

standard of efficiency as has characterized the work of Bramshott Signals in the past.

We have also had the addition of Lieut. Bennett, D.C.M., from the 3rd Division Signals, and Lieut. Faughnan, M.C., M.M., from the 4th Division Signals, and as our strength is to be increased to cover our work in demobilizing the divisions as they pass through, we will be able to have each section well looked after.

Our linemen have been busy, as at last, after many weary months of waiting and discouragement, we have received magneto telephones with a good switchboard, and our system has been changed to suit the new camp situation, much to the improvement of the service, and the flow of language from the switchboard operators.

Billiard halls will reap a harvest when this detachment returns to Canada, judging by the way in which the Y.M.C.A. table is frequented by men with the C.E. patch on their shoulders, and although we boast a good percentage of Scotchmen, we wish to deny the rumour that the reason for the use of the table is because it is free. Our neighbours are only jealous.

By the way, who is the Scotchman who was travelling to "Auld Reekie," and (much to his disgust) was asked by an old lady if the "C.E." stood for Church of England or Christian Endeavour?

What is the attraction for the fair damsels of the city of Haslemere, that the dances at the Soldiers' Club there are noted for the few times when the Signals *personnel* have to sit out for lack of a partner. We would not be surprised if some of them were light-headed, but it seems as if the weight were not so much in the feet—or is it personal beauty that is the attraction?

We had a visit from Lieut. Pryde, who is making a short stay in Bramshott Military Hospital, on his way to Canada, and although there have been changes in the *personnel*, there were still some who were here when Mr. Pryde was O.C. i/c Signals, and were pleased to see him again, and to wish him luck on his return.



Concerning What Befell Certain Men of the Hosts of Can.

1 Now it came to pass during the days of Armistice that the men of the hosts of Can who did linger in the Land of En for lack of ships did lack coal to warm them.

2 Now there was a certain man in the host and his name it was Mud—for he had tarried over long at Sea that is by Ford—and he lifted up his voice and said:

3 Behold, are thy servants men of wood and of stone that this thing should be? We are men of blood and must be warmed.

4 And he took counsel with other men of the hosts that did pass their days in idleness, and they did steal softly out by night into another place and did come back with much wood which they did put with fire into the stoves, and were comforted thereby.

5 Now it came to pass that when other men of the hosts of Can did see this thing that they did commune the one with the other and did say: Behold, shall these men have all the warmth?

6 And they did take and get them wood each after the method that did seem right unto him, each man for himself.

7 And they did make fire.

8 From chairs, from tables, and from the boards that did support their beds did they make fire, and were greatly comforted, saying: Behold the war is now done, and to what end are these things saved.

9 Surely it is a little thing.

10 Now when the later days of the winter were come it did seem to the Captains of the Hosts that the houses of the people did lack furnishings.

11 And they did ordain a day upon the which all the men of the hosts that did live in the huts of Sea should journey them into the desert, a day's march, and rest them there.

12 And they did ordain that while the men were in the wilderness the furniture should be numbered; each hut according to its allotment.

13 For behold, they said, something hath happened unto it for it is no more seen.

14 And it came to pass, even as they had ordained, that the men of the hosts of Can were scattered abroad about the country—each man going wherever seemed fit unto him.

15 Those men who were upon the Staff and who did have friends in high places, and those who did have no friends but a certain amount of gall, did get them passes and did proceed unto Brighton and disport themselves over the surrounding country.

16 Those men again who did not get them passes were mustered by the under officers of the hosts and were formed up—even into fours—and bidden to march.

17 And they did march for the space of an hour until they had got them unto a cleft in the hills, and there they did break off for a smoke and a sleep.

18 And as they smoked and slept, and after they had consumed that which is called the unexpected portion of the day's ration, they did begin to get them thence.

19 And they gat them thence by ones, by twos, and later by whole squads, and did go each upon his way by devious roads.

20 And it came to pass in the fullness of time that the trumpet did blow "Fall in."

21 And of those who did fall in in the dawning of the day were only a remnant left faithful.

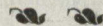
22 Inasmuch that a captain of the host—and his name it was Bubbles—did prance before his Company upon one leg and upon the other alternately, and did say in a jocose manner:

23 Behold now am I like unto Robin Hood, for I have lain hid all day in a furze bush, and behold these are my merry men.

24 And they were merry.

25 And they did march to their camp, and behold when they were come thither there was much coal—even two rations.

26 And peace reigned, and they did sleep, but the wonder of that thing it was on the tongues of all men.



Jack: I see they're making Fords out of clay now.

Jill: How can they do that?

Jack: Why, Henry's son married Miss Clay, didn't he?

Jill: Yes, but —

Jack: Well, read the first column of the *Morning Post*.