

57. Does not that provide you with light work till you are able to do heavier work?—Well, as far as I am concerned, I feel fit. I do not know if we are put in there and classed as fit, but I considered I was fit.

58. If you came back and were put at once on regular camp duties you might break down?—I hardly think so, because, as far as the Sixth men were concerned, many of them came in with us, and they were promptly ordered to rejoin their units.

59. We have had a man who reported himself and was then discharged as being unfit altogether. You would not welcome the alternative of being discharged altogether?—No, of course not.

60. Would it not be better in that case to take it gradually?—If I was back with my regiment at the present time I would be taking on drill as they are. As it is I will go back practically ignorant of what they have been learning. Of the two months I have been in camp I have had about a fortnight's drill in that time.

61. You have been one month away?—Yes, in the hospital; but as far as the hospital is concerned, there is just as much fatigue work there as I would get in camp—in fact, we are not orderlies, we are fatigue-men.

62. Are there any other measles men who have returned who have been sent over there as orderlies?—Yes, thirty-one of us were sent in, and many of them returned from measles on Tuesday last. They are working there amongst the measles patients.

63. You are supposed to be immune after having an attack?—There are other diseases as well in the kiosk, where the cerebro-spinal meningitis patients are. I did not know they were allowed in, but we are near enough to them. As regards the sick men lying in the hutments, from the beginning of the regiment coming in there was a good deal of sickness, but a lot of it was attributable to the change of food. After some time there were sick men lying in the huts excused from duty. I have seen them myself and spoken to them.

64. There was no definite opinion as to what the illness was?—No. One considered that he had the "flu," and I heard them complaining about the time they had to wait on sick-parade. The time I reported I had to wait half an hour. It was a fine night, and although there was a good deal of mud about we managed to put in the time all right, but a wait of half an hour was considered a very short period.

65. Have you any other matter you wish to mention?—No.

66. *Dr. Martin.*] You objected to the work you had to do at the beginning—digging ditches?—No, I never objected to roadmaking—it was all for our own comfort; but in the opinion of many of us, and myself in particular, we considered there was too much of it. We were not learning enough, and we came here to learn.

67. *The Chairman.*] To handle a rifle and to march?—Yes.

68. That does not make up the total of a soldier's equipment, does it—you have to be as good a digger as a shooter, apparently?—Yes.

69. *Dr. Martin.*] Who do you think should have done this work?—In my opinion the roads should have been laid down for us when we came into camp. Of course, if it comes to a question of digging, why not put us on digging trenches and get lectures in regard to it?

70. Your complaint is that you should not have been digging ditches?—In my opinion there was too much fatigue for the time we were in camp.

71. *Mr. Skerrett.*] What is your civilian occupation?—A Railway man, in the locomotive department.

72. An engineer?—No, a cleaner.

73. *Mr. Gray.*] One of your complaints is that you had too much fatigue duty when you came into camp, and the other because you were put on as an orderly at the hospital after being discharged as a convalescent?—Yes, I complained about that. It is pretty unanimous amongst the lot of us that we were fired in there. Many of them consider that if they had known they were going there they would have said they were not too well.

74. You say you did not get enough training as a soldier?—Yes.

75. Those are your only grievances?—Yes, to get the training, but not to kill Turks with a mop.

LAURENCE GOING sworn and examined. (No. 64.)

1. *The Chairman.*] What are you?—A mounted trooper.

2. When did you come into camp?—I arrived here on Sunday the 18th April.

3. What were you before?—A farmer.

4. On arrival on the 18th April what happened to you?—I got here on the Sunday morning. We got an issue of clothes—one pair of boots, trousers, denims, and so on. We went into tents, and we were there about two months, and everything went on all right. We were then shifted into the huts, and most of us thought the huts were a big improvement on the tents. On the 5th June I attended sick-parade and then went over to the camp hospital. There would be about eighty men waiting there, and we had to wait for an hour.

5. Was it raining?—No, it was fine that morning, but we had to stand about for an hour. I saw the doctor and he told me I had measles. I walked across to the hut and got my blankets, and then went back, and the orderly took me to a marquee. There would be about fifteen measles patients in there. It had only just been pitched on wet ground the day before. I got a bundle of straw and made a bed on it and laid down. I had a waterproof sheet with me, and there was a bale of straw in the tent tied up with wire. I managed to get it undone, although I was feeling very ill. I laid down there for about three days. The straw was getting damper and damper every day.