"KING'S MEN, ALL!"



MILITARY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL

WOODCOTE PARK, EPSOM

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HIS Hospital for Convalescent Soldiers is situated in Woodcote Park, about two miles from Epsom Town and seventeen from London. The Huts (of which there are one hundred and forty) and the Grounds of the Camp extend for more than a mile along a ridge at one end of the Park (the rest of which is owned by the Royal Automobile Golf Club). From the Camp there is a fine view across the valley of the Park and up to the Durdans (the residence of the Earl of Rosebery)

and Epsom Downs, where the Grand Stand and Tattenham Corner are conspicuous objects. This view is very charming and interesting on account of its natural beauty and its famous associations. On the other side of the Camp are the hedged lanes and wooded heights and bushy commons of Ashtead and Headley. The position, indeed, of the Camp—in the midst of the delightful scenery of Surrey—so spacious and breezy, on the one hand, and again so homely and secluded—is most attractive; and it has proved, too, very healthy. The thousands of wounded men restored to health in the Camp will be glad to have this memento of their stay.

The Hospital has accommodation for four thousand men, and is the largest of its kind in the United Kingdom. The Commandant (Surg. Lieut.-Colonel C. R. KILKELLY, C.M.G., M.V.O.) and a Staff of Medical Officers, and the Adjutant (Capt. D. Euan Macpherson, 3rd Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders) and other combatant Officers, look after the requirements and discipline and training of the men; and there is also a Massage and Electrical Treatment Department under Miss Oswald and twenty-five Masseuses. Recreation, by means of Entertainments, Games, Classes, &c., is arranged by LORD KILLANIN. In the Recreation Hall (which seats about fifteen hundred), Concerts, Plays, Cinema Pictures, Boxing Displays, Lectures, and other Entertainments take place every week-day evening. There are Skittle Alleys (English and Continental) and Rifle Ranges. There is a Camp Band and an Orchestra, and the Band plays in the Camp every day. Classes in French and Knitting and Signalling are given twice a week by Ladies, and much attention is paid to Gardening, both of vegetables and flowers. In the winter there are Football Matches and Meets of the Worcester Park Beagles in the Camp. During the summer months, Cricket and Baseball Matches are played; and Promenade and Dance Concerts are organised once a week in the pleasure-grounds of neighbours. There are Tea and Recreation Rooms; a Y.M.C.A. Hut; and three Canteens, with Recreation Rooms attached—all of these are supplied with Pianos, Billiard Tables, Games, Puzzles, Cards, Newspapers, &c. Many of the residents in the district and other friends help in the arrangements for the recreation of the men, and have, by their kindness, generosity, and hospitality, added greatly to the amenities of the Camp.

During the first year of the existence of the Hospital (June, 1915, to June, 1916), over 20,600 patients were admitted. Of these, 10,600 were British, 4,500 Canadians, 4,100 Australians, 1,400 from New Zealand, and a few from South Africa. This Imperial character of the Camp—large bodies of men from the Mother-Country, and from Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, living together and daily getting to know and understand one another better—is a striking and unique feature of its composition, and has been an inspiring and valuable influence in the life of the Camp.



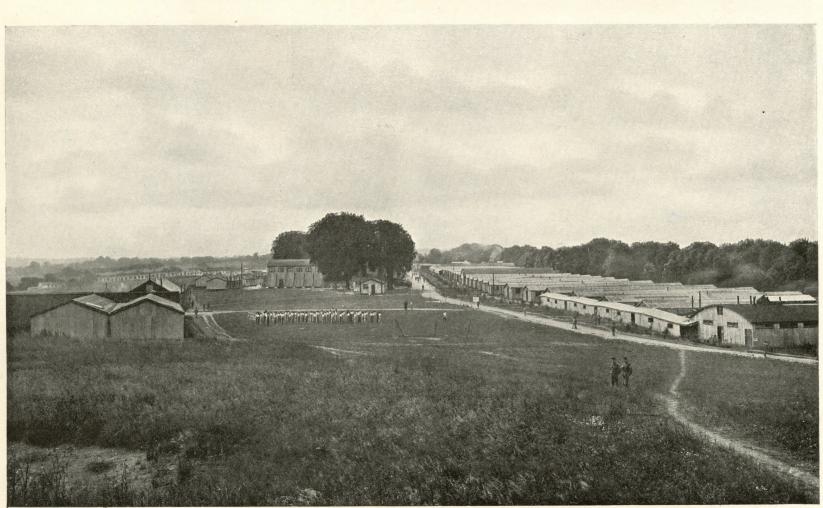
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Capt. R. H. Thomas, C.A.M.C.; Capt. G. R. Prendergast, 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers; Lieut. G. M. Gabb, 2nd Queen's R.W.S.; Lieut. and Quartermaster H. Howell, R.A.M.C.; Capt. J. B. Young, R.A.M.C.; Lieut. J. O. Sidebotham, 1st Cheshire.

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Front Row: Capt. R. Heymann, 1st Worcestershire; Capt. Douglas-White, R.A.M.C.; Major M. B. Stacey, 5th Queen's; The Right Hon. Lord Killanin; Lieut.-Col. C. R. Kilkelly, C.M.G., M.V.O., Grenadier Guards; Major L. E. W. Irving, D.S.O., C.A.M.C.; Capt. and Adjt. D. E. Macpherson, 3rd Gordon Highlanders; Capt. J. C. Hill, Canterbury Battalion; Capt. M. V. Southey, A.A.M.C. (Capt. A. W. Tofft, A.A.M.C., and Lieut. E. N. Rowe, Hampshire Regt., were absent).

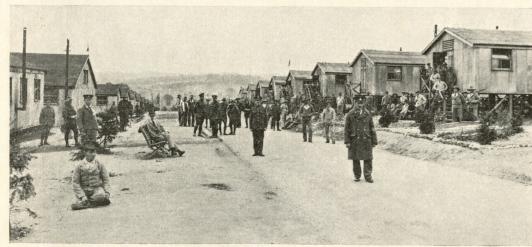




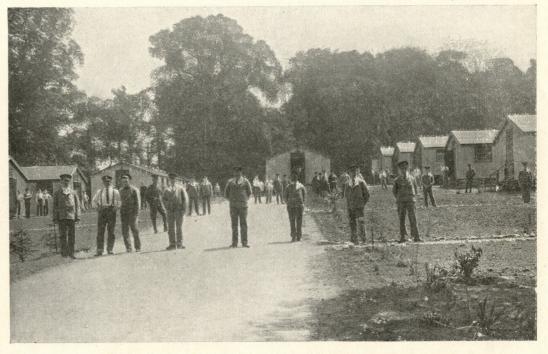
MAIN ENTRANCE TO CAMP, AND "A" DIVISION



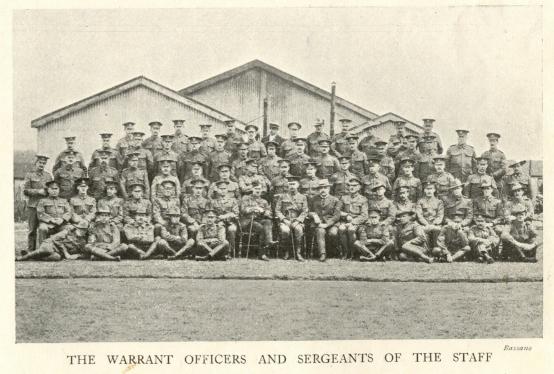
"C" AND "D" DIVISIONS



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"G" AND "H" DIVISIONS





THE MASSEUSES



INTERIOR OF A MASSAGE HUT



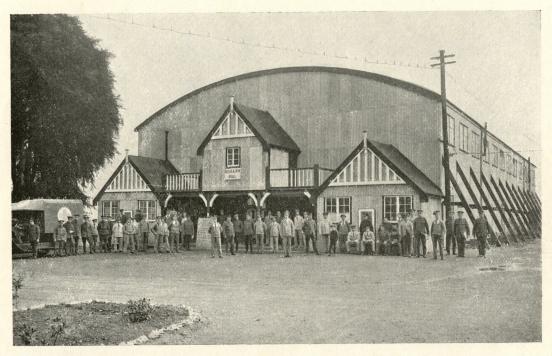


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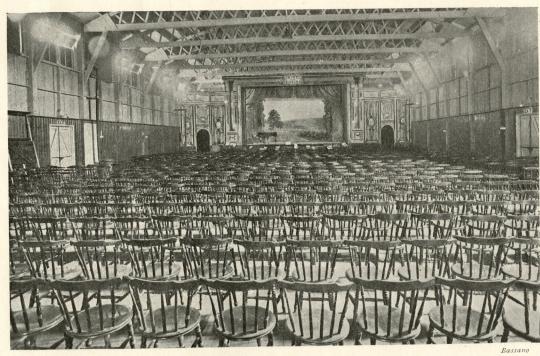


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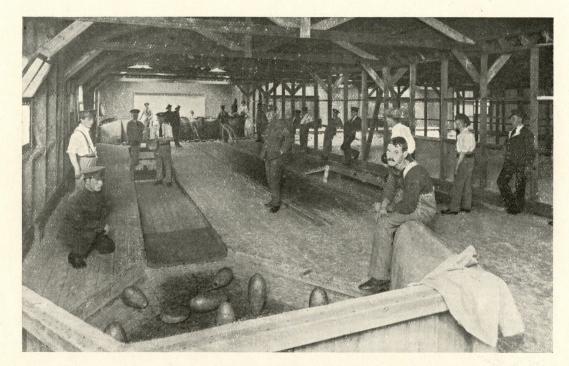
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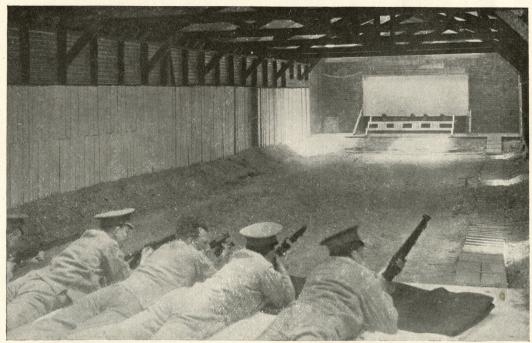
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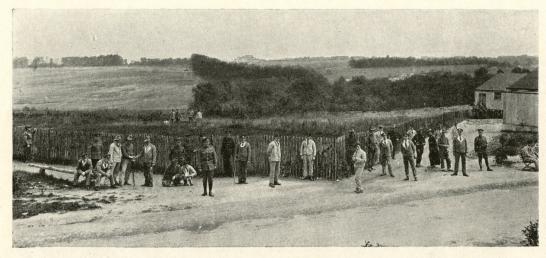


THE SKITTLE ALLEYS



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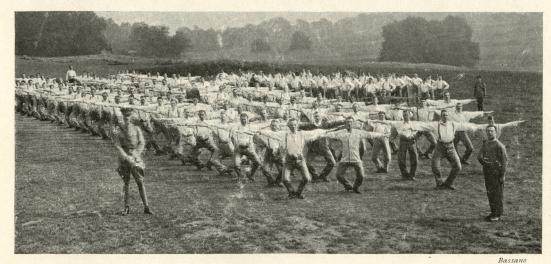
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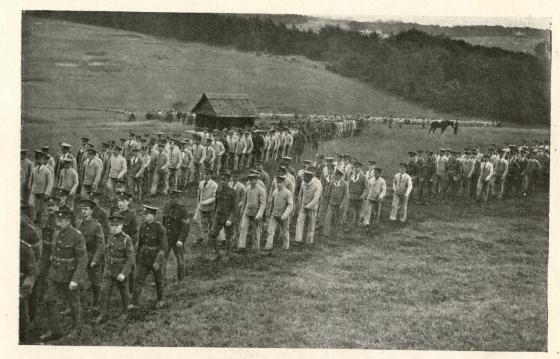
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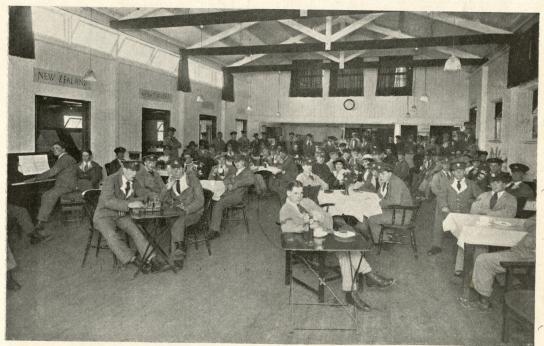
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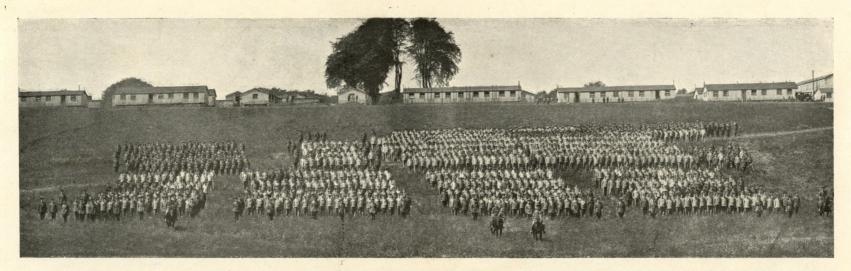


COMING FROM PARADE



TEA AND RECREATION ROOMS (INTERIOR)

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A PARADE OF CONVALESCENTS AND STAFF IN WOODCOTE PARK



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BAND PLAYING OUTSIDE THE RECREATION ROOMS

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