

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

Preface

As the ordinary routine of modern army life becomes more and more familiar to those at home, and indeed the one-time extraordinary happenings come to be viewed as commonplace through constant repetition, it becomes more and more difficult to find letter material which seems to bear the imprint of outstanding general interest, and this is doubtless accountable for the falling off in the number of letters received for publication in this pamphlet. As a consequence, the dates of issue have tended to widen. We do not regret this, because we should not care to see frequent issues at the cost of a deterioration in the high quality which has been evidenced in previous letters published. On the other hand, we would ask of those who have material which might be submitted to recall that all these letters will have a wonderful historic interest in years to come and especially those which encompass the names, sayings and doings of others in addition to the writer.

Many of our absent overseas readers will be much interested in knowing that at the dinner given to the visiting Managers at the time of the last annual meeting they were not forgotten, and we have much pleasure in publishing the able response to the toast to the Navy and Army made by Col. Duncan Donald, the first colonel of the 134th Battalion (48th Highlanders), who was unfortunately precluded by ill health from accompanying that battalion overseas:—