

Between McToot writing *poetry* and Adam rolling R's, we should have a great team for some concert party. Put over a barrage, Adam, when Mc gets his next inspiration. Cruel!

Does anyone know whether Dusty is in love yet? There's a rumour about it!!!

Since the "push" we haven't heard much about the farm. What's the matter, Christopher? Haven't you any ploughs left, dearest?

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Major W. E. Manhard's Company.

Lieut. J. P. Harvey, M.C., has relieved Lieut. H. R. Christie, M.C. The latter had returned to the Depot as field works instructor with quite a bit of reluctance. Good luck, "Chris."

One of the Company contemptibles, Sergt. McRae, has returned to the fold in exchange for Sergt. Gordon, who has gone back to the C.E.T.D.

We have always had the usual following of hounds and curs with us, but to have a perfectly good parrot land in on us was a bit of a change the other day. Although prettily enough marked, it did not prove much of a bird, not even being able to swear.

Rum is "napoo." The sappers are looking forward to the lime juice issue (?)

We feel reasonably sure that our machine gun has accounted for one Heine at least.

Our C.Q.M.S. dismounted involuntarily not so long ago. A large calibre H.E. shell was the cause, he says. Fortunately, neither rider nor horse were much the worse for the encounter.

On the 4th March, Major Manhard was married to Miss Anne (Nancy) Ponton at Old Brompton Parish Church, Brompton Road, London. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Ponton, as bridesmaid, and Major K. O. H. Wanks, of Canadian H.Q., London, acted as best man.

Shortly after the service, the couple left for Cliff Point, Torquay, where the honeymoon was spent. Unfortunately, the Major had to return before his leave was up. Amongst those present at the marriage ceremony were Lieut.-Col. Hertzberg and Major Owen Hodgins. It is indeed with the greatest sincerity that we wish the Commanding Officer and his bride the very best of good fortune and prosperity.

Major N. R. Robinson's Company.

Army life has proved a splendid stimulus towards discussion. It has made men think and express themselves, who never indulged in these pursuits before. Corporal Peppers ("Pep") has been the original and humorous storm centre of half of these debates in this Company during the past two years. He is still an authority upon the intricacies of poker.

One of the latest arrivals—Gilbert Storey—looks upon the world from an altitude of 6ft. 4in. Prior to his advent, Lieut. Walley was the biggest man, physically, that this Company had been able to boast of. "Long" Storey, though young, is a philosopher (he still regards the war as a "great adventure"), and believes he experienced a special slice of luck when a piece of shrapnel was kind enough recently to wound him in the "sit-upon." Had he been a shorter man, he argues, it would have probably have hit him in the head. He is now back with the Company.

Is it a coincidence that the most popular song with No. 1 Section should be "plum and apple, plum and apple"? Its references to Sergt. Binns and his twins is a never ending source of amusement. You see, the Section Sergt. *has* twins, and his name *is* Binns.

One might to-day paraphrase Lytton's famous line and say "The plough is mightier than the sword"; anyway "Mike" Hodgson, one of the oldest and most popular of the Company skimmers, has (on the death of his father) been recalled to Canada to run the farm in the Fraser Valley, B.C. and make two blades of grain grow where only one grew before.

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Major W. P. Wilgar's Company.

Major Wilgar's Company have taken out letters patent incorporating themselves as "The Children of Israel Ltd.," travelling home builders. They undertake to set up wind and splinter proof camps while you wait; also removing same, whether or not you wait. They will pull down a Nissen hut in the morning, and put it up in the afternoon on the same spot, and show a dozen bolts to the good. Marvellous creations are to the credit of this versatile corporation.

The temporary recrudescence of Chas. J. Grand was one of the exciting events of recent months. The most original of the originals came back, after being gassed at Passchendael.