

# The Iodine Chronicle

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## EDITORIAL.

We have been very much encouraged by the splendid support that has been given to the "Iodine Chronicle" by every man in the unit, and we are assured that this support will be continued so long as our little paper continues to make its appearance twice every month.

It is an ambitious thing for a small unit like a Field Ambulance to have a paper of its own, yet this we have succeeded in doing, owing to the splendid *esprit de corps* that exists in the unit, and the hearty support we have received from all ranks.

Many literary compositions in verse and prose, some of exceptional quality, have been received, and in thanking these valued contributors, we must confess that the success of our paper has been largely brought about by their efforts. We feel sure, however, that there are a number of men in the unit with a literary turn of mind, although they may not necessarily be aware of it, and we appeal to them to get pencil and paper right away and write something for *their* paper, the "Iodine Chronicle." At the same time we want our old contributors to still continue to send in their welcome contributions, which we are sure will do so much to ensure the future success of our paper.

## A TRIBUTE

(to the thoughtful ladies on duty at Victoria Station).

Good ladies who at early morn  
Arise before the break of dawn,  
A debt of thanks we owe to thee  
For a delicious cup of tea.

As, after travels of the night  
In London town we did alight,  
Your sandwiches upon a tray  
Our hunger did much to allay.

Ye fair ones, who despise your rest,  
And hustle cheering cups with zest,  
Your kindly welcome makes us feel  
As if 'twas both sincere and real.

To you, these very halting lines  
Are e'en addressed as humble signs  
Of gratitude, of sincere class,  
By one who's just returned from "pass."

R. O. S.

## MOTOR TRANSPORT NOTES.

Driver F. R. Stevens has been promoted to the rank of Lance-Corporal. Although somewhat youthful, L.-Cpl. Stevens has a good knowledge of his work, and this promotion has been well earned.

Present indications are that by the time this appears in print we shall be in possession of the long-looked-for Ambulance to replace the one lost in the second battle of Ypres last April. The handicap under which the summer's work has been done is somewhat compensated for by the satisfaction of knowing that we have kept up the work of a seven car convoy with only six cars.

Fifty per cent. of the M.T. boys have now been on pass. The present burning question is "Who's next for Angleterre?"

Evidently the Motor Transport is not the most unpopular branch of the service. Six men in different units have asked to be transferred to our M.T. during the past week.

It is rumoured that another of our drivers will ask the O.C.'s permission to take unto himself a wife in the near future. "Some" soldier! to take part in two campaigns at one time. It has been suggested that there should be some special decoration for heroes of this type.

## "A" SECTION NOTES.

An impromptu Concert (vocal and instrumental) was given by "Whirlwind" Blizzard the other night. It was greatly enjoyed by all those fortunate enough to be present, and in a fit condition to enjoy it. It is hoped by all that this talented entertainer will favour us again in the near future.

"Sniper" Stuart went on pass last week. It is understood that he is combining business with pleasure on this trip, as he expects to have an interview with the Hon. A. J. Balfour with regard to having the ships of the British Navy supplied with rubber funnels, such as have been used with such great success on the "Niobe."

"Whirlwind" Blizzard busted his glasses whilst making a balloon ascension the other day, and now he says he can see scarcely nothing hardly.

## ANSWER TO CHALLENGE.

In answer to a "B" Section challenge for two debaters to meet Ptes. Smith and Dawson, "A" Section wishes it to be made known through the medium of this paper that they have two men they are willing to back, not only against Smith and Dawson, but against the whole of "B" Section.

They desire the public to know that they have a dozen or more men that are good debaters (on pay night), but their two champions, Ptes. Hargreaves and Merrick, can make more noise than all the rest of them. If "B" Section wishes to have the challenge taken up, they will kindly give notice of same in the "Iodine Chronicle," further, the attention of "B" Section is drawn to the fact that the "A" Section men are liable to appear in the professional class in the near future. In fact, as is well known, Pte. Hargreaves was in civil life a semi-pro.

## OUR CANADIAN BOYS.

BY MICHAEL PATRICK O'BRIEN.

We are the boys of the Maple Leaf;  
On a wonderful mission we are.

I'll tell you what, we'll see it through,  
And for this we've come from afar.

We have won a name on the battlefield,  
Whilst fighting a merciless foe;  
We have made them run; yes, five to one,  
And they fear us, wherever we go.

We've fought the foe in trenches,  
On hill side and hill top;  
In every battle we've been in  
We've made the foemen hop.

Talk to some British soldiers  
Who've been with us since the start;  
They can tell you all about us,  
To do so is not our part.

And when the war is over,  
And we are homeward bound,  
Acrossing the briny ocean,  
To where all is calm and sound.

When we arrive in old Canada  
(Those who're left of her soldier sons),  
Who've fought for her like heroes,  
And a name for her have won.

They will meet with a hearty welcome,  
A welcome true and kind,  
For they'll loudly be applauded  
By the loved ones left behind.