

BUXTON STANDING ORDERS.

What to Do when you Get There.

It is the general custom on the arrival of a draft at this Depot to have a little talk so that we can understand each other. I therefore take this opportunity of getting you all here to point out our object, and some of the Rules and Standing Orders of the Depot. We are not looking for trouble, but rather, we always want a clear Orderly Room, and as little crime as possible.

Discharge to Canada.

This is not a hospital, but a Discharge or Transfer Depot to Canada. Our object and duty is to get you to Canada on the first available steamer. You cannot go until all your documents have arrived, and I advise you that the most important document to you is your L.P.C. This statement of account should not be signed without first finding out what you are signing. Mistakes are often made, and as it is your money, it is up to you to see that the statement is correct before putting your signature to same. If you have already signed it, you have another chance to sign it here before you move on.

Married Men's Dependents.

Those of you who have wives and dependents in this country will see Captain O'Brien, Ocean and Rail Officer, about getting your wife on the same boat as yourself.

Smoking.

Smoking in the halls, bedrooms, and stairways, above the first floor is a serious crime. This Standing Order is not to deprive you of the privilege of smoking, but to safeguard you and your comrades from fire. We have had four fires in the history of this Depot,

three have been caused by men smoking in bed, and in two cases, these men got outside first and yelled "Fire" from the outside, so if you see a pal take his pipe or fag out, to smoke, and you are above the first floor, say to him, "Come on downstairs, and avoid trouble."

Complaints.

After seeing your Company Commander let me hear your complaints; I might be able to help you. I have been a private and know what it is when things go wrong, so you and I can just talk it over. If anything is wrong I want to know it; don't grouse to your pal: he can't help it or fix it. For the benefit of the men to follow you, let's hear what's wrong with your quarters, food, pay, etc., so we can find a remedy.

Stealing.

When a large body of men get together, that's the chance for the sneak-thief. Now I want you to deposit your savings in our safe. We can also transfer it to Canada to your own order to any bank, in any town in Canada or the United States. Over forty thousand dollars have been transferred in the past year to a man's own order: see the Adjutant.

General Behaviour in Buxton.

The people in Buxton, especially the ladies, will treat you all like gentlemen, which you are, and I want you to live up to the reputation already made by the boys who have passed through. Remember that these girls have husbands, brothers, and fathers at the front, and that they are doing their bit by giving us concerts twice a week,

both at this Depot and at the Canadian Hospitals, and it necessitates them coming home in the evening; and we want you to try and avoid this filthy language that some men use, carelessly, and not thinking what they are saying. You know the kind of men I mean, and the language that you would not like your mother or sister to hear.

Bill and His Job.

Now you are going to Canada; I want you all to stick together. You men have fought for your country and whether you have been to France or not, if you didn't make the grade you tried, and either broke down in training or were too old or too young, but you have the satisfaction of having your heart in the right place, so now, let me tell you that you are a better man than any man in Canada who couldn't make up his mind to start.

Live up to that standard. Hold your head up, and when you get home and have your little holiday, go to it, men; dig in as you never dug in before; make a place for yourself. If a man who is holding down your, or your pal's job, says he is glad to see you back again, don't you believe him until he says, "Bill, your job is waiting for you; I'll get another." That's the real "Glad to see you back to Canada" touch. You men saved Canada and you have more interest in our country than any other man. Don't abuse the duty and trust that have been placed on your shoulders by being led into political factions or any kind of society that is going to use you for the betterment of a party or society, to the detriment of Canada's cause, which is the soldier's birthright.

Mick and Mac try acting rank (without success).

