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## EDITORIAL.

### OUR THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

IN August next the LISTENING POST will complete its third year of existence as a trench paper. It is intended to publish a special anniversary number of 40 pages if the necessary paper can be obtained.

Started in 1915 as a small four-page journal with a circulation of 750 copies, it rapidly gained favour, until, about the time of the Somme in 1916, some 17,000 copies of each issue of eight pages were being printed by local printers in France and circulated throughout the Canadian Corps. Shortage of paper in 1917, and the difficulty of obtaining labour for the printing in the shelled area in which it was being produced, doubled the costs and the price of the paper. Later it became impossible to obtain either paper or printer to handle it in France, and the policy of the paper had to be changed to publishing a 24-page issue every two or three months.

This policy, with the acute shortage of paper, is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain, but it is hoped by occasional publication to maintain interest in the paper until the conclusion of the war, when our return to Canada will give us the opportunity to revert again to our twice-a-month issues.

## S. R. D.

The above letters have always cast a potent spell over the minds of men at the front. They become of absorbing importance to every soldier just as soon as he gets rid of his little white ration bag and first sizes up the homely brown jar. Whenever a soldier has nothing better to do—which often happens—he tries to puzzle out the meaning of these initials. S.R.D.—is it an incantation, a prayer, or a description? What does it stand for? We append a selection of guesses:—

Seldom Reaches Destination.  
Specially Repels Doctors.  
Sergeants' Regular Drink.  
Sometimes Relentlessly Diluted.  
Signallers Refuse Daily.  
Scouts Reject Diurnally.  
(Some'd Rather Die.)  
Subalterns Ruthlessly Detest.  
Slips Right Down.

General Routine Orders contain some rather odd injunctions at times. For instance, the one which directs that no one will be permitted to send home captured guns, mortars, arms or ammunition, or to dispose of the same, as they are the property of the Government.

Picture Private Dudhunter paraded before higher authority for the petty offence of having one of the 75-mile guns in his possession, or for trying to peddle the same to an estaminet-keeper for its value in vin blink. Also, how was Private Dudhunter to know that he might get F.P. No. 1 for, whilst on active service, having a minenwerfer in his pack at kit-inspection, or striking a non-commissioned officer with a damaged German tank when ordered to deliver up the pill-box he had picked up on Vimy Ridge?

The order does not mention aeroplanes, battleships, kite balloons, or bell tents, so we may safely assume that it will be quite in order for the troops to add these to their souvenir collections.