

## NO. 3 COMPANY

It was hoped that the entrance of No. 3 Company into the journalistic field would be peaceful, but in the very first issue of the Western Scot appeared a statement that was certainly not conspicuous for truth. The Machine Gun Section insinuated that on the route march to Telegraph Bay it could have returned in good time but for the dilatory methods of Q.M.S. McIntosh, of No. 3 Company. The fact of the matter was that No. 3 Company dropped into an easy swinging stride of about 135 paces a minute, with the result that the Machine Gun Section, in an effort to keep up, were doubling the greater part of the last two miles. No. 2 Company has also had a couple of practical demonstrations in marching, on one occasion No. 3 Company actually passing them when both were going in the same direction.

A War Office publication states that a machine gun should be carried by an intelligent non-commissioned officer or a mule. Some of the boys, who think that they have had more than their share of fatigues, are protesting against this unfair reflection on the mule.

A man of the name of Holt, in an interview in Montreal, stated that Kitchener showed lack of powers of organization, while the methods of the British army were obsolete. Private Quilty asserts that there is a measure of truth in the statement, instancing the present method of forming fours by taking a pace to the rear and a pace to the side. He points out that this movement can be done in one diagonal step—in fact he always does it that way himself.

In battalion drill one thing stands out in strong relief—the splendid step kept by No. 3 Company. How would it be to have a drummer beating time so that the other companies could learn the meaning of quick time? This is not a joke.

Private Gillies must have something on his mind. What has silenced his familiar war-cry, "Are we downhearted?"

Private March says that even if he does look like a gasp, he does not get lit up every night.

## ONE ON THE BOMB THROWERS

Bomb thrower, formerly man of No. — Company: "Sir, I want to leave the bomb throwers."

His Company Officer: "Why? I thought you were quite happy where you were."

Bomb thrower: "Well, sir, it's like this. Mr. Carey, sir, he gives us a bomb with a seven-second fuse attached to it and tells us to count slowly up to five and then throw it as far as we can. Yesterday I counts up to three and Mr. Carey says 'As you were,' and it's more than mortal man can stand, sir."

## "GOOD OLD CARIBOO"

"Where do you men come from?" queried a mounted officer on a route march last week, as he rode by the side of a company of the battalion that was swinging along at a rattling pace, more or less to the temporary disadvantage of other portions of the column. "Cariboo, sir," came back the answer, with emphasis.

## "ON TO BERLIN"

(Tune: "Marching Thro' Georgia.")

Come along and join us, lads, we're going far o'er the foam,  
To fight for King and Country, wherever we shall roam.  
With might for right, we'll join the fight  
The standard to uphold.

While we go marching on to Berlin.

## Chorus:

Hurrah! Hurrah! We are the Western Scots.  
Hurrah! Hurrah! We are sure to make them hop.  
We are the best, and that's no jest;  
We'll put them on the run.  
When we go marching into Berlin.

And our mothers, bless their hearts, they hate to see us go;  
But we, you know, must do our best to meet our country's  
foe.

So with your help, and with your cheers,  
We'll soon be on our way.  
Then we'll go marching into Berlin.

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