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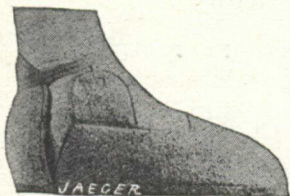
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Editorial Efforts

THE MORNING AFTER

A GREAT many of us are no doubt familiar with the phrase: "The morning after the night before." This is supposed to have originated from a certain Irishman, who, after a somewhat eventful and hilarious night, when asked by a friend next morning why he looked so worn out, expressed himself as quoted above. While we do not for a moment wish it to be understood that our condition was in any way similar to that of our friend, yet, after a week of hard preparatory work, followed by a rather strenuous (if not hilarious) day, we ask our readers to accept this as the reason for any shortcomings or omissions that may be noticable in this week's issue.

The weather man was certainly kind to us on Monday last, the day being an ideal one for sports, an account of which will be seen on another page. The committee who had charge of affairs deserve a great deal of credit for the way the programme was arranged and carried out. Each number was hotly contested right up to the last moment. It was a day of good, clean sport, which everyone enjoyed; everywhere the boys in khaki, navy blue, and hospital blue, intermingled with those in civilian attire, while the nursing sisters, with their bright uniforms and brighter smiles had a pleasant word for all. In addition to this, a large number of England's fairest daughters vied with each other in making the day a pleasant one for the boys from distant lands, and judging by the happy expressions, they were making a complete success of the entertainment.

The day will be long remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present. To those who have never seen Canada it will be a revelation to them how we commemorate our national holiday. To the boys and girls from Canada, it was their day; many a thought turned homewards, to centres where similar events were taking place. Many a gallant lad who will never be able to take an active part in sports, thought of his homeland, and all appeared in fancy to be taking part in our own Dominion Day sports, back in the land of the Maple Leaf.

THE EDITOR.

"Once Upon A Time."

By Dorothy L. Warne

When twilight shadows gently fall,
And fairy dream-men softly call,
A white-robed pair invade my chair—
Sweet, merry Kate, with golden hair,
And grey-eyed May, so small and frail,
Both clamouring for the oft-told tale
Of "Once upon a time."

Sweet wonderment shines in their eyes,
Their faces glow with glad surprise ;
At Fancy's touch my study fades,
Transformed into enchanting glades
Where chimes of fairy temples ring
And fairy goblins laugh and sing
Of "Once upon a time."

Right headlong through a dusky wood
The wolf pursues Red Riding Hood ;
Close by the couch where Beauty sleeps,
Poor Cinderella sits and weeps.
Her princely lover, too, is there,
None but the brave deserve the fair
Of "Once upon a time."

But see ! The sleep-man creeps this way,
The bright eyes dare not disobey !
Four cherry lips to mine are pressed,
Two golden heads sink on my breast.
Away, to Fancy's land of dreams,
The haunted caves and magic streams
Of "Once upon a time."

CHATS FROM CHATHAM

"Alone I did it"—the Machine Shop motto.

Don't worry, Happy. Scottie Nestok will look after your Jane joyously while you are away on leave.

We notice that the Sergeant at the Supply Stores has discarded the bandolier for a waist-belt. What's the trouble, kid?

Opening chorus for New Brunswick on Dominion Day, July 1st, "Hail! to t'l e Chief!" What chief? Why, the Cigarette Chief.

Don't be too hard on Darkey, Slim. It takes a real live guy to pull off a "double event," more especially where Margate girls are concerned.

Most assuredly it takes corporals of the instructional species to do the announcing. We all know that in the Personnel Mess. Bow-wow.

We hope that the boys—and girls—who backed Corp. Lawton to win the half-mile walking contest last Monday afternoon took starting prices.

We would like to know what soap Brooks uses? We all know that "Brooks' won't wash clothes," but he certainly was a clean boy on Tuesday morning.

More than one patient writes asking us why, when they have to pay one shilling for Barrack Damages, the billiard tables in the Recreation Room cannot be repaired and put into use.

The Imperial boys sure made a clean up at our sports, only two prizes came to the Granville. Even Wray was not funny enough to bring home the bacon.

You must know Corporal Tootell you can't take chances like that in broad day-light and expect to get away with it. Next time you want to kiss the little lady wait until it gets dark.

A little bird has whispered to us that Pte. Harry Reid celebrated Canada's 50th anniversary by getting married. We wish the young couple every happiness, and a good time at Claremont Crescent, Edinburgh, where they are spending the honeymoon.

THE "PILL-SLINGERS"

By Capt. Wilbur C. Lowry, C.A.M.C.

Granville v. Royal Naval Air Service

Before the thronging crowd of spectators on July 2nd (Dominion Day), the ball-tossing experts from Granville piled up a long score against the "School of Soaring" from Manston.

The visitors were first in to bat, but they failed to touch the pitcher for more than a single base. The home team took a turn at the swinging and followed each other in rapid succession round the bags for six runs. The second innings produced a blank score for both teams. The Flying boys played hard, but showed lack of handling the pill. The pitcher had big curves but his control was a bit wide of the plate. The fielders and basemen muffed the ball frequently for big gains by the Fragments. McDermitt, Langelle, and Bedford pitched steady consistent ball. Capt. Bedford on one occasion twirled fourteen straight "strikes" without a "ball." The field played its usual tight game. At the bat the Villians swung hard and true, driving the sphere far over the heads of the outfield, and when on bases they lost no opportunity of stealing a lead to the next bag. The score was 28—4 for the hospital lads.

Capt. White umpired the game in a most efficient manner.

Yarrow Home v. St. Lawrence

The Princess Pat's Hospital ground was the scene of a fast and snappy game between the above teams, the former winning by 12 runs to 2. As the score indicates the Yarrovians had it all over the Pat's boys.

Oblander's arm was working in great style. Being full of "pep" it caused the St. Lawrence lads to "whiff the air like a rustic gate." Any players that managed to connect with the pill were "nailed" at second by Noah. A snappy double play—Crosby to Scott to Marsh—showed the ginger in the field; it also helped to pull Oblander out of a tight hole. Bennet pitched a splendid game for the Saints but received poor support. The amusing part of the play was Tucker's determination to get a "Blighty" by getting in the path of the sphere.

An In-Door Baseball Game

In a speedy nine-inning game the Officers beat the Sergeants, and left them wondering how they ever managed to win out on a previous occasion. The game was very fast, both teams being on their tip toes, and backed the batteries every minute of the play.

The score was 13—7 in favour of the officers.



A C.A.M.C. private is that which has position but not magnitude.
A C.A.M.C. captain is that which has length, breadth, thickness,
depth, size, weight, circumference, perimeter, solidity and
massiveness.

DOMINION DAY SPORTS

The attendance at our Sports could not have been better, and easily reached 3,500. Nursing Sisters, men of khaki, blue and blues and civilians "tout ensemble."

The 100 yards dash, with its forty-seven entries was finally won by A.M. Poigndestre, R.N.A.S., Westgate; with Pte. Pridham, Granville, second.

One of the prettiest runners of the day was A.M. Mudge, R.N.A.S. who walked away with the first in the one mile, his sprint on the last lap put him in a class by himself; Pte. Weeks, 2/7 Devons ran second.

The hardest worked man of the day was Pte. Bishop, 2/7 Devons, who secured the prize in the equipment race. Disrobing by installments, he demonstrated how it was possible to arise at "quarter dress" and be on parade in good time with full pack.

The Cycle Musical Chairs provided some hearty laughs. The contest between S.-Sergt. Towler and L.M. Pearson for the last chair resulted in such a spill that it had to be done again, when S.-Sergt. Towler had the honour of the chair.

The Nursing Sisters were most heartily cheered by their patients in the Egg and Spoon Race and the Dash, both of which were won by N. S. Grey.

Lc.-Corp. Rowe, 14th Battn., a patient from Townley, gave us a very fine exhibition of acrobatic stunts in the centre of the field.

The Darning Race which proved of great interest to the amputation cases, was judged by Mrs. Ames; Mrs. Clarke and N.S. McAfee, Pte. McEwan winning the first prize for the quickest and neatest work.

In the last event of the day, the Mystery Race, the contestants protested against drinking three bottles of "pop" and eating meal cakes while running 300 yards, which was a prelude to crawling through a very tanglesome net. Pte. Bishop, 2/6 E. Surrey, was the first to complete the task.

There was a full complement of clowns who were no more sane than clowns usually are, Sgt. Collins as "Wind up" and Pte. Musgrove as "A Coloured Gentleman" divided the cash prize given by the *Canadian Hospital News*.

The Duchess of Sutherland very graciously consented to assist in distributing the prizes, with Mrs. J. T. Clarke.

Winners and Prizes

100 Yards Dash—1, A.M. Poigndestre, silver wrist watch, donated by Mrs Perry Goldsmith; 2, Pte. Pridham, silver medal.

220 Yards Dash—1, A.M. Poigndestre, silver wrist watch, donated by the Canadian "Y"; 2, Lc.-Corp. Hill, silver medal.

440 Yards Race—1, Lc.-Corp. Hill, silver cigarette case, donated by Capt. McCollum; 2, P.O. Ward, silver medal.

880 Yards Race—1, Sap. Walsh, silver cigarette case, donated by Major Turner ; 2, A.M. Beattie, silver medal.

One Mile Race—1, A.M. Mudge, dressing case donated by J. W. Twigg ; 2, Pte. Weeks, silver medal.

Half-Mile Walking Race—1, L.M. Bashford, silver medal ; 2, Pte. Collins, bronze medal.

Three-Legged Relay Race (six in team)—1, R.N.A.S., Westgate, each man a letter case donated by Granville Athletic Association.

Potatoe Race—1, A.M. Saunders, B.B.B. pipe and tobacco, donated by Major Hooper ; 2, A.M. Grey, tea caddie and tobacco, donated by W. P. Blackburn.

Rolling Race—1, L.M.'s. Howell and Jackson, fountain pens, donated by Miss Curle and the Canadian "Y" ; 2, Sergts. Hill and Flemming, military brushes, by Major Morgan and the Can. "Y."

Cycle Musical Chairs—1, S.-Sergt. Towler, leather cigarette case donated by Mrs. Perry Goldsmith ; 2, L.M. Pearson, leather cigarette case donated by Capt. McLeod.

Equipment Race—1, Pte. Bishop, letter case, donated by the Granville Athletic Association.

Tug-of-War (eight in team)—1, 2/6 East Surreys, silver medals ; S.-M. Thomson, captain of the team, pocket-book donated by the Granville Athletic Association.

Mystery Event—1, Pte. Bishop, fountain pen, donated by Blinko's Bookstore ; 2, L.M. Palmer, military brushes, donated by Marsh, Limited.

R.E. Band Race—1, Sap. Simmons, silver medal ; 2, Corp. Nesham, bronze medal.

One Mile Relay Race (six in team)—1, R.N.A.S., Manston, silver medals ; 2, 2/6 East Surreys, bronze medals.

Darning Race—1, Pte. McEwan, silver cigarette case, donated by the Duchess of Sutherland ; 2, Pte. Robinson, 3, Pte. Harrison, each a silver match case, donated by Mrs. Ames ; 4, Pte. Walley, letter case ; 5, Corp. Bowie, coin purse ; 6, Q.M.S. Williams, cigarettes ; 7, Corp. Parker, cigarettes ; 8, Pte. Devlin, cigarettes, all donated by Mrs. Ames and friends.

Nurses' Egg and Spoon Race—1, N.S. Grey, manicure set, donated by Mrs. Clarke ; 2, N.S. Starr, jewel case, donated by Mrs. Clarke ; 3, N.S. Wood, gold pencil case, donated by G.A.A.

Nurses' Dash—N.S. Grey, 1/2-dozen silver spoons, donated by Geo. Fuggles & Co.

Officers' Race—1, P.F.O. Anderson, writing case, donated by Major Russel ; 2, P.F.O. Wood, fountain pen, donated by G.A.A.

Winner of Aggregate Prize donated by Lieut. Colonel Clarke—A.M. Poigndestre.

Best Clown—Sergt. Collins and Pte. Musgrove, 10/- donated by *Canadian Hospital News*.

Miss Curle, of the "Tuck Shop," donated the cigarettes distributed to the fatigue parties.

GRUNTS FROM GRANVILLE

They did not even see those twisters Doc.

Who was the Provost Sergeant's friend at Margate Hippodrome ?

Why did Staff Slinn leave the sports so early on Dominion Day ?

The cripples cannot run in races, but they sure can play ball.

Corporals Nelson and McKian can move quickly,——at times,

One might almost say that the Air Service came through our Sports "flying."

Has Staff Towler ever been a band leader ? We noticed he knew just when the band was going to stop playing.

Overheard at Lipton's, "I am fed up with Pats. What with butter pats and other Pats life is unbearable."

Good morning Capt. Hooper, Oh! Major, I am sorry for the mistake. Congratulations, Sir, from the Granvillians.

Well Pte. Ross, it seems a shame that the Glorious Fourth follows so soon after the First, but cheero, we'll celebrate both——and the Twelfth.

Heard at a ball game. (Somewhere in England.)

"What does he do now?"

"What did he go all the way around there for, couldn't he cut across."

"Did the ball hurt him when it struck his head?" (Note—No! Only slight damage to the ball.)

"Isn't that pitcher clever, he hits the bats every time."

"Does that man with the ball have to wind up every time he goes to throw the ball?"

DOINGS AT THE RANGE

By Pte. H. W. H. Smith

Dominion Day Medals

Three medals were offered by the Granville Canadian Rifle Club. They were specially engraved for the occasion. There were nine entries as follows:—S.-Sergt. Slinn 285, Pte. H. Smith 282, Pte. Fry 279. The others scores follow accordingly, Sergt. Morrison 277, Pte. Mathieson 274, Pte. Tomson 271, Sergt. Henderson 265, Pte. Kerr 263 and Sergt. Vigne 259. This competition was fired on a 5-bull target, highest possible score being 300, some very good shooting was done.

Lt.-Col. Watt Cup

Six teams entered this month for the above and very keen interest was shown. The Personnel Team, first with 378, pulling through by the very narrow margin of 4 pts. While the Sergeants 374 pts. was followed dangerously close by the second and third floor teams who tied with 272 pts. each. The winners of the prizes for highest individual scores were:—Pte. Tomson, first; Sergt. Morrison, second; and R.S.M. Hodder, third. The fourth floor only contributed four men who put up the very creditable score of 292 and Chatham House lastly with 218 for three men. We were pleased to see some of the Yarrow boys taking in some practice this week and we hope to see more of them. We look for a team from them next month for this competition.

On Wednesday evening, June 27th, the team shot a return figure target match with the Royal Scots, Glencorse, which the boys won by the respectable margin of 38 pts. The scores were:—

GRANVILLE		ROYAL SCOTS	
Pte. H. Smith	50	Sgt. Parrot	49
Pte. Tomson	50	Sgt. Hold	47
Pte. Mathieson	50	Sgt. Hawes	45
Sgt. Henderson	50	Sgt. Clark	45
Pte. Fry	49	C.-M.-S. Olding	44
S.-Sgt. Slinn	43	S.-M. Lister	42
L.-Corp. Hollingsworth	43	Sgt. Cockburn	41
Pte. Purchase	46	Sgt. Williams	40
	391		353

Pte. S. W. Tomson won the Silver Spoon in this match.

Coming Competitions

Next week we have the *Hospital News* competition, for this event the conditions are 8 rounds at 20 yds N.R.A. target No. 42.

Sergt. Morrison secured the N. R. A. Rifleman's Certificate with a score of 280, Pte. Mathieson 278 and Pte. S. W. Tomson 275. Highest possible score 300.

The Closing of the Door

By "Valpré"

And I said to my friend "Madam, there is no passage in all the literature of the ages so beautiful as that "And the door was closed" As in everything, we were of one accord.

But why should such an ordinary passage as this be classed in beautiful intensity and dramatic reality, higher than the beauties of Dante or the humour and pathos of Shakespeare. There is no incident more ordinary than the closing of the door.

"Madam, you enter your hosiers, you purchase your stockings of deep sea-green, or whatever the fashion of the moment dictates, you pay your money, provided you have enough with you, or having refreshed your spirit in the contemplation of Parisian novelties, you depart with the gracious mien of having done the good shopkeeper a service in having looked over his merchaneice "And the door is closed."

Bah! there is no beauty in the expression, for, withal, you are glad the door is closed, that your gracious ears are not poluted with the meaner details of your ancestry, which the shopkeeper—you know by instinct—is reciting.

You are very practical.

You believe doors to have been created for the express purpose of keeping children in, and the cold snow flurries out, and yet, despite this cold foment on my literary fervour, I still maintain that the most beautiful expression in all the literature of all the ages is this "And the door was closed."

There is a better plan I know of, looking from the edge of a heather-clad hill over the distant sea. In summer-time there is a cluster of honeysuckle over the little window on the left as you approach up the garden pathway. The hum of bees is ever present in the day time. The mountain stream flows by the foot of that garden, where you used to sit and fish. These recollections are ever present with you in your quiet moments. But they are minor details—it is the door you remember.

How you looked as long as you could see, walking down that pathway with your gladstone bag or your military kit, as the case may be. And the door was closed—My God! what a tragedy! for that door, also, was closed on you forever. For you, the world or the wars, but behind these, nothing but the sound of the bees humming on the honeysuckle, and someone weeping for the light that has gone out with the closing of the door.

Chaplain's Wounded Soldiers' Fund

By Major E. Bertram Hooper, (Chaplain)

The unsettled weather last week somewhat upset my plans for outings; the drive and tea arranged for Townley Castle patients had to be postponed until the first fine day after Dominion Day celebration. There are many fine days ahead of us, and I hope to make good use of pleasant afternoons. These outings are both enjoyable and beneficial. The weekly statements of my "Wounded Soldiers' Fund" date back to the beginning of May. I am much indebted to those who have so kindly encouraged me in this part of my work for the lads, by sending me contributions for this Fund of mine.

The following is the statement this week. Since May 1st:—

Previously acknowledged	-	-	£89 10 3
Friends from Moncton N.B.	-	-	46 0 11
Sister Dorothy's Budget, Vancouver B.C.	-	-	6 0 0
DeMont's Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, St. John N.B.	10	7	4
Mrs. J. Rowan, St. John, N.B.	-	-	4 0 0
Granville Hospital Rifle Club	-	-	1 0 0

I am much encouraged and pleased—and I am very grateful for these generous contributions. The expenditures average £50 a month, so it is well that I am in receipt of these thoughtful gifts. My hope is that many will be ready to "follow suit." Not only the smokes and outings, but many other good and useful things for my lads, are provided day by day and week by week. It will be noticed that in this week's statement—almost—all recorded comes from Canada.

THE PADRE.

DECORATED COMRADES

Corp. N. J. Brinsmead, No. 1251799 was born in Sidney, Australia. He came to Canada three years before the war. In civil life he was an air man. Enlisting in the C.E.F., he fought in the second battle of Ypres. He had been wounded and while retreating became mixed up with six "Boches" whom he killed. He then joined the R.N.A.S. He was shot down once. Later, almost immediately after being promoted wing commander, he had an accident which caused him to be invalided out of the air service. On recovering he re-enlisted in the Canadian Artillery in which he is at present. He hopes soon to be transferred to the air service again. He wears the D.C.M. ribbon.

Lc.-Corp. F. I. Frost, No. 74039, was born in Essex, Eng. He came to Canada in 1904 and spent five years on a prairie homestead. He is a graduate of Saskatchewan University and of Emmanuel Theological College. He was ordained previous to enlistment but obtained his B.A. degree in uniform. He enlisted in 1914 in the 28th, Batt. and spent thirteen months in France as a regimental stretcher bearer. He was first wounded at the third battle of Ypres and again at Courcellette after working twenty-four hours in the open collecting wounded. He was decorated with the D.C.M. at Orpington Military Hospital by the officer commanding.

CRICKET

By *Pte. J. A. Ford*

Granville V. 1st Warwick Garr. Artillery

At the St. Lawrence Recreation Ground on Saturday afternoon, in dull and cold weather, these teams met in a friendly game. The Granville C.C., like "Johnny Walker," is most assuredly "going strong," this being their sixth successive win out of seven matches played, a performance which none of the other athletic organisations, not even the football stalwarts of the past winter, have as yet equalled. Bravo the "G.C.C.C."

The Artillery sent the Fragments first to the wicket with Corp. Strutton and D.-R. Sutton to show the way. These two put up 38 runs before a separation was effected, Strutton being very smartly held by Sergt. Powell. Corp. Ayres followed, and only three more were added when Mallabon scattered Sutton's bails. Capt. Preston then went on, and a stand was expected, but to the surprise of all the Cap's, wicket went flop before he had recorded a run. Sergt. Dive followed on and ran up a dozen when Mallabon, who was in good form, clean bowled the vice-captain. Next came the veteran, Sergt. Harrison, but he, like our sporty Captain, went down before he had notched a run. Houldcroft was just getting into his swing of the willow, when he had the mean dismissal run out. The "bomb-throwers" were Mallabon, who took six of the Canadian wickets; and L.-S. Hawkesworth three.

The "Oil Rags" now had their lease of the wicket, and a short one it proved. S.-Sergt. Dive and "Captain" Kingston were both in the pink of condition, and soon played havoc with the Gunners, getting them all out for 15 runs. When Sergt. Powell gets his full eleven lined up, in our next match they may tell a different story. Dive had six wickets for 3 runs, and Kingston three for 11.

ARTILLERY				GRANVILLE			
Chaplin, b Dive	...	...	0	Strutton, c Powell, b Mallabon	...	...	15
Littler, b Dive	...	...	3	Sutton, b Mallabon	...	...	22
Friend, b Dive	...	...	3	Ayres, b Hawkesworth	...	...	18
Hawkesworth, c Sutton, b Kingston	...	...	0	Preston, b Mallabon	...	...	0
Burrage, c Houldcroft, b Kingston	...	...	1	Dive, b Mallabon	...	...	12
Mallabon, b Kingston	...	...	0	Harrison, lbw, b Mallabon	...	...	0
Powell, b Dive	...	...	0	Shepherd, b Hawkesworth	...	...	4
Withnall, c Sutton, b Dive	...	...	0	Houldcroft, run out	...	...	9
Beale, c Harrison, b Dive	...	...	3	Hall, b Hawkesworth	...	...	0
Thornley, run out	...	...	3	Brade, b Mallabon	...	...	4
Padmore, not out	...	...	1	Kingston, not out	...	...	4
Extra	...	...	1	Extras	...	...	4
Total	...	...	15	Total	...	...	92

At a meeting of the G.C.C.C., convened on Friday evening last, Capt. Armour, presiding, Capt. Preston tendered his resignation as captain of the team. Private Kingston was unanimously appointed captain in his stead. Captain Preston and Sergt. Harrison were added to the selecting committee. This was all the business.

CONGRATULATIONS

The many friends of Captain (now Major) E. Bertram Hooper will be delighted to hear of his well deserved promotion. As Chaplain of the Granville Canadian Special Hospitals Major Hooper works early and late ministering to the wants of the boys. He is everyone's friend and Padre; beloved by all, he is continually doing good, and many a Canadian will leave the hospital a better man for having known him. Major Hooper, we Salute you.

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**Thank You!**

Lieut.-Colonel J. T. Clark wishes to thank the business houses and others who so kindly donated prizes for our Dominion Day sports. Also those who in any way contributed towards the success of the entertainment. The citizens were very generous and obliging, and their kindness on this occasion will not soon be forgotten.

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Our Sports Committee

A large measure of credit is due to Major W. G. Turner, Capt. W. J. H. Gould, Capt. C. G. Armour, Capt. W. Lowry, and Sergt.-Inst. V. H. Simonson, the energetic and untiring committee who planned and organised, and ably carried through the Dominion Day sports. The programme left nothing to be desired, and the committee may justly feel proud of the result. Their work is very much appreciated, and the thanks of every Canadian in the area goes out to them for the splendid success of the event.

D. T. EVANS,

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The Sunday evening pictures and sing-songs continue to attract very fair audiences even on the warm evenings. At present we are making a study of the history of favourite hymns. Appropriate musical numbers add to the enjoyableness of these bright gatherings.

Cinema shows are being given on Tuesday and Friday evenings, and good programmes are always being shown.

Last Thursday Mr. Boyland's "Carry On" party again gave one of their most enjoyable concerts. Being a wet night, a big audience assembled and listened to a very excellent programme.

A big programme will be opened up in the autumn months, and already plans for this are being made.

General Birdwood, of Gallipoli fame, is responsible for an amusing story concerning some soldiers in training near Aldershot.

The men had been practising route marching, and were resting by the wayside, when he overheard the following:—

"Our major, 'e's an officer and a gentlemen. The other day he comes into the canteen, and says 'e, Any complaints?"

And I says, "Yes sir, beg your pardon sir, this tea ain't fit to drink."

"So he says to the bloke who'd served us. Give us a cup." And when 'e'd tasted it, "'Ogwash," says he; "'Ogwash."

And he says to the bloke: "Line these men up," and when 'e'd done that, he says, "And now give them back their tuppences."

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