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EDITORIAL.

AU REVOIR.

Owing to the fact that private business necessitates my departure from the C.R.O., I much regret that, with the publication of this issue, I resign my position as Editor and Business Manager of the Bulletin.

I am glad to be able to announce that Pte. F. Boshier, of Central Section, will succeed me as Editor, and I have every confidence that he will receive the worthy support of the whole office to the same extent that I have. He will publish the Bulletin every fortnight in future, and I will contribute the cartoons as usual.

Many of our readers will remember the first issue of the then *Daily Bulletin*, which was first published by Pte. F. S. Turner in May, 1918. It was a sheet of paper—typewritten. Three or four copies were made and these were handed round the office every morning. After about a week of successful issues it was decided to have a small number run off on the Roneo. A cartoon was included in this number, and I had the pleasure of *carving* it on a stencil! This was published daily for about a fortnight, but owing to the shortage of paper we came into conflict with the powers that be and decided to *buy our own bally paper!* and have it *printed*. This was done, and the result was that terrible little yellow *sn* about which many rude remarks were passed.

I then had the honour of being elected Business Manager, and we launched the present publication—with sufficient success to continue it up to the present.

Printing and paper are expensive items

these days, and our *very limited circulation* prevented us from increasing the size or reducing the price of the paper.

The objects we have aimed at have been to help along *esprit de corps* in this office, at the same time providing funds for the P. of W. and St. Dunstan's, and we claim to have achieved our objects to some extent.

We have registered kicks, but this being a military office we have been under censorship; otherwise, I should have been S.O.S. long ago!

As will be seen from our balance sheet, we have a balance of £57 7s. 6½d. for St. Dunstan's, and this amount is to be forwarded immediately this edition is sold to Sir Arthur Pearson, and the receipt I will hand to the adjutant, who will make it known in whatever way he thinks fit.

With £10 we sent to the P. of W. Tobacco Fund we have now raised £67 7s. 6½d. for charity, in spite of the fact that, apart from the Christmas Number, only 22 numbers have been issued, and our circulation has only averaged about 550 per issue for the whole period!

Having got the "business end" off my chest, I should like to take this opportunity to tender my sincere thanks to Lieut. L. E. Candy and Pte. F. Boshier, whose co-operation with me throughout as treasurer and auditor respectively have been of such assistance.

I also beg to express my heartiest thanks to the many correspondents and readers who have supported our little "rag" with such enthusiasm in the past.

Having been in this office now for over three years, it is with great regret that I have to sever my connection with the many friends I have made, but I harbour the thought that I may console myself with the fact of being able to look back on those three years I spent among Canadians as three years among gentlemen—and sportsmen.

G. F. LOW,  
 Editor.

CHEVRONS.

1918 back numbers of the Bulletin are still on hand, and will be distributed gratis to anyone who requires same within the next few days.

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On Monday, 31st inst., R.2.B.2. are to hold a Section Social of their own. The programme they have in hand is to include a dance, whist drive, and a free and easy concert; these are to be backed up by refreshments.

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Over seventy are expected to be present, including guests, and everything points to R.2.B.2 having a most enjoyable evening.

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This reminds us that the "Victory Social" or dinner, or whatever else you like to call it, looks as far off as ever so far as this office is concerned. Other offices—including Canadian offices—have held their "Victory" affair, why not this?

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We would remind our readers that we do *not* purchase meal tickets.

The Canadian Military Choir is at Euston Music Hall this week.

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MEN OF THE EMPIRE L.O.L. 880.—This Lodge will hold an emergency on Thursday, March 27th, 1919, in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, E.C., at 7 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

CPL. J. F. BETTENS, W.M.  
 S./SGT. C. J. FORSTER, Sec.

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BILLIARDS.—Owing to the enthusiasm shown billiards in this office, it has been suggested that a handicap tournament be started as soon as possible. Entrance fee and prizes to be decided later. Nobody barred. For full particulars see Corporal Bender, R.1.C/3.

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If we fail to play this tournament, Corpl. Bender says he will claim the championship.

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This is the stuff to give 'em. We would draw our billiard enthusiasts' attention to our correspondence column.