



EDITORIAL.

FOR the last time on European soil we present an issue of the LISTENING POST, with the hope that it will be as well received as its predecessors.

In this issue an endeavour has been made to present to all members and ex-members of the Battalion, and their friends and relatives throughout the world, certain information that a rigid censorship during the actual progress of the war prevented us even mentioning, whilst still preserving the lighter features of satire and humour in verse, story and sketch, that have made our little journal a welcome visitor during the past three years.

In the years to come, if we are to remain in existence, many changes in the policy of the paper will have to be made. Advertisements will, of necessity, have to become a feature if the journal is ever to be placed on a satisfactory financial basis under the stress of the struggle for existence that is the outstanding fact of our modern civilisation. Current comment on military matters, and on civilian topics, that interest or affect the soldier or ex-soldier, will, of necessity, have to displace fiction to a large extent—though in this connection matters peculiarly affecting the 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion, its members or post-bellum organizations, will naturally receive prior consideration.

The measure of the LISTENING POST's success in entering the ranks of commercial journalism will depend, primarily, on the measure of support given to it by the members and ex-members of the 7th Canadian Battalion.

A full explanation of the future policy is given elsewhere, and it is hoped that every old 7th man will rally round the little rag that first saw the light at Messines in 1915 and that, since, has (in spite of almost insurmountable difficulties) managed to keep up its identity in France, Belgium and Germany.

In the résumé of the 7th Battalion's part in the war, and accompanying maps, are given many dates. It is regretted that mistakes of one or two days may have crept into these articles; but our readers are asked to overlook any such that they may notice. The mass of official documents that contain the exact information of all our doings could not, obviously, be carried around by a unit in action, and the brief outline of our wanderings have been made up, chiefly, from memory. The official handbook of the 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion that General Odum speaks of in his letter will, no doubt, contain exact and authoritative information of all our doings; but the information on which that book will be based is not available to us in our limited time before going to print.

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