

EXTRACTS FROM BATTALION ORDERS.

December 24, 1915.

THE C.O. desires to wish all ranks in the battalion the Compliments of the Season, and to congratulate the battalion on the splendid reputation it has earned since coming to France, wherever it has been employed. The C.O. is particularly pleased with the discipline and high spirit of the battalion, and in particular with the conduct of the individual members. This is especially noticeable in connection with the inhabitants of the country towards the battalion in leaving or returning to billets previously occupied. The late Field-Marshal Lord Roberts was able to say of his men, in a famous order issued by him, that they were soldiers and gentlemen. The C.O. is pleased and proud to say the same thing of members of this battalion. The C.O. desires to make it known that the keenest interest is displayed by the people at home as to the progress and welfare of the battalion, and he is in receipt of many kindly inquiries and good wishes from numerous officials and other persons in Edmonton, and he desires to pass these good wishes on to all ranks.

December 26, 1915.

From General Mercer, Commanding Canadian Corps Troops:—"To all officers, N.C.O.'s, and men of your command I extend sincere wishes for a bright Christmas-tide and a New Year full of the accomplishment of your high ideals as soldiers."

January 25, 1916.

The following wire was received from Canadian Corps:—

"Corps Commander is very pleased with what he saw on his visit to the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade to-day, and appreciates the good work that is being done."

"The G.O.C. 7th C.I. Brigade has much pleasure in forwarding for the information of all concerned a copy of a letter received from Major-General A. W. Currie, C.B., and takes this opportunity of himself thanking all ranks of the brigade he has the honour to command for the assiduous work and gallant conduct that merited this well-earned praise:—

"1st Can. Divs., January 31, 1916.

"Dear General Mercer,—It gives me a great deal of pleasure to inform you that during the stay of the 7th Infantry Brigade in the 1st Brigade area they behaved at all times most gallantly. Besides, they did a very great deal of necessary and useful work. At the time they took over the line the trenches, owing to the very bad weather, were not in the best of shape, but your fellows have made a very great difference. I went over the line last Saturday morning, and was delighted with what I saw has been done, and so expressed myself to Brigadier-General McDonnell. I asked him to convey my thanks to all ranks of this brigade. I know he will, but I want you to know as well how I appreciate them. They were active in their patrolling, did a lot of wiring, greatly improved the front trenches, worked hard on supporting points, and were aggressive always. While I deeply regret their casualties, I do not think they were excessive.

"Brigadier-General Hughes has written to me in warm terms of praise of what has been accomplished by McDonnell Brigade. —Ever your faithfully,

"A. W. CURRIE."

January 30, 1916.

"The 1st Canadian Battalion would like to convey to the R.C.R. and the 49th Battalions its appreciation of the excellent work done in trenches—during the tour of the 7th C.I. Brigade from January 7 to January 20. All ranks feel much encouraged by the excellent condition of the trenches.

"F. A. GREIGHTON,

"Major Commanding 1st Can. Battalion."

MARRIAGE.

Lieut. W. E. Newton, of "Ours," was married to Bessie Marie Andrews, of Canterbury, on November 10, 1915. The ceremony, which was of a quiet nature, was performed at Folkestone, England, the bride and bridegroom leaving immediately afterwards for their honeymoon. We wish the happy couple every success.

We have received a contribution from W. A. Thomas, of Stirling, which, however, we are not able to publish owing to lack of space. Nevertheless we thank him, and hope that in the future we will have more room, and then we will see that he is not forgotten.