

ROUND THE DEPOT.



Several changes are about to take place among our officers. Lieut.-Col. Ellis, D.S.O., who was Brigade Major, is leaving us to take up the duties of Chief Instructor C.S.M.E. vice Lieut.-Col. Dunbar, to Command the 3rd C.E.R.B.

Capt. McPhail is now taking over the duties of Brigade Major. Capt. Inderwick, who has been responsible for the re-organization of accommodation, or, as he puts it, putting a 3-ton lorry into a match box, is leaving us for "over there." Lieut. Mason is now taking over the duties of Staff Captain, "Q" Branch, whilst Lieut. Mandley is doing the duties of Orderly Officer. We are all sorry to lose Lieut.-Col. Ellis and Capt. Inderwick, and we wish the latter God speed and a safe return. At the same time, the officers who are taking over their duties can be assured of loyal support by N.C.O.s and men of the sub-staff.

The boys of Headquarters said last month it was time we put something in worth reading, instead of getting them in the wrong with the girls by telling tales out of school. What can they expect, when they go to Brighton and take a box at the Hippodrome? Some of them had to make a second trip to enable them to see the show. That reminds us of the yarn of the old man who had only one eye, and when buying his seat wanted it at half-price, because he could only see half the show. The man at the ticket office said: "Oh, no, it will take you twice as long to see it as anyone else."

Well, we hope the following will please the bunch:—

Staff Q.M.S. Dougg is a steady old plug,
 He keeps the machine up to pitch.
 Then Staff-Sergt. Barr's at the wheel of the car,
 That carries the drafts o'er the ditch.
 Sergt. Quin you'll see there, with his neatly brushed
 hair,
 He handles the officers' job.
 Sergt. Pain sits quite still when counting his till,
 You'll admit he's a bit of a nob.
 Cawthorne and Mack have a very fine neck.
 Of tickling the keys of the tank.
 But Norman and Art play a quite different part,
 When Wilson is running the bank.
 Hunter and Hughes stand all the abuse,
 With Holmes as a sidekick as well.
 There remains only Stew, he has nothing to do;
 Of our story there's no more to tell.



"A" Company.

A draft of wireless operators has been called, and is proceeding overseas in a few days. Is it the victory draft? We wish all you boys the best of luck, and don't forget to duck the "Vick Ees."

Our financial secretary, a well known Orderly Roomite, has busted into the worthless operators' class, and has departed for a six weeks' course in "oscillations" at the Woodbine Signal Depot.

Who comprised the little party of Orderly Roomites that blew into Jevington loaded for beer, but hastily returned to camp with a couple of little "machine gunners" in hot pursuit?

What's the rumour about a sounder draft being called to go to Canada to help the farmers at seeding time?

Who are those ginks with the intelligent expression of a goldfish and a closely honed smirk on their genial maps, who wander around so thick with red and blue armlets? What do they do for their country?

Why is "A" Company square pushing element on the decline? Is it because Brighton is out of bounds. Understand the Brighton girls heaved a sigh of relief when they heard leave had been cancelled for the "Bandolier Guards."

What did Lieut. Grant say to the Sergt. at the football match? we know the "Sarge" did not appreciate it. Why?

Number 3, Number 3, the R.S.M. went on the — with a rum-tum tiddlum Old John Bradlum, etc.

When the Kaiser's "whizz-bang gang" decided to send out the white flag, they must have had a flash on the A1 manpower under cover in the jam battery.

Officers of this Company who may in future attend courses of instruction at imperial schools, shall be required to provide their own transport, should they carry any luggage in excess of the following:—Trunks, 1; bed rolls, 1; carry alls, 1; kit bags, 6; suit cases, 1; haversacks, 1.

"B" Company.

Who was the Orderly Room Clerk who was heard murmuring in his sleep?

"It is not a hunger satisfied with bully and beans,

But a hungering for love."

Is it as bad as that, "Chally?" Tough, but leave will soon open up again.

Well, 2nd A.T., what part of France is Belgium in?

We notice that our "Office Boy" still hoofs it to East Dean pretty often. What's the attraction, Charlie?

What we expect to see in "B" Company lines pretty soon:—"Dusty and Co., dealers in second hand clothing."

Since the last edition "B" Company has welcomed a new member—the O.C.'s charger.

We all sympathize with Sergt. Coates, "B" Company's human battering ram, and we hope his leg will be O.K. again by the time leave opens up.

"Sandy," "B" Company's pet Orderly Sergeant, sure took a liking to Brighton. We wonder what made him want to stay all night?

The war certainly must be nearly over. "B" Company has sent a victory draft of 45 over the pond.

We notice that a certain O.R.S. has given up buying cigarettes since the Camp has been quarantined.

What's the matter, Bill?

Who were the two soldiers who were knocked out by one of our Headquarters Corporals in Jevington two