

that we are very backward in its detail, especially the last few chapters, which foretell "the future in store for us."

Six of the boys are taking instructions under Lieut. Perks in regard to transport work, horses, etc. Lack of the necessary equipment does not enable us to go into this kind of work to its fullest extent here, but at the same time we are gaining a good knowledge of what will be required of us when we do reach the other side and get equipped, and we trust with the training we shall get under the Transport O.C., to reach that state of efficiency required of us in this particular branch to be ready for the firing line when called for.

Seeing there is every appearance of us leaving here shortly and taking into due consideration the extra little things to be done before leaving, we would, under the circumstances, appreciate a load of wood to make our last few evenings here as cheerful as possible.

Opinions voiced by all present at the concert last Monday night tend to prove that Capt. Okell's demonstration with the colt machine gun, was the "star turn" of the performance. His explanation of the gun and its use in the present war was masterly in its conciseness. The gun drill and demonstration of rapid firing given by the detachment were performed in a manner which reflects great credit on Capt. Okell's training of the section. Two casualties which occurred during the action were reported by Sergt. A. J. Mills with tears in his voice, even though they were only Dakers and Flynn.

Seeing we have been issued with new equipment and having tried same out on a route march, we should, with luck, soon be on the move to new pastures. Victoria is certainly a nice place but England looks better to us as a whole, it being so much nearer to Berlin, our final destination.

Everyone is getting his share of stripping the gun we now have, but how the bolt gets into Wee Wilson's pocket is certainly a mystery. The idea seems to prevail that he must use it for a toothpick, or as a balance for the knife which we got with our kit.

Query—are the rubbers we have, to be worn on the boat, or are they for use in the trenches? At present we find them very useful for hiding dirty clothing, etc., during inspections.

"BLASTS FROM THE BASE"

Though we have lost quite a few men by transfer and other things, we still have K. R. & R.

The strength of the Base Company may be low at present, but we take credit that over 160 men have passed through our hand and been transferred to other units or companies since its formation in the early part of December last.

The Base Company have for visitors this week 30 men from No. 1 Company, and they are so satisfied with us, that they are willing to stay until they have to quit.

If leaving for the Front means quitting we are all quitters.

We know the eats are good by the number of visitors we get.

The Base Company fed the other Companies during the general leave.

And how those Companies grew during the week-end—we all know.

Now that we have left in the lines on duty such a small number of men—a prompt response to the call of mess orderlies from the details, would help.

Those who eat should help with the chores.

SUCH IS FAME

"The Saxon, Gaul and Celt agree
With Scots to keep us free."

A teacher at Moss Street School was questioning her class on above two lines to see if the pupils knew who Saxon, Gaul, etc., were. The children answered. English, French and Irish correctly. There was a pause and the teacher said: "Now, who are the Scots?" A small boy jumped up in great excitement, with a triumphant "Please, teacher, the 67th."

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