

5th Canadian Battalion

Watch this page next issue—it's ours. We are going to prove that the boys of the fifth can write as well as fight

Don't miss the next issue!

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THE LADS

(Dedicated to the unknown writer of the first two verses.)

If you walked the whole length of the Main Street to-day,
You would hardly encounter a soul;
For to serve King and Country, the lads are away,
From the village, of Toad-in-the-Hole.

The blacksmith has quit his anvil, and forge,
The barber forsaken his pole;
And marched with Tom, Harry, Dick and George,
And others, from Toad-in-the-Hole.

With a clasp of the hand, and a last cheery word,
They went off to make duty their goal,
To encounter a foe who may never have heard
Of the village, of Toad-in-the-Hole.

And though more than one Jill, is lamenting her Jack,
And the broad seas between them may roll,
What a welcome we'll give to the lads who come back,
To the village, of Toad-in-the-Hole.

R.C.W.

Note:—The first two verses of this poem were found in the trenches. The other two are by Pte. Walker.



— SONGS —

Whilst "Roaming in the Gloaming,"
"Down by the Old Mill Stream."
I discovered the "Old Oaken Bucket"
Lying "Sweet and low Serene."
"Tis night and Shadows falling,"
"I'm afraid to go home in the dark,"
"Sweet Genevieve" is calling
From "My little grey home in the Park."
As "My King and Country needs me"
"Call me early Mother Dear,"
Lest "Our Navy, Our Gallant Navy,"
Sails from "Home sweet Home" for La Guerre.
Whilst "Rocked in the cradle of the Deep,"
"I wonder who's kissing her now."
"Oh! Sergeant please sing me to sleep,"
Or "I'll die for you" I vow.
"My Bonnie Annie Laurie"
"Where the River Shannon flows"
Ask me "Who killed Cock Robin."
"Twas Robert Adair" or the crows,
* "West" does'nt rhyme with "dark"



Who was the man who came to the editor with a poem in one hand and a sandbag in the other? And what was in the sandbag?

Who are the two prominent members of the H.Q. staff who argue on the respective merits of unions, and who is the lanky individual who generally stands between and contrives, generally, to properly balance the arguments of the other two?

What is the name of the band in the Division whose music is always spoiled by those who think they can play, and CAN'T, butting in on the six good players?

Who is the officer's servant that smokes De Reske's and where does he get 'em?

Who are the two fellows in the 7th Battalion who are both writing to the same girl?

When are we going back for another rest?

Where did Sgt. H----d get those pants which he wore at the boxing contest? And if he felt a draft when the stitches burst?

If the German trenches are heated with steam or the same as ours, "hot air?"

Our Gallant Sergeant Cook,

Oh! happy is our sergeant cook,
Who sits around all day,
And does'nt do a stroke of work,
But grouses all the way.

At the head of the table, at the Q. M. Stores,
He'll sit and laugh, and sigh,
And God help the guy who tries to butt
in on the fam-i-ly (eye).

The cook cars coming down the road,
He reviews on the march with pride,
And should one cook get out of step,
That man O'woe betide.

And I'm sure with me you'll all agree,
He has a most wonderful style,
And we all wish him the best of luck,
Since they made him O. C. Coal Pile.