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### EDITORIAL

« With thy musket on thy shoulder,  
Thou shalt prove who is the bolder,  
Ere the mountains are much older,  
Son of mine. »

(WILLIAM WALLACE).

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After an unavoidable break in the publication of « The Listening Post », (for which you can either thank or blame the Hun) we are once more in a position to carry on...

For the benefit of those who have lately come to us, we wish to point out that, during the past year, « The Listening Post » has become one of the most widely known soldiers' papers published at the front.

As we are dependent, for our existence, on the original literary contributions sent in, we appeal to all who can write or draw to send us their prose, poetry, or pen and ink sketches. Even if it is only the germ and gist of a joke, an odd situation, or an amusing incident, jot it down on any kind of paper and send it in, and so help us to make the paper worth while to ourselves, and an interesting souvenir for our friends at home.

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By voting three to one against Prohibition, British Columbian soldiers have shown that they will not welcome a dry reception on their return — unless it's an extra dry one.

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### Kronicles of Ye Ancient and Honourable 1st B. C. Rifle-iers,

(CONTINUED)

60. — And the Chief Counsellor harkened unto him and said « At the waning of the twelfth moon, thou and thy henchmen, and thy hirelings shal, move to the hill called of the « Lark » where the dwellings are of tin and of wood set out in the green fields, and where thou and thy band shall dwell in peace until such times as we go to face the King's enemies. »

61. — And our O. C's band being but simple souls from the far west, and not knowing of the treacherous nature of the earth of our Mother's country, believed these things.

62. — And in the middle of the twelfth month they moved to the huts of tin and the Sergeants and Corporals amongst the hirelings did abjure many that were of a slim and sprightly build, that they fall not through the cracks between the boards, and that they lean not upon the walls lest the structures should collapse and bury all within.

63. — And there were detailed daily many of

the parties that labour, for the Counsellors of our Mother's Service had decided that there should be built a road on which to run the chariots of steel, and promise the hirelings many shekels that they labour thereon.

64. — And the band of our O.C. did depart daily ere the sun was yet up and wield mightily of the pick and the shovel, for they knew not the craft and cunning of the Counsellors who watched furtively and were much pleased, and did say one unto the other ; « Behold, here is a band that labour mightily because they love it, verily in the days to come shall they fill many sand-bags in the lands beyond the sea ».

65. — And there was one among the hirelings that had been appointed to assist the Q. M. left to become a henchman in our Mother's Service and there was appointed in his place the Sergeant of the fire sticks that shoot forth the forked-lightning; and he was another who had served with much distinction in the sun countries, yet having abstained much from the curries and the chutneys was not afflicted with the sun madness so often as his swarthy comrade of the seventh company and to distinguish him he was known to all men as the R. Q. M. S.

66. — And the feast of the Christ was held a this time with much joy and cheering, and eating of the good things of the country, and the drinking of the waters of the northern parts of our Mother's Country.

67. — And when seven days had passed they did celebrate the birth of a new year with blowing of trumpets and bugles and with the wild music that kills from afar by the bands that were of the savage races, and say each unto the other « This is the year that we have waited for when we shall fight the King's enemies and march through the fair cities of our enemy's country even unto the chief city that is called Berlin ».

68. — And the Chief Counsellor of our Mother's Country did decree that all bands should have but four companies ; but that all may go across the seas did allow that two companies be put together and called one company.

69. — And they did further decree that the officer of the junior of the Majors being but an ornamentation and a burden to the tax payers should cease to exist, and the T. O. and the S. O. should be also of the henchmen of the companies and of the companies only four of the henchmen called subalterns should be allowed to each and that all other henchmen being surplus should be left in our Mother's Country.

70. — And the heart of the S. O. being sorely stricken that they took from him his horse and he could no longer chase the sunbeams he did leave the band of our O. C. to become a henchman in the Fusiliers of Our Mother's Country, even unto the 25th Battalion.

71. — And the P. M. having been appointed as A. A. was ordered also to be left behind.

72. — And the miners that mine the coal in the earth having returned by stealth in the dead of night to the O. C's band before leaving for the tin hut were welcomed with much joy.

73. — And the second and seventh companies were joined together and became N° 1, and the commander of the second company his second in command.

74. — And the first and third companies were joined likewise and to a henchman of the miners who wore the crowns of gilt upon his shoulders and had seen much service in the King's Armies was given the command ; and as his second in command the commander of the first company.

75. — And the fourth and fifth companies were joined to each other and became N° 3, and the commander thereof was he who had commanded the fifth company and the commander of the sixth company became his second in command.

(TO BE CONTINUED).