
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approaches gives one a feeling of desolation amounting to almost a panic if one happens to know the story. This feeling disappears, however, when one reaches the summit—does not disappear, perhaps, but is lost in the beauty of the scene which lays unfolded before the eyes. The pen of the most brilliant writer or the brush of the most gifted artist, cannot describe the beautiful valleys and winding roads which reach in all directions. They must be seen to be appreciated. The government has erected a small steel guide on the hill, pointing out directions and distances of all principal towns.

We cannot too strongly advise the lads to visit Gibbett Hill before going back to Canada. It will be something more to tell of the time we have spent in England.



A Man Who Is Doing Things

While we are saying good things about the men who are prominent in our army training, we shall have to mention the name of Imperial Staff Sergeant Smith, who is with the P. T. staff of this unit. He was sent here from the Imperials as an instructor and is doing his full share of the work in a manner that leaves nothing to be desired. He has taken an active interest in football and is largely responsible for the high efficiency of the team which is upholding the honour of the unit. It was principally his work which brought "The Akward Squad" up to the mark which elicited praise from all sides and it is his energy and vim which is showing so largely in all things of an athletic nature.

Sergeant Smith is popular with all his Canadian comrades. He is highly spoken of in all ways and it is with pleasure that we make public some of the good work he has to his credit.



Stop Press News—Three weeks have passed and the pay office is still in the same building. For the information of those who are looking ahead to the pay day of next week we might add that if it does not move again the pay office will be found in Hut A 10, next door to the gas school and adjoining to the P. T. school. We cannot help wondering how they stand it.

More new adverts in this issue. We shall soon have all the responsible business houses in this district represented at different time—and we do not want the other kind.

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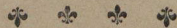
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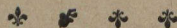
COMPLIMENTS

The little affair of last Saturday evening has been the cause of scores of compliments coming the way of all ranks. Business men who lost no small amounts by the absence of soldiers speak highly of the way the lads answered the call and men who are usually slow to agree that the lads in uniform are right in anything have been heard to speak highly of the orderly manner in which the summons was answered. Picture shows were emptied in record breaking time, stores were soon left with none but civilain customers, and half emptied glasses were left on the bars as the boys made their rush for the doors at the first word of command. Married men hurriedly left their wives and sweethearts were left alone when the call to duty came. The air was charged with the highest tension and no one knew what the morning might bring forth—but no one stopped to ask questions. The order was out and it was but left for us to obey.

This is as it should be. Duty comes above all things when a man is in the kahki and it is not for us to question the command of those higher up. We are also glad to add that when the rolls were called after the order went out not a man was crimed for not being there to answer his name.



We have just received a birthday number of the Canadian Hospital News, our breezy little contemporary from Ramsgate. The lads seemed to have spread themselves on their annual issue, having turned it out in a gold bronzed cover and filed it from cover to cover with attractive illustrations. They have a staff of more than three times the number The Clansman can boast and their effective work is shown in the neat little sheet which they turn out.



And that reminds us—just one year ago tomorrow The Clansman came into being for the first time, under the guise of The

Lethbridge Highlander on the other side of the waters. Our troubles have been many but we have survived and are going stronger now than ever before. By this time next year we shall have a real live paper—but let us hope that there will be no need for any military publication by that time.

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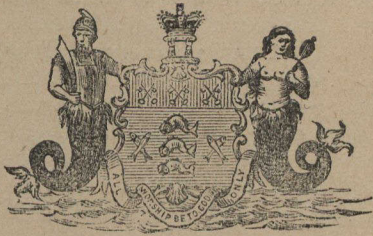
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Things We Want to Know

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How it comes that No. 8 company found so many of their missing duty men on pay day and how so many lads of that company were made to break their no work rule the following day.

How Pte. Godson likes his job at Brigade headquarters. Never mind, chum, we can give you heartfelt sympathy. We ran one of those duplicators in the battalion orderly room for a time and know what it is

What has happened to all the buglers recently?

We have heard no stories of "two kids in a picture show" recently.

Why so many visitors to the musketry office in one night? Something funny alright.

Who was the lad who went sick the morning after he was warned for draft?

Why the challenging football team does not report for that early morning run.

The Fighting Battalion: "Who wants to join the fighting battalion"? These were the words on Sergt Wheatley's lips last Sunday night when he was endeavouring to make up the full compliment of his platoon.

THE ADVANTAGES OF COVER IN WAR

(By Lieut. Burton)

Much of what was written and included in the training manuals before the outbreak of the war now raging requires drastic revision in the light of experience of the latest and the most up to date methods of fighting. At the same time, there are certain broad principles that apply today with the same force as in the South African war. If we exclude the fighting that has taken place on the Indian frontier, the African war was the first in which was actually demonstrated the conditions in the field brought into being by the use of long range weapons. It is certainly not too much to say that it was the experience gained in that war that brought sharply into prominence the vital necessity of visual training and skilled distance training.

It must be borne in mind that the fire of the modern magazine rifle is intensely destructive, and that the aim of the higher command, therefore, is (a) in attack, to bring fire to bear at decisive ranges and to maintain a sufficient number of firers in the front line to gain and keep superiority of fire until the attack can be driven home, while in defense, the end sought is to prevent the enemy from attaining that superiority by breaking up the attacking line before it can be sufficiently densely established. In both cases, attack and defense, the ultimate object can only be achieved by the infliction of casualties. The object of musketry training is to enable soldiers to hit the service target. It is one thing to acquire such technical skill in the way of correct aiming, sighting and control so as to enable one to hit a range target. It is quite another to hit a small and indistinct object, only visible with any degree of certainty when in rapid motion and only exposed for a few seconds at a time. Efforts are made to demonstrate this difficulty in the course of musketry training by demonstrations known as "aiming at the ground," by lessons in cover and in visual training.

What the trained soldier has to do is to know the best means by which he can so take advantage of the formation of the ground and the occurrence of natural features as to preserve himself uninjured for as long a time as possible without sacrificing his efficiency as an offensive fighting

unit. He must always bear in mind that the very last thing that cover of whatsoever nature is intended to do is to enable him merely to secure protection from personal injury. While under cover, he must still be able to effectively use his rifle. This may be taken as the first general rule governing the use of cover—it must afford free use of his rifle.

Cover is of two kinds; it may afford protection from fire or merely protection from view. The principal example of the former is furnished by entrenchments, which are, from their nature, purely defensive. Cover from view may be of many kinds besides grass, brush, irregularities of ground, and so on. It cannot be too greatly emphasized that there is quite another cover from view that necessitates the intervention of no object whatever between the firer and the enemy—the kind of cover that is afforded by the selection of a suitable background to favor invisibility, combined with the absence of unnecessary movement. Given such a background, a man may, to all intents and purposes, be invisible at any range over 250 yards, so that, provided the extension is sufficient, quite a large body of troops can enjoy comparative immunity at a distance from their enemy at which, when the time arrives, they can open a very destructive fire. As an example of this, at the beginning of the war a battalion of the London Scottish reached a rendezvous four hours ahead of the time fixed for an operation in which

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they were to co-operate with other troops. They deployed on the side of a hill, extended in "artillery formation" (at intervals of eight paces) and told to lie down. With the coming of daylight their position was discovered by the Germans and they were under rifle and artillery fire for over one hour, suffering in that time 26 casualties. The incident illustrates (1) the advantage of suitable formation and (2) the immunity from injury that may be enjoyed by troops lying in the open, provided movement is curtailed to a minimum.

In selecting cover from view, if the object or feature affording the cover be in any way conspicuous, it follows that the troops must reach the cover unnoticed, and must leave its protection, or such protection as it afforded, before the enemy has time to

range thereon. Objects that afford an obvious range mark should be avoided. As an instance may be cited the established doctrine that the edge of a wood is the worst possible place for entrenchments.

Whatever cover be selected, it must afford a good field of fire, for it is obvious that if it does not the enemy have a chance of working up close and rushing the position. It has been established as the result of experience gained in France and elsewhere that, providing the line of fire is 200 yards or over, no rush can carry the line. Again, whatever be the nature of the position, the men must get as close to it as possible, consistent with the free use of the rifle. By so doing they will extract from the cover the full benefit of its possibilities, both as to its protection and concealment from fire.

It is difficult to make an untrained man realise that he may be in a position in which he can distinctly see his enemy and yet remain invisible to him. Perhaps the principle thing to remember is that anything that breaks up a large patch of cover tends towards rendering it invisible even at close range. One may instance the difficulty of seeing a member of the cat tribe when partially in a shadow. The parts of a man, no matter what tint his uniform, that render him most conspicuous are his face and hands and the flat top of his cap. Place a man behind a shrub sufficiently open to give him a clear view of his front and let him remain motionless 150 yards away, and, unless the light be exceptionally bright, he will be to all intents and purposes invisible, the reason being that the foliage of the shrub breaks up the white patch of face and flat surface of the cap.

To recapitulate: the points to be observed in the use of cover are,

1. Take full advantage of the cover;
2. Get as close to it as possible, consistent with the free use of the rifle, (the cover must afford free use of the rifle);
3. The cover must afford a good field of fire;
4. It should not be range work.



It is said on good authority that the ditches back of the armourers shop are soon to be filled in. For goodness sake let us hope so. In the excitement of last Saturday night we fell into one of them, rifle and all—but we are still on deck if we were a little late with this issue of The Clansman.

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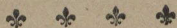
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Notes of Interest

Pt. J. C. Blakeney who went across with the first draft from the Highland Brigade to France, is back in England again.

We might also mention that Corporal Claude Moore who went across with the senior Battalion of the Highland Brigade is back in England, having contracted diphtheria.

We notice in the casualty list of the past week Sergt. Earle's name, as wounded. We do not know the nature of the wound, but trust it is not serious.

We are this week extending an invitation to other battalions to come into the fold and send in notes to The Clansman. Next week we hope to have news from all parts of the camp.

A certain one of our lads recently said he wished the United States would hurry up and get into the war. We can hardly agree with his sentiments. The way things are going now it would be far better for the Allies to go ahead and finish the thing up alone and not give Germany a chance to say that it took the whole world to beat them. The men at the head of their government are doing their utmost to force the States into the fray for this reason, of course, but here's hoping it may never happen.

Our officers and men will confer a favor upon The Clansman if they will mention the paper when dealing with our advertisers. Business men like to know the cause of purchasers' visits and every one brought through advertising in this paper will help us to convince our patrons that the advertisements are a good investment.

The world is not so large after all—and to illustrate the truth of the old saying we might relate a real surprise we met one day last week in going through the cook house of our unit. As we walked in at one door of the building we noticed a case of condensed milk which looked familiar. A closer investigation unearthed a can which bore the label of "Yellowband", and stated that it was tinned at McMinnville, Oregon, in the States. Nothing remarkable in that—except for the fact that the editor has been through the Yellowband plant scores of times and has met the owners of the big factory on many occasions. In those days, however, he never thought to find their product being used in England by the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. In fact, at the time he last saw the factory the present war was undreamed of. It all goes to show that the world is not so large after all, as well as illustrating the fact that from all sides come the food supply which is to help in the winning of this fight for freedom.

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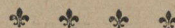
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Send me a bill when the month is up, and do not be afraid of losing the advert. It will run as long as the paper is here."

A minister of one of the local churches recently told a friend of the editor that he looked forward each week to buying The Clansman. Seems to think it is full of good things and is especially interested in the series of articles we are running.

Charman's stores, where The Clansman is on sale, has sold out completely during the past three weeks and have asked for more copies. They say the paper is spoken for in advance by many of the lads of other units and that the demand is growing as the little paper becomes better known.

Thanks for all these good things, friends. It makes a man feel that the work is really worth while.



Gee whiz, fellows. Those Imperial boots have made their appearance in bunches during the past week. The editor is wearing a pair, and, while they have the appearance of a couple of young gunboats, they cannot be beat for comfort and wear. Forgive us for the many mean things we said when we were first handed them.

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One of our new advertisers told me: "The Clansman is a good idea and I have been watching it for some time. We do not deal direct with the soldiers to any great extent but I believe in encouraging any thing of this kind. Here is the copy of our ad.

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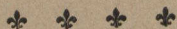
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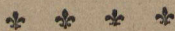
An Interesting Letter

We received a copy of the Yarmouth Light one day this week and, in looking through the little sheet, were rather surprised to see extracts from a letter written by Q. M. Sergt. Gibson, of No. 8 company. Nothing unusual in seeing letters from our lads in the papers at home, but we seldom find a letter written in the same cheerful and uncomplaining strain as the one in mind. No kicks to make, and nothing but good to say of the service. We only wish that our other lads would follow his example and eliminate their petty grievances from the letters they send home for publication.



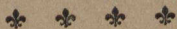
New Liquor Regulations.

Tomorrow will see the new liquor regulations going into effect and those who have formed the habit of embibing too freely of the stronger spirits will be puzzled as to where their usual supply may be obtained. Just what effect the new regulations will have on army canteens is not known, though it is generally taken for granted that their supply will not be diminished to any appreciable extent. The pubs will be the ones to suffer from the new restrictions and, while few complaints are heard, it may be taken for granted that the revenues of the pub keepers will be curtailed to no small extent.



An Enthusiastic Chaplain

One of the best boosters we have in all athletics is in the person of Hon. Captain Denoon, a member of the athletic committee who takes the most lively interest in his work. At the football game of last Saturday he was the most excited man on the side lines and the spectators derived almost as much pleasure from his intense interest as they did from the game. The genial Chaplain understands all the popular sports thoroughly and is always ready with the most hearty support he can give. He is making himself more popular than ever, if such a thing can be, by his contagious enthusiasm.



Don't smile, boys, the sun came out for two hours one day this week.

Will some one kindly tell us how it comes that Sergeant Akhurst sticks around the dry canteen so steadily?

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