Compliments for the 3rd Battalion, R.S.R.

In answer to the appeal of Lieut-Colonel G. A. Hankey for the officers, N.C.O.’s, and men of the 3rd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment at the front, the following articles were received:—

682 pairs of socks
144 pairs of gloves
183 handkerchiefs
160 woolen scarves
57 cap comforters
121 packets of safety pins
100 cakes of soap
2,149 packets of cigarettes
5 housewives
11 vests
507 tins of vaseline
32 pairs of pants
401 shirts
27 pairs of mittens
1 tin of cocoa
81 cakes of chocolate
140 waistcoat cardigans and jerseys
261 woolen belts
69 pocket books
24 waist belts
25 pencils
689 packets boracic powder
401 pipes
288 pairs of laces
235 packets of tobacco
14 chap knives
516 cards of bodice buttons
300 packets of oiled silk
91 packets of stationery
23 tins of confectionery
6 soldiers’ outfits
12 tins of dubbin
102 flints and steel

All the above articles were packed in a special manner and sent to the front per parcels post.

A card was inserted in each parcel asking if articles sent were appropriate and needful and asking for suggestions for further items specially needed.

The following extracts from letters received from the 2nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment are published:

The Commanding Officer writes:

“The comforts arrived quite safely, and everyone is duly grateful for them.

Jerseys and warm mitts (not gloves), also rubber, razors, small towels, shaving brushes and soap are needed. Any mufflers and handkerchiefs suitable for neckwear should be khaki colour.”

The C.O. “A” Company writes:

“On behalf of the officers, N.C.O.’s and men of “A” Company, I thank you very much indeed for the splendid gift from the people of Sussex. All very appreciated and I need hardly say how useful it all is. Warm gloves, woolen scarves (long ones), shirts and vests are most wanted, also cigarettes.”

The C.O. “B” Company writes:

“On behalf of all ranks of “B” Company, I thank you for the parcels of comforts that have arrived, collected from the inhabitants of Sussex. It is quite impossible to describe how valuable such things are to us all, or how much they are appreciated, and no one of us will forget the kindness of all in sending them. Everything was most appropriate, and just what was useful, and in view of the cold weather ahead nothing can be more appropriate than gloves and scarves.”

Lieut-Colonel G. A. Hankey is thanking all for the gifts and monetary assistance so kindly sent, begging to state that he will be very pleased to receive any further items of articles which will be forwarded to the front as before.

The men at the Base Depot and those returning to the Base sick, have not been forgotten.