

"Speed, Gelinas, speed," said the Q.M.S., as he found himself in plain air, when he left the Douglas bike at the brick wall.

We regret that the photos of Sappers Pearson, Gill, Benn (alias Burns) and Morse, in the beer and biscuit competition, cannot be sold at the canteen. The Canteen Sergeant has had to turn down many fine offers for these valuable films and prints, as they could not be passed by the Board of Censors.

It is now stated on the best of authority that company cooks may put on their overcoats when taking a bath. Who said there was not any truth in the old proverb, "What keeps out the cold will keep out the dirt"?

Some lines fresh from the wire (barbed) by one of our poetical subs. will be published in our next contribution. The poet was modest, and remarked, "Oh, give them thirty days to spare."

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### Major Crysdale's Company.

We are glad to see the O.C. back with the Company again. The first things that he asked for on his return were the "tin lid" and a tractor:

Have you seen the "New Star"? It is illuminating the Orderly Room at present, though it has rather a "Grimm" appearance.

The new rhymes for "Railroaders" have not yet been published, but the following extract is herewith presented, with apologies to the author of "Little Bo-Peep":—

Oi/C C and M's lost a bike,  
But doesn't know where to find it.  
But leave it alone and it'll come home,  
Bringing it's "Cheyne" behind it.

Congratulations to the Transport N.C.O. who had a team and a wagon ready for action the other day at only 2½ hours' notice.

During the recent spell of cold weather, we have learned to appreciate the new hot air factory (late blacksmith's shop) under the able management of Corpl. Mackay and his brawny smiths.

The boys find it very convenient and instructive to have access to the argument bureau in charge of Corpl. Mackay and his wood butchers.

In reference to the latter, the speaker for the next meeting is Corpl. Thomas, his subject being "Leave," from the two-years-in-France-and-only-one-leave-man's point of view. An eloquent address is anticipated.

#### SAME COMPANY.

The non-commissioned officers  
And men of Section ack,  
Though on parade they may not be  
As smart as we should like to see,  
They're experts laying track.

Why Section Beer goes sick when out  
On rest, is not distinct.  
We view this practice with dismay,  
And trust they'll send no more away,  
Or soon they'll be extinct.

An interest's shown by Section C  
In work, as well as beer;  
In tamping ties and running trains,  
They use not only hands, but brains,  
As should an Engineer.

Don—on parades—a pretty sight,  
So clean are men and kits,  
Arrayed like one of these—not one  
You'd think had either toiled or spun,  
Or ever scrapped with "Fritz."

But all four Sections mean to see  
The war completely through.  
And Heine will get some surprise,  
If ever he should meet those guys,  
Of Tramways—Number . . .

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### ANY Signal Company.

EXTRACT FROM R.O. & K. *Re* DECORATIONS, ETC., FOR MAIL ORDERLIES.

Under Ramy Cat No. 606 para No. 9, all Mail Orderlies are entitled to wear the following decorations on State occasions:—

- 1 Spurs (so that mail may be delivered on spur of moment).
- 2 Crossed belt (to keep chest from bursting tunic asunder).
- 3 Pistol and holster (for former, polish. For latter, reason for wearing unknown).
- 4 Crossed enamelled flags (for flagging mail trains).
- 5 Chevrons, service 3 (for ability as a Thespian, purely camouflage).
- 6 Muskets, crossed pairs (note: these signify nothing).
- 7 Good conduct badge (signifying two years of undetected crime).
- 8 Bands, arm, blue and white (signifying sufferings of signals).
- 9 Crossed postage stamps, gum side out (signifying that wearer is a sticker).
- 10 Crossed hair oil bottles, with head of late Sir Henry Irving, between (signifying that the wearer is a devotee of the histrionic art).
- 11 Pencilled eyebrows (for the purpose of giving the wearer the appearance of a sleuth, so that he may detect illegal matter passing through the mails). [What about the females?]

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### Competitions.

Half-a-guinea for the best article on the training or work of a Canadian Engineer, descriptive or humorous.

Half-a-guinea for the best pen and ink drawing or caricature with reference to the training or work of a Canadian Engineer.

As we have not yet received a sufficient number of replies to the above competitions, we have decided to extend the time for sending in your efforts. Now get busy, boys, and send your stuff in. Each reply should be marked "Competition," and also bear sender's name and number and postal address. Replies may be sent in up till the end of July. This will allow ample time for our readers in France to compete.

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### A Wind Problem.

A certain musketry Instructor, lecturing recently on "Wind and drift in aiming," told his class that at 300 yards there were *three kinds of wind*.

The problem now is how many kinds of wind are there at 1200 yards, and which of them is the worst?

We suggest the vertical one.