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## THE BATTALION

The Officers had a most pleasant surprise last Friday evening after Mess, when Major Henniker and Officers of the Victoria Independent Squadron B. C. Horse, called in a body in order that we might become better acquainted. Major Henniker proposed a toast to our Officers and Battalion, and expressed the splendid feeling which existed between the two units, and hoped that this friendship would be encouraged and fostered by the officers for the benefit of the men while together in the Willows Camp. Major Christie proposed a toast to the Victoria Independent Squadron B. C. Horse, in his usual pleasing style, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, and we wish to express our heartiest appreciation of the thoughtfulness of Major Henniker in bringing us together in the manner he did.

The Union Bank of Canada has made arrangements to open a branch in camp for the benefit of units training at The

Of the issue of "The Western Scot," of October 30, Private Smith, No. 4 Company, sold \$3.40 worth; No. 3 Company salesmen, \$6.15; Private Glover, No. 1 Company, \$2.00; the Canteen, \$4.10; Sergeants' Mess, 80c; Officers' Mess, 45c; and City news stands \$1.20. Of the first issue the Canteen sold \$17.00 worth. Taken altogether, the results of the first four weeks' operation are most gratifying.

## NO. 1 COMPANY

No. 1 Company takes this opportunity of congratulating O.C., Capt. Armour, on his promotion to Major.

Platoons 1 and 2 had their first inoculation on Monday. The hospital staff gave us some consolation by assuring us the charge was only five hundred million, but whether it was gallons, pints or germs we were not informed.

The company which threatens to publish an article "frankly



OUR FIRST PROMOTIONS—Major C. C. Harbottle, the indefatigable Adjutant and capable organizer, who as Junior Major will now command the left half battalion



OUR FIRST PROMOTIONS—Major S. Armour, in command of No. 1 Company



OUR FIRST PROMOTIONS—Major H. O. Meredith Jones, at present in command of No. 5 Company, the "Overseas Draft" of the Western Scots

Willows. The location selected is at the entrance to the Post Office in the basement of No. 2 Building. This step on the part of the bank is most commendable and should be of great help to all ranks, particularly in view of the fact that on pay days settlement will be made by individual checks. The presence of the bank in camp will also enable savings accounts to be opened without the trouble and inconvenience of visiting town during banking hours. This latter feature should appeal to a very large number, and it is hoped that the enterprise displayed by the bank will receive due appreciation at the hands of all concerned.

Don't imagine that you have a monopoly of the milk of human kindness. Lend a sympathetic ear to the hard luck tale of the man with "the sick wife," with "the aged mother," or the "ailing children," but don't encourage his "touching" story. Last week saw the sudden demission of a man with a sick wife at Seattle who had successfully touched several chums, including one C.S.M. The man's tale of woe influenced his officer to secure an advance of pay, and next day the cast-off uniform of that particular regimental number was found at a local hotel.

boastful in tone" should take care that the battalion orders of the day on which it is published redound more to their credit than did the orders of the day on which the intention was published.

The stretcher-bearers rendered Sgt. Burton's cat first aid. Sgt. Burton's cat is dead.

No. 3 Company was almost complimentary to us last week. What is coming? "Timemus Danaos et dona ferentes."

What did our gallant Colonel think at the staff dinner the other night when he heard that he had already "laid down his life" for his country in Flanders?

On our remarking to Pipe-Major Wishart that the brass band had been missed on a recent march, he replied: "It's a queer stuckin that's no missed oot the hedge." He says that he is afraid that when he gets home people will not understand him, as he has acquired such an English accent!

All the same, accent or no accent, the pipe-major certainly can organize a banquet, and carry it through with a swing, too. We hear his next activity is to be a dance "twa-three days aifter pey day." We'll bet on its being a huge success, too.