

After transferring to the signalling branch of the First Division as a cyclist W. C. Butler is now a staff-sergeant at Corps Headquarters.

S. McL. Norton is holding down a job in the administration department at Division Headquarters, with the rank of sergeant.

Pte. Colin Campbell of No. 1, who was wounded at Ypres and after being in hospital for four months in Blighty returned to the front, is acting regimental tailor. Colin was on the staff of Sergt.-Tailor Fitzgerald in the early days of the regiment. The latter is now a C.S.M. in the 43rd Batt.

Sergt. Morley, a former private in No. 1 is now chief draftsman at Division Headquarters.

Pte. J. Morley, of No. 2 Co., is acting orderly for Major G. Godson-Godson, D.S.O., Camp Commandant, Canadian Corps.

Capt. Victor Hastings on the 4th inst. had the honor of being received by His Majesty at Buckingham Palace and being decorated with the Military Cross.

Major Frank Morison, D.S.O., formerly of No. 3, has been appointed Chief Compensation Officer for the C.E.F.

Sergt. D. T. Jones is an instructor at the recently established division gas school.

Corpl. J. F. Cadenhead has been transferred to Col. Sir Max Aitken's department.

Owing to the illness of Capt. R. M. Luton, M.O., Capt. L. M. Rice is again attached to the battalion as M.O.

Sergt. J. A. Boyd is now the senior shoemaker sergeant of the First Division by reason of being the oldest in point of continuous service since the division was formed at Valcartier. He learnt the trade after enlisting for active service.

A BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

Assuredly the bible means the Bail-leul-Boulogne railway when it tells of the creation of all "creeping things."

THEY SOUND THE SAME

A lady writes to know what is a brazier? On page two a versifier tells of its many functions. To Tommy in the trenches it means any old metal receptacle in which he can make a fire to cook his rations or to warm his dug-out. Spelt braiser, the dictionary authorities say it is a pan for holding coals. Spelt brassière, it is a piece of dainty lingerie to hold the form. There are braziers galore in the trenches, but usually coke is Na Poo.



Gossip round The Brazier

THANKS ARE DUE

The thanks of the battalion are due to a host of friends in Canada and the British Isles for countless gifts since The Canadian Scottish arrived in France. The Brazier, on behalf of all ranks, takes this opportunity to cordially acknowledge and express the appreciation felt to those in both Home-lands for their great generosity, and also for the countless good wishes that accompanied the different consignments of clothing, eatables, smokes and other comforts for the boys in the trenches. The Officer Commanding has endeavored in the following list to include all who have sent parcels, but there may be several whose names do not appear and to whom this appreciation is also extended:

The Citizens of Toronto; The Canadian War Contingent Assn.; Canadian Field Comforts Commission; National Service Committee representing the Women of Canada; Daughters of the Empire of Victoria, Winnipeg and Prince Rupert; The Red Cross of Montreal and Vancouver; Athletic Committee of Winnipeg; The World and Province of Vancouver; The Gazette of Montreal; Miss Meeker, Mrs. Jellett, D. Nicholson, Judge Crowley and Robt. Jacobs of Montreal; Mrs. Hamber, Mrs. Gillies and H. Bell-Irving of Vancouver; Mrs. J. H. Logan of St. Johns, Nfld.; D. Rothschild of Sudbury; Jos. A. Leekie of Walsall; Mrs. T. R. Finneane of Cobalt, Ontario; A. W. Patmore; A. H. Noble (formerly of the 7th Batt.), H. Peck, W. Creelman, A. Belknap, D. W. Peck and R. S. Wright of Prince Rupert; Lockerbie Women's Guild of Scotland; Miss M. E. Harris of Enfield; Girl Guides of Nanaimo; Mrs. J. Ross, 36 Fellows Road, South Hampstead, London, N.W.; Mrs. Goodhart, 35 Portland Place and the "Men on the March" Society, London; Messrs. Moore Bros., Halifax.



A SPLENDID GIFT

Recent battalion orders contain the Commanding Officer's thanks to Messrs. Moore Bros., Ltd., Halifax, for a gift of 500 tins of toffee which were greatly appreciated by all ranks.

FOR COMMISSIONS

Pte. R. M. Clarke, signaller; Pte. A. S. Low, No. 3 Co., and Lee-Cpl. C. A. McCool have been transferred to England for the purpose of training for commissions. Pte. C. W. Gammon of the Medical section is to attend the cadet school, assembling May 3, for a similar purpose.

WINS FRENCH HONOUR

Hearty congratulations to Acting-C.S.M. J. A. Scroggie of the Grenade section on his being awarded the French decoration of the Medaille Militaire. It is the first French award to be bestowed on a member of the battalion.

WHAT THE BOYS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

If the rumour that the First Canadian Division is going back for a real rest is true.

If those nifty brass buttons and shoulder badges are an issue or a purchase.

Who was the piper that invited two friends to an estaminet to have a "shot" and on proceeding to dig up the necessary centimes exclaimed, "Excuse me, boys, I left my money in my other tunic"—and does he come from Aberdeen?

Who is to write the War-r Diary in the absence of the battalion's historian?

How many bomb-proof jobs are included in the establishment of an army corps?

Will a prize be offered for a title for the proposed Brigade paper?

Does Fritz intend to make a splash on our front before the Pioneer Battalion has a chance to make good in practice its strenuous period of theoretical training?

Is it possible to make Blighty on a football knee?

When will the adjourned Brigade Sports be pulled off?

Why doesn't the Flying Corps import a few of those new Canadian aeroplanes to tackle the Fokkers?

If The Brazier will publish an Xmas annual every year?