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OURSELVES.

Let "Welcome" usher in our birth
 In gratifying measure—
 We aim to hold your interest,
 And give, we hope, some pleasure.
 We may not reach Elysian heights
 Whene'er we twang the lyre ;
 But still we hope, with printer's ink,
 To give, with "rapid fire,"
 This souvenir, at modest cost,
 Your appetite to whet.
 Your smile will grow, provide you
 read
 The "D.H.C. Gazette."

Honour Roll of the Battalion.

Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.—10857 Sergeant A. Kaye and 10538 Lance-Sergeant W. E. Hart.

D.S.O.—Major J. Ballantyne.

Mentioned in Sir John French's Dispatch (31st May, 1915).—Lieut.-Col. A. P. Birchall, killed in action ; Captain J. D. Glover, killed in action ; 10940 Private E. Shipman, 11187 Private W. C. Wright.

The Military Cross.—Lieutenant W. D. Sprinks.

The Medal of St. George (3rd Class).—19103 Private D. J. Broomfield.

The Cross of St. George (4th Class).—11317 Sergeant T. Elliot and 10865 Private A. Sheppard.

EDITORIAL

Our Aims and Hopes.

VOILA! We have at last emerged from our shell, and now brave, for the first time, the fearsome and awe-inspiring surroundings of cold print. We come to you as an infant—"puny, and crying in his nurse's arms," as Will of Stratford words it in his "Seven Ages of Man." We are puny, but with your tender care and solicitude we may attain robustness and even virility.

Take an interest in us and we shall grow. Feed us with sympathy and financial nourishment, and we shall blossom out into something that shall be at once—to you and ourselves—an achievement and a pride.

We desire to justify our existence, and our justification shall be the merry laugh and entertainment which heralds the breaking-down of dull monotony and routine living. If we accomplish something of this nature, we feel we shall have justified our existence.

Altogether, life in the particular locality whence this initial issue of the *Gazette* emanates has not been especially irksome or dangerous, and those of us who are destined to live through this war will cherish many pleasant memories of the days spent here. To those memories, we fain would hope, will be added our present effort at entertainment.

An Explanation.

THE derivation of the name of this little journal will be easily understood by the members of the battalion. To friends outside the war zone, we must explain that "Dead Horse Corner" is a spot "Somewhere in Flanders" where units of the battalion have often been quartered.

It may possibly be noted that our "Personalia" deals almost exclusively with 15 Platoon. This is explained by the fact that it was originally intended to run a "local" paper for the platoon named. Owing to the interest taken in the venture by Col. Colquhoun and officers of the battalion, we have at the last moment decided to widen the scope of our efforts and make this the initial and a "souvenir" number of a regimental newspaper.

Owing to the exigencies of our present life, publishing days cannot easily be defined, but we hope to make the *Gazette* a regular feature of the social life of the battalion. Items of interest will be welcomed from any quarter. Our aim is to make the *Gazette* representative of *all ranks* in the battalion.—
The EDITOR.

"Build Strong."

WILL there be, as in 1902, a distribution of *largesse* (i.e., script of homestead lands) after the war? The question is prompted by no ulterior