

We are the 66th. We come from Montreal and other out of the way corners of the Globe. We have a conglomeration of humanity that reads like an army diet sheet. We have kid-glove students from McGill University, a bunch of sod-busting country yokels from the Ontario Agricultural College, pink-toed pen-wipers from Hamilton and down in the cage at the far end we have an Irishman, a Scotchman and a Jew. The original 66th was recruited in the Spring of 1916 in Montreal. Like other Batteries of the 5th Canadian Division it moved to Petawawa in June for the summer's training and in September came overseas to England. Since coming to England many changes have taken place. Formerly a four gun battery its strength was increased to six guns, the Left Section of the 56th supplying the reinforcements. Later on a subsection went to France, the Battery receiving in return a subsection from the 81st that came to them from the old 47th of Hamilton. Thus we have three subsections from the old 66th, two subsections from the 56th (O.A.C.) Battery and one subsection from the old 47th. Out of it all evolved the happy mixture of to-day—the present 66th Battery.

We are not the best Battery on earth but we do not stick around on the tail end of things. We have a considerable reputation, a remarkable store of pep and punch, and usually ring in for the hog's share of the prize-money. The god of Grit and Shine stalks among us with bleary eyes and limping gait. We cannot fall for his line of useless humbug. Glitter and red tape never killed a German. We could go on but as we are very modest we hate to mention all these things. We do have an enviable reputation as a fighting unit and are right in it from the drop of the hat. This we know that no man has ever called us a liar and got away with it—except Kaiser Bill and he is coming. We are living and hoping for the great day when our guns stand hub to hub, and wheel to wheel on those four walls of flaming steel on the Western Front. Then we'll let THEM talk for us.

Yep! Stranger we are the 66th.