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Senior Presbyterian Chaplain

FOR

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			<p>April 1919.</p> <p>Chaplain the Rev. Fred J. Paton (9th Battalion ^{3rd Brigade}) in conjunction with the C. of E. Chaplain holds all religious services unitedly. Church Parades every Sunday morning; voluntary evening services on Sundays and Wednesdays; Bible classes on Sunday afternoon and on one week day; Communion services every Sunday, morning and evening.</p> <p>Lectures (mostly arranged by Y.M.C.A.) were given to the Brigade by Chaplain Pulsford on Economics; by Prof. Martin of Liverpool on Electricity, Wireless, etc; by Mr. Vaughan on England, and America; by Miss Baxter on Glimpses of Australia, by Miss Bacon on Aeroplanes, Submarines, etc. and by another Lecturer on Minerals. Chaplain Paton gives lectures twice a week to the Brigade at Chatelet, and to Machine Gunners at Pont de Loup on Australian History, Growth of Empire, Hughes and the League of Nations, Mastery of the Pacific, Coral Reefs and Islands, Volcanoes and Volcanic Islands, etc. etc. He also gives private lessons to private soldiers in his own billet, and receives many men who come to talk to him privately. Football and other games are also well patronised, and the men are in good spirits. Chaplain Paton says the courtesy of Brig. General Bennett, Col. Kelligan, and the Officers, has made his work much easier and the time is spent very happily.</p> <p>Chaplain the Rev. Geo. M. Baird (2 A.S.H. and afterwards at the 3rd Tunnell's Coy) held well attended Church parades at the Hospital during the first fortnight and at the request of the C.O. a "pilgrimage" was made to the graves of members of the unit buried within a reasonable distance, and a short service</p>	

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