It was certainly a surprise to some of us to find that the tea tasting profession was represented in No. 4 Platoon. The O.C. evidently thought, however, that our judgment didn't extend beyond O.O.

It is not in battalion orders, but it is officially announced that several members of No. 14 Section have received permission to use the same target cards on each and every shoot on the miniature range.

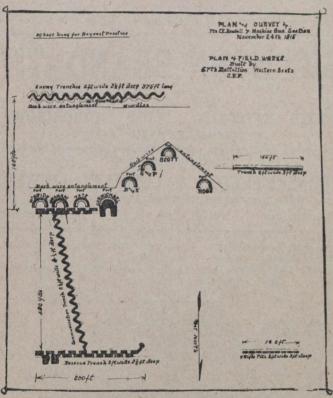
The banquet that was to have been held in a certain part of the Johnson Street Archipelago has been cancelled. We've just lost the pilots from No. 4 Platoon.

If the punishment meted out to defaulters increases, as it does at present, in geometrical progression, we have just discovered that if some of the members of No. 4 Platoon survive twenty-five pay days, they will owe nineteen years' pay and have to live 133 years to perform their fatigues.

Pte. Quinn's labial adornment looks much trimmer after its recent vacation in Vancouver. Nous ne pensons pas!

Je voudrais bien savoir si c'est le Lieut. Fullerton qui lui a donne "le recipe."

We congratulate No. 1 Sec., No. 4 Platoon, for not having contracted St. Vitus' Dance whilst marching behind No. 3 Platoon.



Plan of Defensive Works carried out at Scott's Field by 67th Battalion of Western Scots

Pte. Fishwick's numerous trips to Beacon Hill have been the subject of much comment in the platoon. Honi soit qui mal y pense.

"Vive la Draft!"

It is rumored that the residents of Point Grey live in their cellars on range days.

It has been suggested by a certain element in the press that the men of today are less patriotic and courageous than their ancestors of say a century ago; but in Victoria the lie direct has been given to this statement, not only by the rapid mobilization of the 67th Battalion Western Scots, but also by the wonderful esprit de corps shown by all ranks; for example, on the 10th inst. Col. Lorne Ross complimented the men on their general behavior, and told them of his intention to send them on a route march through the City, in charge of the N.C.O.'s—no officers being present. Every man felt that his honor and that of his regiment was at stake, and did his best; the result was a parade that would have been a credit to a regiment of veterans. Esprit de corps shows itself also in the friendly rivalry of companies in trying to reach the highest state of efficiency; and it is pleasing to record the following remark made by an officer who witnessed the downtown parade last Monday. He said "The Draft (No. 5 Company) marched splendidly, and their wheeling left nothing to

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be desired." Bravo, No. 5. Returning to the subject of patriotism, it is far from dead in Victoria, and the following lines, which I wrote some years ago to an old friend in the Motherland, is typical of the spirit of Victorians:

Hurrah for dear old England,
For the flag that floats so free,
Tho' living in a distant land,
True Britishers are we;
And if we sing "O Canada,"
Or "The Maple Leaf for Ever,"
"God Save the King!" we shout; "Hurrah!
This loving bond many naught e'er sever."

OUR BANDS

Are we proud of our bands? Yes. Are we downhearted? No. The manner in which both brass and pipe bands responded to an order to discontinue band practice and turn out to an impromptu route march or work in the trenches is a credit to both Bandmaster Fink and Pipe-Major Wishart.

Our bands are soldiers and fighting men as well as musicians, and all are imbued with the same spirit to see the fight out to a finish. The band music and our pipes add so much to the good spirit of officers and men that they are both indispensable to the efficiency of any Overseas Battalion. The Pipe-Major is now the proud possessor of eleven pipers and five drummers, and with a Pipe Committee composed of three Highland-born officers, including the Battalion Chaplain, Capt. the Rev. Father Macdonel, who had a pipe band of his own in Scotland, it is not to be wondered at that the pipe band now ranks second to none in Canada.

The brass band has set aside each Monday evening for the benefit of the men of the Battalion. They will give a concert each Monday, between 7 and 8.30 p.m., from the gallery of No. 1 building. All men of the Battalion are invited to assemble in No. 1 building, whether they are quartered there or not, for the purpose of enjoying the music.

A BATTALION CONCERT

Through the medium of this paper I wish to make a suggestion, which I think could be answered by the different companies in next week's issue. The suggestion is this: Why not get up a Battalion concert? With the aid of our two bands and the excellent talent that is found in this Battalion, we could do credit to any theatre or hall, and to Victoria, too. Rent a theatre or hall, charge admission, and devote the proceeds towards a fund for returned soldiers, Red Cross, or anything suitable. Start the thing going, boys!

SGT. BLYTH, No. 2 Co.