



Bravo! Fifth Battalion.

For friends above; for friends still left below;
 For the rare links invisible between;
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 For sweet hearts tuned to noblest charity;
 For great hearts toiling in the outer dark;
 For friendly hands stretched out in time of need;
 For every gracious thought, and word, and deed;
 We thank thee, Lord.

John Oxenham.

Germany has found that two can play at the innocent game of "submarines".

The Big Stick

The royal Mail Steam Packet Merionethshire, running in the Eastern service of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, has arrived in London, having amongst its cargo a flagstaff measuring 215ft and Weighing eighteen tons. It has been presented by the Government of British Columbia to Kew Gardens, to replace the one recently taken down, measuring 159ft.

The new flagstaff, is one of the largest in the world, and is made from the trunk of a Douglas fir tree grown in British Columbia.

Encycloedia of Military Terms

Not to be read by soldiers.

Why? because they know all about it.

A number of letters have been received by members of the Battalion from their respective fathers, mothers, and sisters, saying, that although they enjoy reading the "Listening Post", they are afraid they are missing something through not being conversant with the military words and signs which sometimes appear in spite of our appreciation of these praises, we have decided to attempt to explain, in the form of a dictionary or encyclopaedia, a few of the most important of these baffling, mysterious signs and words.

Editor.

Absent, or absent without leave. This military term is as old as the school house on the hill. When we went to school or when we were supposed to go to school, and didn't, we put the whole sentence into one word by calling it "hookey". The girls, (they never played hookey) called it truant. In just the same way as the girls, (bless 'em) used to tell the Headmaster "on us," so the N. C. Os. tell the O. C. On active service, to be absent without leave means, that some bad, bold, brave, bosche-killing, Kanadian, has ventured too far from his billets without a "chaperon" or N. C. O. It also means an interview with the Regimental Police in the "clink", and the O. C. in the morning.

Ammunition. This was first meant to be used for shooting at Germans, but the bombers claim it is out of date. It is still used for target practice, and for shooting at German periscopes, and stove pipes. It keeps the soldiers from becoming poetical as they have to clean it, and it keeps the officers from getting "gouty", or rheumatic, as they have to go around the troops to examine it. It is worth having if only for the purpose of keeping a man balanced. When he has full pack on his back and his ammunition in front he is able to walk very gracefully.

Artillery. The word artillery is used when referring to guns bigger than a rifle. It has been found impossible to train infantry to carry these guns, but these guns often cause the infantry to be carried much further and faster than any other means of locomotion, or propulsion yet invented, and for less money; with or without flowers.

Armistice. This is something the enemy asks for when they are in urgent need of reinforcements, ammunition, or both.

Ambulance. This is usually an automobile used for conveying soldiers who wish to have German pig-iron re-

moved from their system, and a trip to "Blighty". (For blighty see page 99 1-2).

Adjutant. An officer, sometimes found at Headquarters on the end of a wire, (telephone). He can be easily recognised by three infallible signs; his clothes, his worried look, (whither married or single), and his language.

(To be Continued)

Trench routine orders by Major Eller Mainzes Commanding the Umpteenth B. Q. Regt.

IN THE FIELD
29/9/15.

(1). SANITATION.

- All bath mats must be taken up and shaken immediately after stand-to each morning.
- All food refuse, tin cans, tin hats, and other useless matter, must be buried at least 50 yards behind and below the trench.
- Old socks must NOT be thrown over into the German lines. (This is a breach of a clause in the Hague Convention forbidding the use of weapons calculated to cause cruel, and unnecessary suffering).
- It has been decided that in future, Officers' dug-outs must be swept out; a different method of identifying them having been adopted.
- Dusting must be carried out between the hours of 8 and 9 a.m. only; the practice of dusting the fire-step with an old handkerchief is forbidden, the regulation feather dusters only to be used.

(2). DISCIPLINE.

- Prisoners.** It has been brought to the notice of the O. C. that members of the unit have been regarding prisoners taken by them as personal property, and in some cases training them as pets. This practice must cease at once; attention is drawn to Regtl. Routine Order Q. Z. Y. 13. which states that all prisoners captured each night must, — if officers. — be handed over to the Sgt. Cook; and in the case of other ranks, must be tied up in bundles of ten and handed over to the Q. M. In the latter case a description must be attached shewing numbers, age and sex, and whether, when secured, they were in possession of sausages, saur-kroust, or other offensive weapons.
- Patrols.** Information has been received that night patrols have been trespassing in grain fields when out in No-mans-land. It must be distinctly understood by R. O's., that when out on patrol they must select well worn paths, and avoid bear traps, and injury to growing crops.
- Sentries.** It is pointed out for the benefit of all ranks that the sentry-boxes on the top of each traverse are for use in bad weather only. Sentries must not use them in fair or even moderate weather, but must walk up and down on the top of their section of the parapet in a smart and soldierly manner; arms correctly at the slope, and bayonets fixed.

(3). DRESS.

The practice of wearing coloured ribbons on respirators, and embroidery or lace edgings on smoke helmets, is to be discontinued immediately. All ranks must at all times, when in the presence of the enemy, show a neat and smart appearance in dress; buttons must be polished twice daily: The Kingdom of Bulgaria, having been declared to be in a state of war with us, the practice of officers wearing multicoloured ties commonly known as "Bulgarian", must immediately cease.

(4). RATIONS.

The O. C. notes with grave displeasure the abuse of certain rations recently. It has been proved that a large percentage of the men have been pouring their rum ration into their boots, on the plea that it keeps their feet warm. This must cease instantly. Any further breaches of this nature will be severely punished, and the offenders compelled, as an additional punishment, to drink three issues of rum daily in the presence of an officer. The Q. M. reports that the recent shortages in the issues of coke and charcoal are due to the ravages of rats and mice in the trenches. In the best interest of the service, all ranks should endeavour to exterminate these pests. The following simple method has been found very successful, and is circulated for information:—Drive in a 9ft stake until only 3ft shows above the ground, secure the rat to this by a 3/8 in. steel cable passed round the hind legs (D.5. or E.2. signal cable are equally effective if available). Pass a