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Comforts 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 :—

- 882 pairs of socks
- 64 pairs of gloves.
- 183 handkerchiefs.
- 106 woollen scarves.
- 57 cap comforts.
- 121 packets of safety pins.
- 109 cakes of soap.
- 2,169 packets of cigarettes.
- 5 housewives.
- 11 vests.
- 597 tins of vaseline.
- 32 pairs of pants.
- 461 shirts.
- 27 pairs of mittens.
- 1 tin of cocoa.
- 84 cakes of chocolate.
- 140 waistcoat cardigans and jerseys
- 261 woollen belts.
- 69 pocket books.
- 4 waist belts.
- 25 pencils.
- 689 packets boracic powder.
- 462 pipes.
- 28 pairs of laces.
- 235 packets of tobacco.
- 14 clasp knives.
- 516 cards of bachelor buttons.
- 500 packets of oiled silk.
- 91 packets of stationery.
- 23 tins of confectionery.
- 6 soldiers outfits.
- 12 tins of dubbin.
- 192 flints and steels.

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 dubbin, 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, woollen 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 C. A. Hankey in thanking all for the gifts and monetary assistance so kindly sent, begs to state that he will be very pleased to continue to receive any further sums or 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.