

# The Mounted Section Flays Those Who Scorn It!

## THE DRIVERS SAY—

Modesty is our one failing, but as the Editor of "Knots and Lashings" has condescendingly placed a corner of No. 10 at the disposal of the Mounted Section, it behooves us, even in a small way, to place ourselves on record.

We come, as it were, 1st: at least in the 1st issue of the New Year; ditto in our own opinion.

We have appreciated the many kind things which have been said about the Drivers in "What we want to know", and we will at this time try and enlighten you. The trouble with you fellows in the Sappers is:—you have far too much spare time and sleep.

There are some things you will never know unless you get up with the rest of the barracks, at 5 o'clock in the mornin', when the Sun begins to shine! (You should hear Lt. McCulloch singing this!) What would the Base Coy. think if he actually put his words into action?

We'll see you anyway, boys; lets know, and we'll give you a shout: we are on our way back from work round about that time (we waken the post at quarter to the hour!)

But to get back to where we were, as to "What you want to know".

We notice in C Coy "wants" if "Horse" would be the best definition for a Sapper.

We would refer C Coy to "the straw that broke the Camels back".

Next, C Coy wondered if a regular "draught" would help C Coy to go on the water wagon. We have noticed that a 4-mile route march put some of them on every blessed wagon we had!

B Coy made bold to state, with pride, that they had "tried out" (tired out) more officers for overseas than any other Coy in the barracks. Come again, B Coy! We never missed one, we wore them out 1st, "tried them out" and then passed them on to you. Good sports, every one of them! Most of the rough corners were knocked off before you got them!

We notice your adv, Base Coy! We throw that out of the Stables at 5 a.m.!

—But go to it! we have been wondering why the Q.M. was short of any boots under 10's. Perhaps "Foundations", referred to in your column, helps to clear things up.

But we wont say more:—if we had as much time on our hands as you fellows we would know what WORK was! One Sapper said: "Where is the Mounted Section?—

## ECHOES FROM THE STABLES.

We come from the land of the east and the west.

In that far away land is our truest and best.

Some come from the hills, and some from the plains,

But there are those among us, who'll never see them again.

We gave up our positions, and gave up our joys,

And came to St. John's, to live with the "Boys".

We came here to work, but came not to growl,

For above the roar of the cannon we hear the German beast howl.

He howls for the blood of our strongest and best,

And eyes with envy the lands of the west.

So we're in it Boys, "to do" or to "die"

But we'll blacken the white of the old Kaiser's eye.

Some day soon, we'll be "Overseas"

Away from the land of "good eats" and ease".

The strangers land will soon be our own

But from the Mounted Section you'll hear never a moan.

We'll play the "man", Boys, until the battle's done.

Then home we'll come crowned with victory won.

So with these few words my tale I'll end,

And to the "Windsor" my steps I'll wend.

I'm not much of a poet, as you all can see,

So for the many mistakes PLEASE excuse me.

—NIBS.

I've been here 6 weeks and haven't seen them!"

Get up!—we are working! How's this?—Four miles out, two to go, and six back again!

## MOUNTED SECTION WANTS TO KNOW

Whether the C.P.M. is going to pull something off this month?

Whether he will let us know in time?

Where he got his voice from?

Where Major Milne's smile has gone?

Why he doesn't revert to his early summer vocation?

When the Canteen balance sheet for month of November is to be submitted?

Why Cpl. Carp wears gum-boots in the stables. Is it to save boot polish?

Who was the N.C.O. that went into mess twice for supper one night? Old Friend?

Where did the C.S.M. get his information that the drivers were lower than the sappers? And, if he meant it, is the temperature of the water in the horse trough too cold for the benefit of his health?

Who is the most popular N.C.O. in the mounted section. Don't all speak at once.

Did he get his popularity by begging cigarettes?

Does the whole section stand as one man in congratulating Sergeant Doyland upon his promotion?

If the Sappers were eating their natural food when they were eating nuts in the "Men's Mess".

Who was the Driver who said "Carry On" after the Orderly Officer answered his challenge at midnight.

What the lady in Toronto said when she discovered a certain Corporal had taken her smelling salts away with him.

A'hem! What Section the Sapper came from who filled his palliasse from the Manure Bin between No. 1 and No. 2 Stables.

Who the Officer was who visited the Litter Sheds at the Stables looking for Scabiaes, while his Sappers had them all the time.

Why the Drivers are paraded with the Sappers when tunnelers and rough carpenters are wanted? We have only one Painter (and he's on the water wagon:—see daily orders.)

If the other monkey in the cage (Vol. 5) was from the Base or "A" Coy.

Who the Sappers are who, when in Montreal, wear bandoliers and spurs. We want to be introduced!

Why an A Coy Officer (nuffed) knocks the Mtd Section every chance he gets.

Why certain Officers and N. C. O's warn transfers to the Mounted Section that they will "regret it".

Why they don't let the transfers find it out for themselves.

How many of them they get back?

What does this advisory board know about the Mtd. Sect.

What a Sapper has to clean for Inspection?

What would he think of this?—

(Driver)	(Sapper)
48 straps	
19 brass buckles	1 Rifle
2 Bridles	1 Overseas kit
1 Saddle (often 2)	
2 Horses	
2 Stalls	
1 Rifle	
1 Bandolier	
2 Spurs	
etc., etc.	

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