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COMFORTS ARRIVING AT CANADIAN FIELD COMFORTS COMMISSION.



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MOORE BARRACKS ; : ; SHORNCLIFFE.

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SHED 7,
ST. JOHN, N.B.

FIELD COMFORTS.

REMEMBER—

That the Canadian Field Comforts Commission is the organised Government Agency for the distribution of Field Comforts.

That the Militia Department, in organising this Commission, enabled the women of Canada to use the military organisation for forwarding extra supplies to their soldiers.

That the Commission, being in close touch with the officers and men as they go out to the field, can carry on a more intelligent and personal distribution.

That Field Comforts are not superfluous.

That regular monthly contributions either of money or supplies is a great assistance to the Commission in keeping up their supplies.

That the supplies most needed are as follows :—

Socks, gloves, half-gloves, underwear, shirts, small towels, handkerchiefs, leather boot-laces, small books, magazines, candles, sweets, cocoa, soup-tablets, pipes, notepaper, insect powder, toilet paper, pencils, cards, tobacco, cigarettes and gum.

That many articles in the above list are bought to good advantage in England, the Commission having very satisfactory arrangements with different wholesale houses.

That parcels sent through the Commission to specially designated regiments, if plainly marked, are forwarded direct to those regiments.

That it is not desirable to send small parcels for individual soldiers through the Commission; they go more quickly if posted direct to the individual.

That packages should be forwarded by freight wherever practicable. Freight charges need not be prepaid.

That all packages, whether for general distribution or to be forwarded to special units or individuals, should be sent to the Canadian shipping agencies of the Commission and marked "Charges Collect."

NOTES.

This leaflet is meant to give some idea of how we work and under what conditions. We call it "Field Comforts," because that is the term we originated to cover the clothing and comforts sent us to forward to our men in the field. We have many requests from the Front, both from officers and men, for these extra supplies, so we know that they are wanted. We have many warm letters of thanks for our bales, so we know that they are appreciated. We send direct to the Front to our own men and we are really in touch with them, so please send us all that you can of comforts for distribution or money to purchase them.

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Our photograph this number is of five limbers bringing Canadian supplies to our office.

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We want to express our deep gratitude to our kind friends in Walkerville who, through Mrs. Ortved and Mrs. Parsons, sent us a motor-car last November. It is impossible to say the help and value this splendid gift has been to us in our work.

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Our Christmas presents included books, games, cards, stationery wallets, mouth-organs, pipes, and handkerchiefs, and every one of these was tied up with something to eat or smoke, which gave men a good choice. This tying-up was a big business, and was done in a house in Folkestone, in which we had to take four rooms for the purpose. The following Canadian and English ladies helped us with this work, under the supervision of Mrs. Mallory and Miss Finn:—

Mrs. Gordon Stewart, Mrs. Malcolm McAvity, Mrs. John Lewis, Mrs. Basil Price, Mrs. Carlton Monk, Mrs. Shirley Dixon, Mrs. F. A. Moseley, Mrs. G. H. Bowlby, Mrs. Sandford Smith, Mrs. Basil Wedd, Mrs. Ormsby, Miss Graham, Mrs. Frank Arnoldi, Mrs. T. G. Roberts, Mrs. Deedes, Mrs. G. A. Wells, Mrs. Daly, Mrs. C. J. Charlton, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. C. H. L. Sharman, Mrs. Mitchell, Lady Palmer, Mrs. Robert Usher, Miss Usher, Mrs. Benn, Mrs. Hare, Miss Harvey, Mrs. Culling, Mrs. Marsh, Miss Marsh, Mrs. Elliott, Miss de la Poer, Mrs. Bradshaw, Miss Parker, and Mrs. Travers.

Mrs. O. A. Critchley and Miss Bate, with the help of other ladies, packed up the gifts into bales. We sent out altogether 47,847 presents in 585 bales, and by post to some of the smaller units, whose gifts did not exceed twenty in number. This covered every one of our men then in France. Everything was despatched by December 18, and all arrived in time for Christmas. Over £900 was contributed to our Christmas fund, and as many gifts were also given, this sum was sufficient to buy all that

was required. We received many letters from both officers and men which clearly showed that the presents were very much appreciated.

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"With the First Canadian Contingent" is now out of print, and it is impossible to fill the requests that still come in for copies. 18,000 copies were printed, of which 8,000 were sent to Canada, and the balance sold in England. Over 3,000 copies were posted by a Committee here to fill orders received from the front. The profit on the publication of book is £247 4s. 6d., and the net profit from the copies sold by us is £108 8s. 2d., making a total to date of £355 12s. 8d. The Musson Book Co., Toronto, has generously promised us all profit from the sale of book in Canada, none of which is included in above total. Mrs. Frank Arnoldi, Mrs. A. W. Grasett, Mrs. Mackeen, Mrs. and Miss Marsh, Mrs. Macdougall, Miss Brough, Mrs. Sandford Smith, Mrs. H. D. L. Gordon, Mrs. Philip Tidy, Mrs. Leonard Outerbridge, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Codville, Mrs. Angus Currie and Mrs. Lynne Plummer were among the most regular members of the book committee and worked very hard at despatching books. The orders from the front were slow in reaching us, as they had to come through the pay-books first and the Committee often had to wait for more books as the first edition was quickly exhausted, but there were no delays here in sending them out. We feel very grateful to these ladies for their help.

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From Divisional Orders by Brigadier-General J. C. McDougall,
C.M.G., Commanding Canadian Training Division.

Shorncliffe,

23rd February, 1916.

Miss D. Lenore McMeans is appointed to the Canadian Field Comforts Commission with the pay and Honorary rank of Lieutenant with effect 23-2-16.

(Auth. M.M. & D. (J.W.C.) 6-Mc-185/23-2-16.)

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Among our visitors during the past six months have been:— Sir Geo. Perley; Colonel Rennie, A.D.M.S., Canadians; Major-General Macdougall, C.M.G., G.O.C., Canadian Training Division; Surgeon-General G. Carleton-Jones, D.M.S., Canadians; Colonel Smart, O.C. 1st Training Brigade; Colonel A. H. Macdonnell, D.S.O., O.C. R.C.R.; Lt.-Colonel Bowen, O.C. 23rd Battalion; Lt.-Colonel Johnson, C.A.M.C.; Lt.-Colonel Buller, O.C. P.P.C.L.I.; Colonel Vaux, C.A.M.C.; Lt.-Colonel Mayes; Lt.-Colonel Smith, O.C. 3rd Divisional Cavalry; Lt.-Colonel W. R. Marshall, D.S.O., O.C. 15th Battalion; Major D. A. White, O.C. 2nd Battery; Brigadier-General Tuxford, C.B., G.O.C. 3rd Infantry Brigade; Lt.-Colonel Weyland, O.C. 44th

Battalion; Major-General S. B. Steele, C.B., M.V.O., Commanding Troops, Shorncliffe; Colonel Shillington, A.D.M.S., 4th Division; Lt.-Colonel H. D. L. Gordon, 4th C.M.R. Battalion; Colonel Scott, O.C. Moore Barracks Hospital; Lt.-Colonel Ings, 6th C.M.R. Battalion; Major-General F. L. Lessard, C.B., Inspector-General of the Canadian Militia Forces; Colonel Maynard Rogers; Miss Macdonald, Matron-in-Chief; Lt.-Colonel McMillan, A.D. of S. and T.; Major Arnoldi, O.C. 15th Battery; Major Van Sittart, O.C. 14th Battery; Lt.-Colonel Odlum, D.S.O., O.C. 7th Battalion; Lt.-Colonel Embury, O.C. 28th Battalion; Lt.-Colonel Young, O.C. Cavalry Depôt; Lt.-Colonel Sponagle, Hillingdon House, Uxbridge; Lt.-Colonel Courtney, Westcliffe Eye and Ear Hospital, Folkestone; Major H. D. G. Crerar, O.C. 11th Battery; Major A. W. Woods, Senior Chaplain, 3rd Division; Lt.-Colonel N. G. H. Marshall, Chairman Canadian Red Cross Society; Lt.-Colonel P. R. Hanson; Colonel Black, O.C. 5th Training Brigade; Major Wilson, A.D.M.S., C.T.D., and many other officers of various units at the front or in camps at Shorncliffe or Bramshott.

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We are very grateful to all who send comforts for distribution, and have to thank many societies for regular and welcome supplies. Among the more important gifts received have been large consignments of tinned peaches from the Growers of Kent Co., Ontario; many cases of "smokes" from the *Toronto Daily News* and its readers; 400,000 cigarettes from the Vacation War Relief Committee, New York City; a quantity of underwear and socks purchased by the Barrie Division Railwaymen's Patriotic Association and a large consignment of dried fruit from the Citizens of Hamilton and St. Catherines through the Canadian Club.

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We owe more than we can ever say to our many faithful and efficient workers. We are always sorry when any of them have to move on and very grateful to find that others are ready to take their places. Our regular staff of helpers who come every day are:—Mrs. O. A. Critchley (Calgary), Miss Gordon (Winnipeg), Mrs. O. C. Macpherson (Capetown), Mrs. G. H. Wallace (Toronto), Mrs. H. J. D. Stokes (Ceylon), in the office; Miss Finn (Edmonton), Mrs. Gordon Thomson (Winnipeg), Mrs. H. D. L. Gordon (Toronto), Mrs. Archbald (Montreal), in the packing room; Miss Spencer (Victoria), in the unpacking room; and Miss Currie (Vancouver), in the stock room. Mrs. Hughes (Kingston), Mrs. Green (Halifax), Miss Duncan (Halifax), Mrs. A. de M. Bell (Toronto), Mrs. Murray Ross (Winnipeg) and Mrs. W. A. Mitchell (Kingston) come two or three days a week. Others whom we must thank for their help throughout the winter are:—Mrs. Arthur Grasset (Toronto), Mrs. James Morrow (Halifax), Miss Widmer Brough (Toronto), Mrs. Fred Mallory (Toronto), Miss Bate (Victoria), Mrs. Symons (Toronto), Mrs. H. Snider

(Toronto), Mrs. Farmer (Toronto), Mrs. Gordon McGillivray (Montreal), Mrs. H. F. Walker (Montreal), Mrs. J. G. Gallie (Toronto), Mrs. G. F. Boyer (Toronto), Mrs. King (Ottawa), Mrs. Fisher (St. John), Mrs. Baker and Miss Dorothy Baker (Sandgate), Mrs. W. A. Allen (Montreal), Mrs. H. G. Cochrane (Calgary), Miss Elsie Cotton (Ottawa), Mrs. McRae (Vancouver), Mrs. J. Gunn (Montreal), Mrs. G. S. Cassels (Toronto), Mrs. F. Reid (Winnipeg), Mrs. E. Douglas (Halifax), Mrs. Watson (Toronto), Mrs. Gardiner (Winnipeg), and Mrs. H. C. Hammond (Victoria).

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Space at Moore Barracks is very limited and precious and owing to the great increase of our work we have had to seek further accommodation. At Christmastime we quite overflowed our own quarters and made desperate appeals to Headquarters to find us some extra corner in the camp. During the Christmas vacation the garrison gymnasium was placed at our disposal and there some of our workers with a fatigue party of twenty men packed and repacked scores of boxes daily. When we had to leave the gymnasium we were given the use of half of the big groceries barn where the work went on until nearly the end of February. We were then obliged to rent a shop building near Shorncliffe Station where all the supplies-in are now received. Shipments are brought here by C.A.S.C. transports and left in a small garage. The adjoining shop is the unpacking room where boxes are opened and contents listed. Upstairs is a sock room where socks are sorted and a stock room where shirts, handkerchiefs, magazines, etc., are tied up, parcels made of soap, note-paper, candles or other articles which must be wrapped up, bags filled with sweets, or the supplies prepared in any way which simplifies packing and facilitates distribution at the front.

We have two rooms in the next building in which to store our winter stock, such as woollen gloves, mufflers, extra heavy socks or shirts, or other articles which are not suitable for summer distribution but which will be wanted when the cold weather comes again.

The supplies needed in the packing room, together with boxes or parcels for forwarding, are brought back to Moore Barracks by the transport which takes our shipments to the station.

We are always glad to forward addressed parcels as this means so much to the women at home as well as to our men, but our chief work is the general distribution of comforts, and we ask all who are now only sending us boxes to forward to send also a fair proportion of general supplies and a contribution to our expense fund.

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The accounts of the Commission to the end of June will shortly be audited. Anyone interested will be able to obtain a copy of the Auditors' report on application.

We are glad to include in this leaflet the report of the Canadian Women's Club of Folkestone for War Work for whose sympathy and help we are very grateful.

IN THE PACKING ROOM.

Every day or so someone in the packing room says, "Oh, I wish the people at home would do so-and-so, or wouldn't do so-and-so," so we have put our heads together and are taking this opportunity of telling you the things we know you want to be told about the best way to send your supplies.

The women of Canada are indeed wonderful in their thought and care for their men, and the supplies of the much-appreciated comforts come steadily in. All supplies must be sent to the Commission by the recognised route as otherwise they do not come carriage free, and the Commission has no fund to meet expenses of transport. Our shipping addresses for winter and summer are given in this leaflet.

We send out three forms of parcels or packages:—

Boxes or bales of general supplies for general distribution.

Boxes or bales forward, addressed to special units or individuals.

Boxes or bales of personal parcels addressed to individuals.

General Supplies:—

Tins containing cocoa or any form of powder should be wrapped in paper, as the tins invariably open one way or another, and fill the cases with their contents. Sweets, soap and tobacco should be wrapped separately. It makes things easier at this end if socks, shirts, etc., come tied in sixes. Socks and towels should always be washed, the socks are softer and wear better and we all know how hopeless is an unlaundered towel. Matches must not be enclosed in any form of parcel unless in sealed tins. A car-load of Christmas mail for the front was destroyed from this cause. Home-made sweets should be wrapped in oil paper and put in tins, otherwise they become too stale to eat. Cakes are much appreciated but they also require oil paper and a heavier outer wrapping. It is best not to put anything in the socks or pockets of the shirts. Lists of contents and names of senders should be inside the top of every box; this is very important for acknowledgments. Barrels of home-made jam are hailed with delight in the camps here but it is impossible to forward them to France, owing to the weight. No wristlets are required but half-gloves are constantly asked for. Sleeveless sweaters have taken the place of mufflers and are much more in demand. We have a sufficient supply of mufflers at present.

Boxes forward:—

Boxes to go forward to units or individuals must not weigh over 56 lbs., otherwise they have to be repacked. The name and address of the individual or unit, and the name and address

of sender, should be on the outside of such boxes or bales or they cannot be acknowledged. If goods for forwarding direct are packed in canvas bales they should be wrapped in waterproof paper first. Supplies for special units are better addressed to the O.C. of such unit than to an officer by name, as in the event of his absence or transfer the package would be sent on to him and would not reach the men it was intended for. When sending money or supplies for certain men please state the units they are in, not just the locality they come from.

Personal Parcels:—

If a number of personal parcels are being sent it is a great saving for us if they are sorted into units as far as possible when they are packed. They should have the name of sender outside each parcel, so that in case of non-delivery you may be notified. They should come as fully addressed as possible as any enquiry causes much delay. It is impossible to trace a man unless his regimental number and unit are given and it must be his present unit. For instance a parcel addressed "John Smith, 1st Canadian Contingent," will never reach John. This may sound a far-fetched example but we have received many such. It is impossible to correct or complete British or foreign addresses and we can take no responsibility for such parcels.

It should be remembered that we have free delivery only to Canadian units. Parcels for men not in the C.E.F. or for men in hospital should have the money for postage sent by money order in a letter.

We have had many compliments on our packing and we are very jealous of our reputation. The packages get a good deal of rough handling between here and France, so our inside parcels must be made very water-tight and secure, and outside canvas drawn tightly and sewn firmly. These days packing costs money, and you would laugh to see the way we save every possibly useful piece of paper and string.

The *personnel* of the packing-room changes every now and then as people's husbands, brothers or sons come and go, but we always have plenty of willing and capable Canadian hands ready for the work. We also have three orderlies and a carpenter in this room who do the heavy work, such as opening and closing boxes and taking the shipments to and fro. At the moment we are very busy shipping scores of boxes of lovely dried peaches. We have been able to cover the whole Army Corps and the Cavalry Brigade and they are so delighted to get them.

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A famous repartee:—

Private to Q.M.S. : "Can I have a pair of socks?"

Q.M.S. : "What did you do with the pair that I gave you at Valcartier?"

SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED.

Our work has, of course, grown very much in the last six months. From March 1st to November 30th, 1915, we sent out an average of 45 bales or boxes per week although, of course, the number was much greater in November than earlier in the year. From December 1st to May 31st the average was 247 per week which means a very great increase of work.

The following is a list of supplies distributed to Canadians from December 1st, 1915, to May 31st, 1916 :—

53,610	Pairs socks.
7,335	Shirts.
7,179	Belts, caps, gloves and scarves.
17,844	Handkerchiefs.
8,266	Towels.
4,593	Various clothing.
33,635	Hospital supplies.
126,563	Tins or packages cigarettes or tobacco.
2,861	Tins cocoa.
20,349	Packages or tins sweets.
45,738	Various foods.
2,488	Packages toilet paper.
5,980	Cakes soap.
2,238	Packs cards.
1,556	Various games.
133,685	Miscellaneous—pipes, mouth organs, housewives, notepaper, pencils, candles, books, etc.
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Total	473,920.

In addition to this we have forwarded to Canadian units or individuals in France during these six months 21,752 cases or parcels as addressed and to various units in camp at Shorncliffe or Bramshott 4,008 cases or parcels as addressed. We have also forwarded 271 parcels sent in our care to prisoners of war. Total, 26,031.

We should be very grateful for any contributions to enable us to fill special requests and to meet our regular expenditure for such things as canvas, waterproof paper, strings, or for labels, index cards and other office stationery. Paper and string have gone up very much in price and the packing of every bale costs us over a shilling. Many of our supplies have to be purchased wholesale and money is urgently needed for these.

Lately we have had many requests from the front for books, magazines, towels, soap, games, soup tablets, musical instruments,

gramophones and baseball outfits. Articles of clothing, except socks, are not quite so much in demand now as in the winter. We have supplied many units with baseball as this means so much in the way of recreation for the men in rest billets; but it is quite a strain on our funds to purchase these. Money is always a most urgent need.

HALF-GLOVES.

MATERIALS REQUIRED—2-3 OZS. SUPER FINGERING.
FOUR NEEDLES, SIZE 12.

Cast on 18 stitches on two needles, and 16 on the third, and knit 2 plain and 2 purl for 30 rounds. This forms the wrist. Knit 3 plain rounds, then knit the thumb thus:—

- Round 1.—Knit 2, make 1, knit 2, make 1, then knit to the end.
" 2-3.—Plain.
" 4.—Knit 2, make 1, knit 4, make 1, knit to the end.
" 5-6.—Plain.
" 7.—Knit 2, make 1, knit 6, make 1, knit to the end.
" 8-9.—Plain.
" 10.—Knit 2, make 1, knit 8, make 1, knit to the end.
" 11-12.—Plain.
" 13.—Knit 2, make 1, knit 10, make 1, knit to the end.
" 14-15.—Plain.
" 16.—Knit 2, make 1, knit 12, make 1, knit to the end.
" 17-18.—Plain.
" 19.—Knit 2, make 1, knit 14, make 1, knit to the end.
" 20-21.—Plain.
" 22.—Knit 2, make 1, knit 16, make 1, knit to the end.
" 23-24.—Plain.
" 25.—Knit 2, make 1, knit 18, make 1, knit to the end.
" 26-27.—Plain.
" 28.—Knit 2, make 1, knit 20, make 1, knit to the end.
" 29-30.—Plain.
" 31.—Knit 2, make 1, knit 22, make 1, knit to the end.
" 32.—Knit 3, then slip off on a bit of wool 22 stitches, and knit plain the rest of the round.

Knit 2 rounds plain. Then knit 10 rounds, 2 plain and 2 purl, and cast off *loosely*.

Knit the rest of the thumb thus:—Take up the 22 stitches of the wool on to 3 needles, adding 2 more stitches where the opening is, which will make 8 stitches on each needle. Knit 6 rounds plain. Then knit 6 rounds, 2 plain and 2 purl, and cast off *loosely*. Fasten off the ends.

Half-gloves should measure 8 ins. when finished.

ANONYMOUS SUPPLIES RECEIVED

DECEMBER, 1915—MAY, 1916.

(Not acknowledged, as no indication from where sent.)

1915.				
Dec.	5	1	Box containing	378 Prs. Socks and 23 other articles
"	"	"	"	31 Bars Chocolate and 85 other articles
"	"	"	"	98 Pocket Testaments and 125 other articles
"	6	"	"	240 Prs. Socks and 41 Shirts
"	"	"	"	51 Prs. Socks and 8 other articles
"	"	"	"	255 Magazines
"	10	"	"	38 Nightshirts and 549 other articles
"	15	"	"	11 Qrts. Grape Juice and 333 other articles
"	"	"	"	43 Prs. Socks and 9 other articles
"	"	"	"	586 Hospital Supplies
"	16	"	"	72 Handkerchiefs and 34 other articles
"	18	"	"	30 Prs. Socks and 16 other articles
"	20	"	"	50 Pkgs. Cigarettes and 163 other articles
"	"	"	"	82 Magazines
"	"	"	"	2 Prs. Socks and 7 Parcels
"	22	"	"	7 Prs. Socks and 2 other articles
"	23	"	"	47 Magazines
"	24	"	"	Toilet Paper
"	28	"	"	20 Pkts. Tobacco and 20 other articles
"	"	"	"	27 Parcels and 13 other articles
"	"	"	"	2 Boxes Magazines and 4 Parcels
"	"	"	"	170 Pks. Cards and 27 other articles
"	"	"	"	322 Magazines
"	"	"	"	42 Prs. Socks and 157 other articles
"	"	"	"	24 Pipes, 10 Puddings, and 120 other articles
"	"	"	"	41 Cakes Soap, 18 Tins Cocoa, and 26 other articles
"	"	"	"	192 Handkerchiefs and 213 other articles
"	"	"	"	1,297 Pkgs. Tobacco, 190 Pkgs. Cigarettes
"	29	"	"	12 Christmas Stockings and 7 other articles
"	"	"	"	4 Prs. Socks and 6 Parcels
"	"	"	"	11 Parcels and 16 other articles
"	"	"	"	251 Magazines and Papers

Dec.	29	1	Box	containing	48	Tins Soup
"	"	"	"	"	294	Magazines, Papers, and Books
"	"	"	"	"	100	Tins Corn Syrup and 13 Parcels
"	30	"	"	"	1	Pkg. Raisins and 24 other articles
"	"	"	"	"	6	Jars Jam
"	"	"	"	"	26	Magazines and 21 Parcels
1916.						
Jan.	3	"	"	"	6	Shirts
"	4	"	"	"	480	Towels
"	5	"	"	"		Magazines
"	12	"	"	"	85	Prs. Socks and 42 other articles
"	"	"	"	"	324	Pkgs. or Plugs Tobacco
"	17	"	"	"	96	Tins Salmon
"	18	"	"	"	840	Hospital Supplies
"	27	"	"	"	48	Tins Pears and Peaches
"	"	"	"	"	84	Prs. Socks and 48 Parcels
"	"	"	"	"	48	Pkts. Pins and 100 other articles
"	"	"	"	"	6	Tins Sardines and 30 other [articles
"	31	"	"	"	6	Caps
Feb.	1	"	"	"	108	Handkerchiefs and 164 other articles
"	3	"	"	"	7	Christmas Stockings and 17 other articles
"	4	"	"	"	2	Boxes Breakfast Food and 23 other articles
"	"	"	"	"	12	Pkts. Jelly, 26 Qrts. Jam
"	"	"	"	"	12	Pkts. Jelly, 26 Qrts. Jam
"	5	"	"	"	12	Tins Corned Beef and 29 other articles
"	15	"	"	"	175	Foot Powders and 190 other articles
"	"	"	"	"	64	Magazines, 5 Chocolate, 1 Box Oxo
"	"	"	"	"	70	Magazines
"	16	"	"	"	6	Prs. Socks, 7 Parcels
Mar.	1	"	"	"	19	Tins Condensed Cocoa and 175 other articles
"	6	"	"	"	61	Magazines
"	"	"	"	"	98	Magazines
"	8	"	"	"	77	Magazines
"	"	"	"	"		Magazines
"	"	"	"	"		Magazines
"	"	"	"	"		Magazines
"	9	"	"	"	123	Prs. Socks and 125 other articles
"	"	"	"	"	81	Magazines
"	"	"	"	"	67	Magazines
"	10	"	"	"	210	Pkts. Tobacco and 124 other articles

Mar.	13	1	Box containing	42	Prs. Socks
"	14	"	"	25	Pillows
"	"	"	"	10	Prs. Socks and 20 Parcels
"	"	"	"	231	Magazines and Books
"	"	"	"	142	Magazines and Papers
"	"	"	"	20	Pyjamas and 55 other articles
"	"	"	"	31	Pillows
"	15	"	"	26	Pillows
"	"	"	"	26	Pillows
"	"	"	"	100	Pkgs. Toilet Paper
"	"	"	"	2	Fur Coats and 14 other Furs
"	16	"	"	12	Quilts
"	"	"	"	30	Suits Pyjamas
"	18	"	"	96	Prs. Socks and 1 Silk Scarf
"	"	"	"	75	Prs. Socks
"	"	"	"	70	Prs. Socks
"	"	"	"	76	Prs. Socks and 87 other articles
"	"	"	"	48	Pks. Cards and 223 other articles
"	"	"	"	85	Mufflers
"	20	"	"	21	Bags Sponges and 41 other articles
"	21	"	"	24	Tins Cocoa
"	"	"	"	166	Prs. Socks and 43 other articles
"	22	"	"	11	Helmets and 2 Prs. Wristlets
"	23	"	"	200	Magazines
"	"	"	"	1	Barrel Dried Apples
"	26	"	"	1,051	Hospital Supplies
"	"	"	"	12	Boxes Honey and 4 other articles
"	29	"	"	28	Pillows and 2 Bundles Old Cotton
"	30	"	"	157	Prs. Socks
"	"	"	"	2	Prs. Socks and 2 Mufflers
"	31	"	"	40	Magazines
April	3	"	"	37	Shirts
"	"	"	"	45	Hospital Shirts and 30 other articles
"	"	"	"	40	Magazines
"	5	"	"	30	Jars Fruit and 31 other articles
"	7	"	"	10	Mufflers and 7 other articles
"	10	"	"	60	Magazines
"	13	"	"	2	Prs. Socks and 2 Pkgs. Gum
"	14	"	"	125	Magazines and 24 Papers
"	25	"	"	90	Prs. Socks, 9 Shirts, and 6 Tins Oxo
May	17	"	"	17	Prs. Socks, 1 Pr. Gloves, and 2 Per. Parcels
"	"	"	"	4	Sweaters and 46 other articles
"	"	"	"	24	Shirts and 53 other articles
"	22	"	"	18	Shirts and 80 other articles

May 26 1 Box containing 4 Hospital Shirts and 18 other articles
 " " " " 188 Magazines
 " 31 " " 54 Prs. Socks, 14 Shirts and 29 other articles

Total number of Boxes 119

Note.—If our readers can identify any of these anonymous boxes we shall be very glad to know senders' names and addresses.

PERSONAL PARCELS OR BOXES RECEIVED AND FORWARDED AS ADDRESSED.

(These could not be acknowledged as senders' names were not given).

Boxes addressed to Canadian Field Comforts Commission containing Personal Parcels only.

Dec., 1915	.....	65
Jan., 1916	.....	49
Feb. "	.....	17
Mar. "	.....	21
April "	.....	4
May "	.....	1

Total No. 157

Boxes addressed to Individuals.

Dec., 1915	.....	342
Jan., 1916	.....	217
Feb. "	.....	74
Mar. "	.....	52
April "	.....	25
May "	.....	19

Total No. 729

Note.—This list does not include personal parcels or boxes which we have been able to identify.

A CASUALTY.

“Come, for the cause is good. Stout heart, strong hand,
 England needs now. Death—for your native land?

The cause is good.”

Poor, hackneyed words! But yet his manhood woke,
 And held it true—it matters not who spoke.

“The cause is good.”

Poor, hackneyed words! We heard them once again
 From dying lips, teeth clenched against the pain.

For thus he spoke, and so his loss was gain:

“The cause is good.”

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

France, Oct. 11th, 1915.

I feel it my duty to thank you for myself and my section for the two parcels we received from you. They certainly were the most useful parcels I have seen, and each article seems to be just what is needed. So many times people when sending parcels never think of the position we are in and, though they mean well, they overload us with stuff that is utterly useless on Active Service and I can safely say that a good deal of valuable stuff is "*ditched*," as we say, in order to lighten our packs.

However, your parcels certainly fitted us just right. There are 22 of us in our section, and each one of us were more than pleased with the towels, soap, socks, &c., and I sincerely hope that I am not the only one of the boys writing to thank you.

It is getting cold here just at present; but as long as the rain keeps off we don't mind that.

L. C.——

8th Can. Inf. Bn.

3rd Battery, F.A.,

Oct. 22nd, 1915.

Your kind gifts have all come to hand; the football, and the package of comforts. On behalf of the battery, I thank you most cordially. The package was indeed beneficial, containing just the very articles needed. We feel cheered to think how hard you are working for our comfort, I know I am voicing the thoughts of all the battery when I say this.

I am going to trouble you once more if I am not encroaching too much on your kindness, and that is if it is possible for us to have a Rugby football as some of my boys seem keener on this game than the other. We have an hour or so occasionally and we all want them to forget all about the war and our work here.

Trusting that I am not troubling you too much and again thanking you so much for your past kindness,

—— Major,

O.C., 3rd Batty.

Oct. 29th 1915.

Please accept my acknowledgment and thanks for a box of field comforts forwarded October 14th.

We all appreciate what you are doing. I feel no hesitation in asking for what I feel is greatly needed. As the wet and cold weather comes on, socks in almost unlimited quantities are needed.

We are arranging at our trench battalion headquarters a sock drying house, and hope to be able to exchange dry socks for wet ones daily.

I feel sure that we can expect help in this if it is possible.

——, Capt. C.A.M.C.,

M.O., 14th Battn.

October 29th 1915.

The field comforts sent for the 21st. Battalion have arrived safely and to tell you that they are appreciated by my brave boys would be putting it mildly. There was no article sent that was not necessary to their comfort and everyone seemed delighted with what they received. It was good of you to be so generous to the 21st, and I wish to assure you that we all appreciate what you have done.

——, Lieut.-Colonel,

Commanding 21st. Battalion.

The Trenches,

2.15 a.m., November 11th.

Just coming off duty and am writing this line to thank you and through you the donors for the parcel of Field Comforts received for my men. They were certainly very much appreciated and enjoyed and the boys wish me to convey their heartiest thanks to all who helped to send the parcels. The only luxuries they get are sent to them and often get badly broken in transport. Yours arrived in A1 condition. I hope you will excuse my not writing sooner but here pressure of business is a real excuse. Water water everywhere and over the knees in lots of places. I think the war for a while will largely consist of a navvies' party ridding the trenches of the water. You can imagine how a few little comforts are enjoyed under these circumstances.

——, Lieut.,

No. 3 Company, 2nd Battalion.

France,

November 14th, 1915.

Hope you will excuse my not acknowledging your bale of clothing, &c., sooner. It was exceedingly welcome and I distributed it to the boys the day after it got here. They were all delighted and I am certain that I voice the feelings of everyone that we most sincerely thank you for your thoughtfulness. Everything was just what they needed and I am sure you would have felt very happy had you seen the smile that came over their faces as each gun team received their share. Everything

was A1 quality, and arrived in excellent condition. It makes us all feel so happy to think that no matter where we are or what we are up against there is always somebody thinking of the things which count with and are so useful to our boys. You have no idea how they appreciate these things, especially during the weather we have had lately. Everybody is happy and contented, and wish you every success in your most difficult undertaking.

Thanking you very sincerely on behalf of the section,

I remain,

—, Lieut.,

O.C., M.G.S., 21st. Can. Battn.

The Firing Line,

November 26th.

I have duly received your parcel of comforts, and have distributed the same to my men. They are all very, very appreciative, and wish me to convey their thanks. I have 46 men in the Grenade Section, though at present my strength is 38.

If I might be allowed to make a suggestion, it is that some good rough towels would be welcome. Tobacco is always welcome and so were the pipes. These last are particularly popular.

Though our men are not particularly demonstrative, they appreciate very warmly your efforts on their behalf. Also I feel that your work has a wider value. Through this trying winter it will be our effort to keep every man in good heart and the efforts of your organisation have distinct value towards the attainment of this end. It bucks the fellows up no end to think that people at home are thinking of them.

—, Lieut.,

Commanding Grenade Section,

29th (Vancouver) Battalion.

Belgium,

November 30th, 1915.

I am writing to thank you on behalf of the Grenade Company, 27th. Battalion, C.E.F., for the two bales (Nos. 1042 and 1046) which your Commission so kindly forwarded to us on the 10th inst.

I want to say how much the boys appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness, and one remark was made several times by different men, and that was regarding the usefulness of the articles sent. Your choice as to what was to be sent was splendid, and shows that, in addition to the work, you take the trouble to find out what is really wanted out here, a thing which I regret is not done by all our well-wishers at home.

The men in the Grenade Company are in splendid health; they take sun, rain, or frost with exactly the same indifference; they are not here to criticise the clerk of the weather!

Again thanking you, and wishing your Commission all good luck in their splendid work, believe me to be,

Your obedient servant,

—, Lieut.,

O.C. Grenade Company.

France,

December, 1915.

I am most thankful, so are all the rest of the boys in our company, to you for helping us along in the line of clothes for winter. Socks, mitts, caps are fine—great! We are very thankful. The sergeant gave them out the other day, and he told us to write and let you know we got 'em. Thanking you once again.

No. —,

Grenade Company,

15th Canadian Battalion,

48th Highlanders.

December 8th 1915.

Dear Friends,—I thank you very much for the Christmas gift of Writing paper and cigarettes. Well, the Canadians are still the same boys, every one of us. Well, I hope you all have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we will all try to have one also.

Well, I'll thank you again for the present. We are all in good health. But the trenches are a little muddy. Well, I'll close for this time. Hoping all the boys that are wounded there are getting on fine.

Yours,

A Canadian through and through,

Bugler —, No. —,

B Co., 5th Can. Batt., 2nd Brigade,

1st Canadian Division,

B.E.F., France.

Pte. —, No. —, B Co., 5th Can. Batt., also thanks you very much.

Dear Friends,—Just a P.C. thanking you for your Gifts Which we have just Received. They certainly were thankfully Received. We are all in splendid Health just now. Well, Good Luck to you all. From the boys on the Firing line.

B Co.,
4th. Battalion,
1st. Canadians,
France.

It is again that I have the honour to write to you on behalf of the boys of this company thanking the Canadian Comforts Commission for their great kindness to us who are doomed to spend Christmas out here. There were ample presents to go round the Company and of such a nature as to be thoroughly appreciated. The cards, games, mouth-organs, pipes, books, and cigarettes were especially appreciated as they have so much time for sitting around and playing "round" games. They have always said that they wished the Government would issue fewer cigarettes but of better quality and you have struck just the right chord in sending those excellent cigarettes. The weather and other conditions are not all they might be but thanks to the way those at home are remembering us the spirit of the men is excellent and I have a strong idea that Christmas out here won't be at all bad.

You can be quite sure we all appreciate the great work you are all doing, and the trouble you have taken in packing up the presents so nicely.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

—, Lieut.,

Acting O.C. B Co.

1st Canadian Div.,
3rd Infantry Bde.,
15th Can. Batt.,
48th Highlanders,
No. 3 Co., 11 Platoon,
France, Dec. 12, 1915.

We received your very nice Presents this morning and we were delighted with them and all of us send our heartiest thanks to you and the Canadian Field Comforts Commission for your extreme kindness and thoughtfulness for the things were greatly appreciated by us. We are all fine and fit and, thanking you again we will close by wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and Prosperous New Year.

From the Boys of
No. 11 Platoon,
No. 3 Company,
48th Highlanders.

Somewhere in Belgium,

Dec. 20th 1915.

DEAR FRIENDS,—Just a few lines to wish you the compliments of the season, and I sincerely hope that you will all enjoy this Christmastide; but I am sure you will agree with me that we will not be able to spend a very happy Christmas, as we will be in the trenches that day; but still we will have to make the best of things, and try and look on the bright side of things as much as possible. I am just writing these few lines to thank you for the Christmas present I received through the Field Comforts Committee. I can assure you that I and all my comrades appreciate all your efforts in trying to do your best to do all you can for us while we are trying at the same time to do our bit, although it is not very much. I can quite realise it is a big undertaking you have to look after in the Fields Comforts Committee, because there are so many of us, and I suppose there are times when you cannot send all the Canadian boys something or other, but I am pretty sure that all the boys have received some little present or other to help them remember that somebody is always thinking of our welfare, and doing their very best for us. I was lucky enough to receive one of your splendid boxes of Fry's chocolate, also a Khaki Handkerchief, the chocolate I certainly enjoyed, and the Handkerchief will be very useful to me. I don't think you will mind me just sending you the few lines just to acknowledge that I have received one of your gifts, also to thank you for same. There is not much news to tell you this time, but if you wish to reply to this letter, I will try and write you all a letter as soon as possible.

If you wish to reply to this letter, by address is—Pte. —, 2nd Canadian Contingent, 4th Brigade, Army Post Office, London, England.

Well, I must say Good-bye for now, and wish all in the Committee or anybody connected with it at all every success and the best of luck.

From Lieut. —,

C.O., 6th C.M.R., M.G. Sec.

France, Jan. 28, 1916.

I received the 24 Tins Peaches, the gift of the Kent Growers, which helped so materially to make the Christmas dinner of my men a success.

We were back from the trenches in billets; and in the spacious bay of a barn we set our table. With about a hundred candles burning, the sight was good to men undergoing the hardships of a soldier at the front.

From The Adjutant,
19th Canadian Battalion.
To The Canadian Field Comforts Commission,
Moore Barracks,
Shorncliffe, England.

Permit me to convey to you the united thanks of the 19th Battalion for two cases received recently, one containing plum puddings and Christmas cake, and the other Christmas Stockings.

As regards the former, the contents were in splendid condition, and proved a great treat to the men in the trenches, while the latter, containing as the Stockings did many useful and fun-making gifts, have provided great enjoyment and much lasting pleasure to the men when off duty.

While many of the donors will doubtless be thanked individually in response to notes enclosed in the parcels, I can assure the Canadian Field Comforts Commission of our deep appreciation of their thoughtfulness and kindly interest.

20th. Battalion,
Flanders, Jan. 31st. 1916.

The bale forwarded by you on Oct. 14th was duly received. I forget whether I acknowledged the receipt of the "comforts" you forwarded about three weeks ago. They were also received in good order.

I wish to thank you on behalf of our men for the good work you are doing. These packages are eagerly looked for and much appreciated when they do arrive.

If there is anything I can do to assist you, I shall be happy to do it.

—, Captain.

From Pte. —,
4th Batt. Canadians, B.E.F.,
24th Gen. Hospital, 26 Ward,
Etaples, France.

I take this opportunity of thanking you sincerely for the parcel you sent me recently on behalf of the ladies of Prince Albert. I can assure you it was appreciated very much, not alone for its contents (which were very agreeable and just what I required), but also as a remembrance that we were not altogether forgotten in our Little Grey Home in the West. I hope to be able to thank these ladies personally some day, and meantime I beg to subscribe myself,

Your obedient servant,

France,

Feb. 3rd. 1916.

Dear Lady, Lieut —, or Angel, whichever "they" call you when thanking you for the parcels you send us, I got that box, and have to inform you that they're, to use our expression out here, "nappoo finis," which, being interpreted, is, the contents were confiscated as per expectations. Some boys I could not trace but I gave them to the 39th Boys with us, so, if I've done wrong, "call me down." No good saying *you're* not to blame for sending the parcels, for we get what would possibly be lost in the post were it not for you.

Thank you for the boys.

Yours,

No. —.

In Belgium,

Feb. 4th. 1916.

This is the place for the Canadian Comforts Association to get in its work. I used to think that our boys in training were in need of these little diversions to their life of strenuous toil. But whatever is true of the training fields and the need of soldiers, there is one thing is quite true—that this is a *spot* for comforts of all kinds. Socks always, and eats always, and smokes more than always. This phraseology I recognise as being a little defective, but I hope my meaning is quite clear. I shall be pleased to distribute anything you send me to the men.

Yours very gratefully by anticipation,

—, Chaplain,

43rd Battalion.

Feb. 26th. 1916.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge Bale No. 4,617 containing Field Comforts for the men of "C" Coy., 18th Batt., 4th Can. Inf. Bgde., the gift of the "Toronto Daily News," and forwarded through your Commission.

On behalf of the men of the Company I beg to thank the donors of this splendid gift, to assure them that the contents were equally divided and in each case were greatly appreciated.

It is a pleasure, too, for all of us to know that such people as yourselves have the interest and comfort of the boys at the front at heart.

The winter campaign has been a hard one, the future promises increased activities and the men are working very hard—and faithfully through many dangers.

Again thanking the "News" for their interest and generosity and the Commission for their work in despatching the bale,

—, Capt.,

O.C., "C" Coy., 18th Batt.

France,

March 7th. 1916.

I have very much pleasure in acknowledging receipt of box No. 5,027 sent to me on February 8th.

The cigarettes were very very welcome, and were distributed to our men, and we were able to give each man in our company three packages.

Will you kindly convey our thanks to the kind donor or donors of this gift (Vacation War Relief Committee, New York). I can assure you this kindness is very much appreciated, and it means a great deal to the men—both the actual gift and the knowledge that our friends on the other side are keeping us in mind.

Thanking you for forwarding these to us, and may I take the opportunity of congratulating you on the splendid work you are doing.

—, Capt.,

42nd Batt., C.E.F.

Flanders,

March 9th, 1916.

I beg to acknowledge presents of socks, &c., also chocolate for our men. These gifts are very gratefully received by them.

Everything you and your Association have done for us we are extremely grateful to you for same. Trusting you are well and having better weather than we are we have about 4 ins. of snow and awful cold; but still one is glad to be here: everything here is going well, and I trust we shall not winter here but be back in Canada.

Again thanking you for your great kindness to our men,

—, Major,

49th Canadians.

P.S.—All goods have been received from you very securely packed and shows what great care you take. All parcels personally addressed to men have been carefully delivered. It shows that those connected with the despatch of same and you are good soldiers and are worthy of the greatest praise.

Again I thank you.

Kent and Canterbury Hospital,

Canterbury,

March 10th, 1916.

Three boxes of jam arrived to-day for the Canadian soldiers. Thank you very much for it. Sergt. — was so pleased to see it, he tells us it is not spread on bread in Canada, but eaten with a spoon.

Believe me,

Yours gratefully,

Matron —.

10th Battery,
3rd Can. Artillery Brigade,
1st Can. Div., B.E.F.,
March 18th, 1916.

I am very glad to say that the two bales Nos. 5,577-90 containing personal parcels, parcels, and Christmas stockings which you forwarded to this battery have been received by me in good time and in good condition. The contents have been divided among the men, who wish me to express for them their appreciation of the kindness and thoughtfulness of the donor or donors. They will for quite a time to come continue to derive enjoyment from the contents of the bales, and I may say that corn cob pipes and playing cards are quite in vogue in our little encampment at present.

—, Lieut.

March 20th, 1916.

The articles in the attached memos have all been received and distributed through our Quartermaster. The personal parcels have all been given to those to whom they were addressed, while the magazines were distributed equally among the different companies. The socks are of course kept and placed in our reserve from which they are drawn daily as required, the old ones being turned in and sent to the baths for washing. This system has proved of the greatest value to us during the winter, and owing to the presents of socks we have received from those at home we have at all times been able to provide the men with dry socks.

—, Capt. and Adjutant,
8th Battalion.

France,

March 26th, 1916.

Once again I write to once again ask you for favours. Have you a few spare gifts to send my boys, such as Footballs, Baseball outfits, Cricket, Boxing gloves, Cards, &c.

This unit has been recently shaped up and taking part in the game, at the same time that we have attained an efficient standard that permits of some of the boys having about one hour in a day out of 24 hours which I would like to see them use to good advantage and I think sport is the best.

It will be very much appreciated. I thank you very much in advance for what you can spare us, and also for past kindness to my old unit in the 2nd Division.

—, Major,
O.C. Headquarters Co.,
3rd Can. Div. Train,
B.E.F.

Sunday, March 26th, 1916.

I want to thank you so much for the package of smokes received by D (No. 4) Co., 58th Battalion, yesterday. As this morning broke cold and wet the extra smokes were most welcome to the men, and I can assure you they were very much appreciated. It is extraordinary how one likes to receive parcels of all kinds out here.

Again thanking you,

—, Captain,
58th Battalion, C.E.F.

No. 2 Field Supply Depôt,
B.E.F.,

March 28th, 1916.

You will doubtless be surprised to hear from 10 Canadians who are detached from the Division for duty with the Imperial Corps, and have not got even a plug of the Old Chum and different tobacco that the boys are receiving, but we sure would appreciate a little token from dear old Canada. We are 10 of the February 1915 boys and been over some time; we have heard of different small units being detached and forgotten for a while so take the opportunity of asking you to remember us.

Signed,

Pte. —, Calgary.
,, —, Winnipeg.
,, —, Calgary.
,, —, Hamilton.
,, —, Calgary.
,, —, Calgary.
,, —, Guelph.
,, —, Calgary.
,, —, Toronto.

—, Captain,
O.C., No. 2 F.S.D.

(These men are working under me at this depôt, and have been since July, 1915.)

France,
March 29th, 1916.

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the games and magazines, also of the Baseball set, consisting of five parcels, which we received to-day.

These comforts are invaluable, and it is impossible for us to say how much they are appreciated.

We hope to have the pleasure of notifying you from time to time of the baseball matches played.

—, Major,
3rd Can. Cas. Clear. Stat.

We have already mixed fun with some Australians who happened to be camped near us. They will know how to play baseball in a day or two.

Trenches,
March 30th, 1916.

I have received yours of the 21st inst., a notification that a box of comforts has been sent to this Company. I shall notify you when this arrives.

These parcels are *very* much appreciated by *all* ranks, and we all hope that the good work continues.

Thanking you sincerely,

—, Capt.,
O.C., 1st Coy.,
7th Can. Inf. Bde.

5th Artillery Brigade, H.Q.,
2nd Division,
March 31st, 1916.

Bales Nos. 5952, 5956, 6082 all reached us O.K., and in first-class condition. The boys of this Brigade send their thanks for all the good things they contained. The sugar was hailed with great appreciation. I see a number going without sugar in their tea in order to give their horses a piece or two, so in this case the ponies would send their appreciation if able.

—, Lieut.

April 2nd, 1916.

Gifts of these articles—Indoor Baseball and Bat, Shirts, Towels, Soap—would be very much appreciated by the men in this Unit, and I shall be glad if they can be sent in the near future.

The donations of comforts received through your Commission in the past have been of great benefit, and I take this opportunity to again tender thanks for them.

—, Major,
O.C., 3rd (Temp.), Can. Div.,
Supply Col.

P.S.—A men's recreation room is being started, and a supply of books and papers from you with the above would be valued.

Grenade Co., 15th Batt.,
48th Highlanders, B.E.F.,

April 9th, 1916.

DEAR FRIEND,—Received your letter notifying me of a parcel which you were forwarding me. Which I received to-day and was much pleased with the contents which were mostly enjoyed and appreciated by the boys of my section and myself.

We all thank you for the kindness and most tenderly care which you are paying to the boys at the front.

I still remain,

One of the Boys,
Pte. —.

C Squadron Orderly Room,
Fort Garry Horse,
France, April 12th, 1916.

Please accept the sincere thanks of the rank and file of C Squad. Fort Garry Horse for crate No. 6117, which you were good enough to advise me as having been forwarded on the 17th ulto.

It arrived yesterday just after a change of billets of some fifty miles at a time when the men were without smokes and the where-withal to purchase even if they had been available. You can readily imagine therefore how your individual packages were appreciated.

Again thanking you, and wishing you and your staff the best of luck,

Beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

—, Major,
O.C., C. Squad.

France,

April 13th, 1916.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a parcel of "Cosenza's" soups, and to thank you most heartily for so kind and acceptable a gift. We are enjoying them immensely. They are grand for the moving about stunts we are doing, and are very staying.

Yours very sincerely,

—, Sergt., L.S.H.

April 15th, 1916.

Wonder if the Canadian Field Comforts could refit my "Band"? You may remember providing us with a concertina a year ago nearly. Well, it has played its last tune—wear and weather have done it in.

Gunner — (my band), and in fact all of us, would very much appreciate another concertina. You have no idea what the music means to us—and he is really very good.

We are in a pretty hot section just now. No doubt you know all our worries, however.

I trust my request may receive your consideration.

—, Major,

O.C., 11th Battery,

3rd Artillery Bde.,

1st Canadian Division.

April 15th, 1916.

DEAR FRIEND,—I received your parcel to-day, and I cannot thank you enough for it is just what I needed. The tobacco and cigarettes and paper sure came in good time as we just came out of the firing line and we happened to be out of it but now we are writing home and blowing the smoke in the air and enjoying ourselves nicely the toothpaste came just in the right time, as I was out of it and have not been able to clean my teeth for over a fortnight but I will sure have them shining now.

I will close this short note, with many thanks.

I remain, yours truly,

Private —,

52nd Canadians.

3rd Canadian Pioneer Battalion,

April 17th, 1916.

From O.C.,

3rd Can. Pioneer Bn. (48th Can.).

I beg to acknowledge receipt of five boxes of "Comforts," Nos 6609, 6611, 6620, and 6681, and to thank your organisation for sending them. The personal parcels have been delivered to the addressees, and the remainder distributed to the men in accordance with your wishes.

I need not say that such gifts are very acceptable, especially to men actually in the trenches, who are out of the reach of the little luxuries of life.

Psychologically, also, the work you are doing is an excellent one in its effects on the men's morale, who feel that they are not forgotten by those at home, on whose behalf it may be added, they are enduring hardships which will probably never be fully realised.

Yours sincerely,

—, Capt. and Adj.,

for O.C., 3rd Canadian Pioneer Bn.

April 18th, 1916.

DEAR LADIES,—We are in receipt of your case of good things for us, as per your list (which I enclose), and have to thank you muchly for your untiring faithful service to us.

The package seemed to be a long time in transit if it was despatched at the same time as your letter. Better late than never, and so say all of us.

Yours sincerely,

—, M.G.O., 16th.

C.A.M.C. Details,
Moustafa Barracks,
Alexandria, Egypt,

April 20th, 1916.

I beg permission to thank you for the three parcels which we received two days ago slightly the worse of the trip but exceedingly acceptable.

I called all the Canadian boys together and we had a rare old time on the cake, chocolate, and candy, the pipes and handkerchiefs soon found owners.

Two Canadian Sergeant-Majors who have been here some time ask me to remark that the chocolate and candy I gave them was the first they had received from a Canadian source.

You will probably like to hear news of my brother, Pte. —, who was helping at the Comforts Dpts. before we came out here. Several weeks ago he developed a slight attack of tonsilitis, having spent a short time here under observation he was sent to a convalescent hospital at Cyprus. I believe he is now on his way back to us in the best of spirits. If I mistake not I think he had some little to do with our receiving those good things for which I again thank you and am very heartily backed by all the boys.

I am yours respectfully,

No. —, Pte. —.

April 22nd, 1916.

Bale No. 7007 received this very wet evening by No. 2 Co., P.P.C.L.I., and as language is so inadequate to express our thanks the men just stood up and gave you three rousing cheers and a tiger.

The contents were most admirably chosen to suit the requirements of a company who had just returned from a trying tour in the trenches, covered with mud and glory.

The officers of this company wish me to tell you how greatly they appreciate your gifts for the men.

—, Capt.,

No. 2 Co., P.P.C.L.I.

Belgium,

May 3rd, 1916.

Many thanks indeed for comforts received yesterday, and issued to men of my Company to-day.

I am voicing the opinion of all when I say that they are appreciated immensely, it means a whole lot to the boys to know that despite the fact that this war has dragged on so long, our friends at home, both in Canada and England, are still sticking loyally to us.

Again thanking you,

_____, Capt.,
5th C.M.R., A Co.

The Field,

May 8th, 1916.

The box of comforts you so kindly sent for the men arrived yesterday, and the contents have been partly distributed.

Our Brigade has no "home town" in Canada, as it was organised entirely in England, so that our men do not get as many parcels as the others do.

Please accept our very sincere thanks for your kindness, and may I congratulate you on the very careful selections you have made?

_____, Capt., C.A.M.C.,
M.O., 6th Brigade, C.F.A.

May 9th, 1916.

I have great pleasure in thanking you for the "Comforts" forwarded on April 17th for the men of this Company. Everything in the parcel was very much appreciated, particularly the grey shirts which are as welcome now as socks were during the wet winter months.

_____, Capt.,
O.C., No. 1 Co.,
2nd Battalion.

Flanders,

May 10th, 1916.

I have to thank you very much indeed for the most welcome bale of comforts (No. 7061). The men were delighted with the various articles and by this time you must know how very grateful we are for all such things. The diversity of the contents was half the attraction and if you and the contributors of the contents could have seen the pleasure on the faces of the string-

of cheery men just out of the trenches parading by the bale and each taking his pick, you would all I think have been well repaid for your kindness and trouble. The shirts were fine, and somewhat to my own surprise the toothpaste and the soap proved extremely popular.

Again thanking you most warmly on behalf of myself and my company,

—, Capt.,
O.C., D Co.,
60th Canadian Battalion.

May 14th, 1916.

Box 7134 containing miscellaneous comforts for men safely arrived, and I on behalf of the 7th Brigade wish to kindly thank you. I can assure you they are appreciated. To the unfortunates who parade ill I give the kind remembrances you sent. The corn cob pipes were highly praised. I often hear words of praise from the men of the good work the Canadian Field Comforts Commission is doing. The medical officers, I am sure are only too delighted to help you in this, doing their bit at this end.

—, Capt.,
M.O., 7th Brigade, C.F.A.

Flanders,

May 17th, 1916.

Many thanks indeed for your kindness in sending my Company such a splendid bale. I had a chance to open it yesterday and the boys and myself simply revelled in the contents. Perhaps you can fancy my face when I spotted handkerchiefs and towels after having had neither for days. My pack was lost in the shuffle in coming into the trenches.

I am trying to pen this on the worst imaginable excuse for a table bracing two of four "wobbly" legs with my knees. It is after 1 a.m., and my candle is failing fast so I must call a halt.

If I only knew you and your gallant workers well enough I'd send you all my love, but something tells me to send one thousand thanks instead.

—, Major,
14th Canadian Battalion.

Belgium,

May 19th, 1916.

It would have done your heart good to have seen the line up of eager men when word was passed around this evening—"Field Comforts."

During the last eight months I have had the honour of distributing articles from the many parcels you have sent to men under me.

Every article is so well chosen and every article is so well appreciated.

Please forgive the liberty I take in writing personally. It is simply to give you the sincere thanks of Staff and Details of the 4th C.M.R. Battalion.

Yours gratefully,

—, Capt.,

4th C.M.R. Battalion.

Flanders,

May 23rd, 1916.

I beg to acknowledge receipt with heartfelt thanks of a bale of comforts (No. 9290) for the men of A Co., 22nd (F.C.) Battalion.

The choice of articles is very good and every man has been able to find some object of special interest and use to him.

Believe me gratefully and faithfully yours,

—, Capt.,

O.C., A Co., 22nd F.C. Battalion.

Just a few lines to let you know that I received the Bale of comforts you so kindly forwarded to me for our brave Canadian lads, and also to thank you for the baseball outfit you sent to Corporal —.

I thank you on behalf of the boys here for this great kindness and I can assure you they all appreciate it very much. At this camp we get our lads from all ports, that is from all hospitals, England and the front, and these games, &c., come in very handy to keep them in condition and health for this great war.

This is the first lot of Comforts that we have received from anyone since we commenced the Canadian Signal Training Depot in France and if at any time you have any little thing or games to spare, I can assure you that one and all will be pleased to receive them.

I will now ask you to accept my thanks and wishing you every good wish and health in the great and noble work you have undertaken for the lads from our dear beloved Canada.

—, Major R.C.E.,

Commanding Canadian Section,

R.E. Signal Depot, Advanced Base, B.E.F.

May 24th, 1916.

On behalf of my men (C.A.M.C.) and also of the men of the 29th Battalion I wish to convey my appreciation and thanks for the gifts we have received through your efforts. I have I think, already acknowledged previous shipments and the present one, No. 6,743, has been most acceptable arriving as it did when the battalion was undergoing a particularly strenuous time in the trenches. I am sure that you and many other ladies often wonder "Oh! what's the use?" or words to that effect. If you could have seen some of our boys brought in soaked with mud and water after hours of exposure lying wounded before it was possible to obtain shelter and then through the efforts of yourself and other kind friends being provided with warm dry footwear and other comforts I am sure that you would have felt amply rewarded for many hours of effort.

Thanking you again for your kindness, and assuring you of the deep appreciation of the men of the 29th.

—, Capt.,
M.O., 29th Battalion.

Headquarters,
6th Canadian Infantry Brigade,
May 27th, 1916.

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a bale of field comforts (No. 7,428) sent by the Field Comforts Commission for the Subordinate Staff of Headquarters, 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

The articles were very well chosen and duly distributed and I need hardly say that they were very much appreciated by the men, the underwear being especially welcome.

—, Captain,
For Brigadier-General Cmdg. 6th Can. Inf. Bgde.

THE REST FARM.

Into this quiet place
Of peace we come;
The War God hides his face,
His voice is dumb.

All reckless, wild decrees
His lips repeat
Are hushed by a little breeze
In waving wheat.

And like the penance-peace
In a heart forlorn
Trills the word of the trees,
The sigh of the corn.

(From the 5th Gloucester Gazette.)

CANADIAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF FOLKESTONE FOR WAR WORK.

6, Connaught Road, Folkestone.

Hon. Presidents : LADY HUGHES and MRS. S. B. STEELE.

President : MRS. MACDOUGALL.

Vice-Presidents : MRS. W. ST. PIERRE HUGHES and MRS. G. S. RENNIE.

Secretary : MRS. HERRIDGE.

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer : MRS. F. A. CRATHERN.

The Canadian Women's Club of Folkestone for War Work is desirous of interesting the women of Canada and different organisations there in the work they are doing at this time, and ask the co-operation of all those interested in the alleviation of the suffering of our wounded and sick soldiers.

This Club is doing a great work in visiting all hospitals in Folkestone and the outlying hospitals under the jurisdiction of the A.D.M.S. of this district. It is also erecting a pavilion consisting of a dining room, recreation rooms, kitchen, and a large veranda for the benefit of the men who are suspected of having contracted tuberculosis during the war. The patients are collected at Moore Barracks Hospital for diagnosis and primary treatment and so have to spend some time in this hospital. A suitable building is required so that the patients' chances of recovery may not be endangered by unfavourable conditions. In addition to the building of this pavilion we require money for furniture and equipment, and also for comforts and delicacies which are not authorised; also that the visitors to all hospitals may be able to give extra comforts to those sufferers who so greatly need our best care and gratitude.

The Club is most desirous of donating movable huts which are mounted on revolving gear and so enable the patients in each hut to receive the greatest benefit of the open air and sunshine. These are particularly necessary in tubercular and pneumonia cases, but are also much used for wounded men. They cost about \$200 each, including equipment. Two have already been donated and the Club will gratefully receive any sum, no matter how small, for this and our other schemes, that everyone may feel they are helping in this great work.

There is a Committee also in charge of a soldiers' home in which are recreation rooms, a reading room, dining room, canteen, several bedrooms and bath. This is filling a long-felt want in this area.

At our Headquarters any woman coming from Canada and wishing to do war work will be made most welcome and will be gladly given an opportunity to assist. In addition to this

Committee there is a Hospital Visiting Committee, a Sewing Committee for the Canadian Field Comforts Commission for Soldiers' Comforts in the Field, and a Committee to arrange the entertainment for convalescent soldiers each week. Teas will be given here to convalescent men and in this way the tedious period of convalescence is made less trying to those so far from home.

Subscriptions for the open-air pavilion and huts may be sent to Mrs. St. Pierre Hughes, 22, Clifton Gardens, Folkestone. For any other work of the Club to Mrs. F. A. Crathern, 22, Clifton Gardens, and it is sincerely hoped that we may look for immediate co-operation from Canadian friends who have the welfare of our soldiers at heart.

MARJORIE HERRIDGE,

Hon. Sec.

The Club is doing a great work in visiting all hospitals in Folkestone and the outlying hospitals under the jurisdiction of the R.D.M.S. of the district. It is also erecting a pavilion consisting of a dining room, recreation room, kitchen, and a large veranda for the benefit of the patients. The patients are collected and taken to spend some time in the hospital. A suitable building is required so that the patients' chance of recovery may not be endangered by unfavorable conditions. In addition to the building of this pavilion we require money for furniture and equipment, and also for comforts and delicacies which are not purchased; also that the visitors to all hospitals may be able to give extra comforts to those sufferers who so greatly need our best care and gratitude.

The Club's most desirable of donating movable furniture which are mounted on revolving gears and so enable the patients in each hut to receive the greatest benefit of the open air and sunshine. These are particularly necessary in tubercular and pneumonia cases, but are also much needed for wounded men. They cost about £200 each including equipment. Two have already been donated, and the Club will gratefully receive any sum, no matter how small, for this and our other schemes, that everyone may feel they are helping in this great work.

There is a Committee also in charge of a soldiers' home in which we recreation rooms, a reading room, dining room, canteen, several bedrooms, and bath. This is being a long time in the air.

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