A CASE OF MALARIA CONTRACTED IN ENGLAND.

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The following is of interest, although these cases crop up from time to time at home, and no doubt some of them escape notice on account of their rarity.

Private W., Special Reserve, "The Buffs," reported sick at the Military Hospital, Canterbury, on the afternoon of May 21, 1912, complaining that between 1 and 2 p.m. he had an attack of shivering, or, as he called it, "the shakes." His temperature was taken and found to be 103\(^\circ\) F., but by 6 p.m. it had fallen to 101\(^\circ\) F.; he was then sweating freely and complained of headache. He stated that he had had a similar attack on the afternoon of the 19th, but not so severe.

The clinical symptoms were so like malaria that several blood films were taken the following morning, and a few benign tertian parasites were found on microscopic examination. Several films were also sent to Major J. C. Kennedy, R.A.M.C., at the Royal Army Medical College, who very kindly examined them and confirmed the diagnosis.

The clinical side of the case is not of any further interest, but the following notes from the man's statements were made:

He is only 17\(\frac{1}{2}\) years of age; he enlisted two months ago in the Special Reserve of the Buffs and came to the Depot at Canterbury for his training. He was born in the village of Lydd, in Romney Marsh, and has never been away from home until he enlisted two months ago. None of his family have ever been out of England.

Before enlistment he was working as a butcher's assistant. During last autumn he states that he had a similar illness, the shivering or shakes coming on every third day; his description of his attack is very definite. At the same time last year he says that a good many people in the village had these attacks, including his own father, but that he cannot remember it in previous years. It is interesting to note that the man himself calls the illness "Marsh Fever."

THE CONNECTING LINK BETWEEN FIELD AMBULANCE AND CLEARING HOSPITAL.

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On reading over the duties of the various medical units in the field, one cannot help being struck by the weakness of the connecting link between the field ambulance and clearing hospital. When the clearing hospital comes up and takes over the wounded from the field ambulance the need for the link disappears, but in actual warfare the clearing