

We are glad to know that Pte. Harrison's grandmother was the founder of the famous Yorkshire pudding, but it is not necessary for him to tell us so many times, as he did on the night of the 14th.

Pte. Oliver denies being a "chicken roost robber," but admits taking walks occasionally with a sick cousin. Fresh air is good for the sick. Then, again, he would like to know if he is "present and correct" if he hears his name called and answers it while he is in the barber's chair.

The Monte Carlo is open again in the lines of No. 9 Platoon. Anyone having plenty of cigarettes is welcome to call at any time. Banker Thomas will receive him.

We are pleased to welcome Pte. March back after his illness, but at the same time we would like to see the sergeant's cook order a good supply of jam.

We are sure Pte. Thomas showed great thoughtfulness when he gave Lce.-Cpl. Hislop a warm bath on the night of the 14th, although Hislop did not appear to appreciate it.

The ship was rocking terribly in the lines of No. 9 Platoon on the night of the 14th, and much "sea" sickness prevailed.

Pte. R. Price did some recruiting on the night of the 14th, and secured the promises of about fifty-one Hindus, two hundred Chinamen, sixteen negroes, and a number of returned soldiers. Keep it up, Price!

Pte. Algy Bryan prides himself on the keeping of a can of jam for four days, and it has been on the table every meal. But alas! poor Algy's record is doomed to receive a crushing blow. Pte. March has returned.

We would like an explanation from Pte. Haughton, of No. 11 Platoon, who danced a lively jig "somewhere near the Willows," during which performance a piece of white cloth with lace on the bottom emerged from the depths of his pocket. Now "Billie"!

Pte. Witmer was the first cook's orderly to get his table cleared off not long ago, and was greatly surprised till he learned that Ptes. Gillfillan and Ockwell had gone to supper elsewhere.

There is certainly some system with the "No. 9 Platoon Shoe Shine Company." The blacking tin is owned by Pte. Girvan, the blacking in it is owned by Pte. Cotton, the handle of the shoebrush is owned by Pte. Dinsdale, while the rest of the shoebrush is owned by Pte. Hazell. There is a shine parade every morning, each member bringing his own section of the equipment.

Corporal Down is very anxious that the lines occupied by No. 9 Platoon shall be in order, as can be seen by the way he walks up and down before the lights are on in the morning. Someone wakes up every morning and misses a shoebrush and a tin of polish, until after breakfast, when they usually find it without a very keen search, while the corporal's shoes shine like mirrors. Maybe, thereby hangs a tale.

We cannot help but notice how much consideration our captain shows us at times. In the case of the big skirmish, when Mr. Meredith got a convoy through to the Willows, Captain Nicholson was in charge of the reserves, and he carefully led them to a part of the woods which had a large sign bearing the words: "No shooting allowed beyond this tree." Safety first.

When crossing bridges troops usually "break the step." What a number of bridges we encountered after we were marched behind the rest of the Battalion coming back from Colwood.

We welcome to our Company our second in command, Lt. Cook.

We congratulate ourselves on obtaining such an efficient, genial and thorough officer as Lt. Cook surely is.

We deeply regret not being represented in the last issue of the "Western Scot." A misunderstanding was the cause, not the lack of news.

Will someone give us the correct definition of a "bathing parade"? According to orders we have had three "bathing parades," and yet nothing unusual has happened. We certainly do not know what it is.

Pte. Cotton was looking forward to a bathing parade alright. He showed this by taking a bath the day before the parade. He has not been well since.

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