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TO THE DRAFT:—

"Knots and Lashings" has done its best to amuse and instruct you during its brief career and your sojourn in barracks.

We ask you—those who are lucky in being on the draft—to continue your unstinted support to YOUR paper.

Before you go leave with us a one dollar bill. For this we will send you a copy of "Knots and Lashings" every week for four months.

Here is an opportunity for you to do yourself and others a good turn. We will have a man call on you for your dollar—but save us the trouble. Come up to Room 71 after you get your pay on Tuesday next and leave your name and subscription.

NOW WE HAVE A DEPOT BANNER

The emblem of the Engineer services is the bursting grenade, and until we search the records of this particular branch of the service we are at a loss, more or less, to account for this otherwise contradictory representation.

In the latter part of the seventeenth century, when armies began to develop large proportions—not as we talk of armies today but large as compared with previous armies—and also began to develop scientifically with the introduction of large calibre artillery, etc., the Engineer branch of the service was a very important one.

The Engineer, as applied to war work, got his title from the fact that he made and worked the engines of war. He also made bombs and grenades, and at first used these in warfare. In order to relieve the Engineers for other duties the Grenadiers were formed to use the bombs and grenades, but the Engineers continued to make these articles for some time.

The Artillery was, in a similar manner, formed to relieve the Engineers of the work of handling the guns and is an offshoot of the Engineer service.

These changes were brought about and these units (Grenadiers and Artillery) were formed on account of the amount of technical work involved in an army developing technically as it was at this period.

From this time the Engineer service has continued as a pioneer and construction service, its only offensive work being the use of explosives in mines and demolition.

It is thus that we are entitled to the grenade which apparently is out of place in our banner.

The Depot banner is practically a replica of the Royal Engineer banner, the difference being that the word "Ubique" written on the scroll of the Imperial service banner has been changed to "Canada" on ours. The initials E. T. D. are attached below, localising the banner to our Depot.

THE DRAFT

Quite a number of us around barracks are happy at last—our names are on the list for "overseas". "Knots and Lashings" wishes these "Boys"—eager as they are to be doing something for their country—God Speed.

In another column "Knots and Lashings" makes an appeal to those who have some interest left in the Depot, which we hope will be readily answered. Remember, "Boys"; this Depot is the "Home" of the Engineer services of Canada. It is your home, and as members of a corps with such a grand record behind it and such a splendid future ahead, you should be anxious to do all in your power to make it your home and be proud of it.

The old line regiments fought almost as much for their regimental glory as they did for King and Country—there was to them a **something** in their associations with their traditions. Remember, then, that we, CANADIAN ENGINEERS, have traditions, too.

You are a unit of a splendid force. Your pride in the traditions of your corps should be equal—it could not be greater—to that of these old line regiments whose records are a pride to the land of their birth.

MILITARY WHIST DRIVE.

The Colonel Commanding and the Officers of the E. T. D. are inviting guests to a Military Bridge Drive at Oddfellows' Hall on Tuesday evening next, the 15th inst.

CORRECTION.

We sincerely regret that an error was made in last week's issue. "Chas. G. G. McClure" should read **C. N. G. Milne** in the report re Canadian Prisoners-of-War Fund on page ten.



Songs We Know:—(8)—"My Hero!"