

Personal Notes of Interest

Ask Sergt. D. C. Smith what part of his anatomy he is willing to give in defence of his King and Country.

Say, boys, ask Bennie how long ago it was since he hit the bull's eye at 700 yards. Some going, Chappie, and yet they say you want to join the mechanical transport.

We also hear he wrote home telling his wife he would be home by June. How optimistic. Let us hope you are right. We will look for a trip in your little old Ford for this write up.

It may interest some to know that former C. S. M. Tommy O'Connor is now the R.S.M. of another battalion and is stationed at Halifax.

All the Members of Parliament of the Highland brigade are meandering their way back to Canada for the session of the legislature. Let us hope, boys, that in the next war we will all be M. P.'s so we will have a chance to step away from the war for a short time.

We note that Sergt.-Major O. W. Haines has joined the staff of the "physical jerks" instructors. Be careful, Willard, and do not work the boys too hard.

Major G. B. Cutten, better known as "Fighting George" and formerly a member of the new battalion, has been appointed chief recruiting officer of Nova Scotia.

We notice by the Halifax papers that Lieut. R. W. Black is reported wounded. This is erroneous as Mr. Black is still on active service. We trust that when the popular machine gun officer reaches France no such "luck" may befall him.

We notice that our genial friend, Sergt. E. D. McPhee has got a crown on his arm and is Acting C. S. M. of No. 4 company. "Mac" is popular with the boys and all are glad to learn of his promotion.

Since coming to the new camp, Lieut. R. D. Graham has been transferred to another unit. Well liked by all the men of A company, and especially by the boys of No. 2 Platoon, "Roarie" will be a valuable addition to the senior battalion of the famed Nova Scotia Highland Brigade.

Captain H. R. Emerson, of D company of one of the latest arriving units, has taken command of No. 6 company under the re-organization scheme. We note that he still has the smiling face of Sergeant-Major Johnson around his orderly room. We are almost tempted to ask if this is the reason he has such good success in the organization of his company. A good team and hard to beat.

We should like to know who were the winners of the debate on which party in Canada gave the most advanced legislation. We are informed on good authority that such a debate took place in hutment C—one night not long ago. Both the debaters claim to be of Irish descent. Cut it out, boys: it is against K. R. and O. to talk politics or religion when in khaki.

A member of our staff heard one of our "would-be Field Marshals" talking about the end of the war the other day. He was certainly not feeling well. His words were: "Kitchener is dead; Lord Roberts is gone and I was horrified to read today that my old friend, Sir Frederick Borden, had gone to his reward. O, all the great men are dying, and, to tell the truth about it, boys, I do not feel any too good myself, tonight." Curtain, please.

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