

work of bombing the Boches. Here we got a pleasant change for Sid Bennett with his best "Romeo" voice sang "I'm the Plumber". After a few more selections by the band the chairman prevailed upon the Colonel to speak a few words. Although unprepared he readily agreed and his encouraging remarks about the good work accomplished and the welcome news that we would soon be through when we could have a real rest, me with such hearty cheering as to make us fear for the safety of the Y. M. C. A. tent.

Our popular bombing officer was instructing a new recruit to that devoted branch of the profession:

"You take the bomb in the right hand if your right handed in the left if your left handed, count the magic number and then say Kahoochy three times, look at your girls photograph and forgive your enemies and put as much distance between you and the bomb as possible by an alert propulsive movement of the engaged hand."

After peddling this dope in his best Seattle english our bomber in chief handed an unoffending bomb to the equally guiltless recruit. All the other bombers at once took cover. "What are you doing?" demanded the irate nihilist in chief, "Wellington's men did not run away".

"That's all very well" answered the Sergeant, "but that man stammers."

The Battalion Rumourist's Calender.

1. Its Pay Day tomorrow.
2. The Sgt Cook is getting married when his second pass comes.
3. The War will be over by Christmas.
4. Cpl. R...d is going on pass.
5. We are going back for a rest.
6. Pte P....e did not like his staff billet in England.
7. He was glad to get back to the trenches.
8. R. Q.M.S. is in love with a young lady in B.....l
9. The Shoemaker Sgt is a teetotaler.
10. The Canadians are in Berlin.
11. All passes are cancelled.
12. Harry Lauder breaks the law of treating.
13. The Paymaster is broke.
14. President Wilson declares war on Germany.
15. Kitchener says that the war will only begin next year.
16. That our Old M O. is coming back.
17. The Third Contingent is in France.
18. London Destroyed by Zeppelins.
19. Kaiser buys Windsor Castle (for residence after the war).
20. L/Cpl. M....r can speak French.
21. Pte Gray is teaching some one's dog to do fancy tricks.
22. The First Canadians will have their Xmas dinner in England.
23. Swizerland's navy is out.
24. Dardanelles sunk.
25. The Padre has a bath every morning.
26. Pte Y.....d is going back to the Pioneers.
27. The Canteen doesn't pay.
28. Listening Post captured.
29. Rumourist caught and shot by the boys. (We regret to say that this last as untrue as the others.)
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ROSSIGNOL

Le Rossignol at first it came
Over the wire, twas just a name
Tho' later on twas better known
In fact twas almost like a home
Till one day came a German shell
V. E. the home we knew so well.

After many a bump and wrench
Along interminable trench,
Cutting our throats on wire over head
Clay on our boots that weighed like lead
We found the place— Le Rossignol
Also the wigglers dug-out small.

Now Faris and Smith and Long-legged Bill
Coming from Ash House up the hill,
Running a line that peter's out
Just as the rain begins to spout
Arrive at Rossignol soaking wet
The idea being more wire to get.

Out of the trench, mid mud and rain,
Old wires are brought to life again,
With patch and join the line is "jake,"
And finished, ere the day begins to break
The wiremen wet to the house repair,
Melodious snores soon fill the air.

How the ford car was first made

There was an old man and he had a wooden leg,
He hadn't any money and he wouldn't beg,
He had a piece of pipe and a twelve inch board
Said to himself, "I'll make a Ford".

A gallon of gas and a quart of oil,
A piece of wire to make a coil,
Four big spools and an old tin can
He hammered it together and the darn thing ran,

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Dear Sir,

It has been my fortune or misfortune to get wounded in the leg and the bullet is somewhere about me and not located as yet but we should worry. I am at Etaples Hospital but expect to be in England by the time you get this. It is about my pay book that I am writing you. You promised to send it to London about 12 days ago to see what was the trouble with the account. If it has been returned will you forward it to Mrs-----, 25 ----- Brook ---- Lancashire Eng. Please forward me a pound as I have not got a cent, I spent my last 2d on Listening Posts to send home and I shall have to buy my own tobacco now and sundry things too numerous to mention. Dear Capt, will you do this for me?

Thanking you in anticipation

Sincerely Yours

Pte J, H, S-----t17280.

NOTE: The Editor desires to draw the attention of the many readers of "the Listening Post" to the utter recklessness shown by many members of the Force in spending their last 2d. for copies of this paper. It is only one of the many received in this Office.

