

Our Thirst for Knowledge

WANTED TO KNOW:

WHO is the member of the 2nd Contingent who, when on leave in London recently, wore cord breeches, Fox's spiral puttees, a cane, tan gloves, and *patent-leather shoes*? And if it would not be advisable, in the interests of science, to preserve to posterity this interesting specimen?

If it is not culpable negligence on the part of someone when the water-carts are found empty when the battalion is ready to move off to the front line trenches?

If being in the front line is a novelty properly appreciated by the cooks!

WHETHER the Editors of *Jack Canuck* and the Calgary *Eye-Opener* would not give a year's salary to be able to harvest all the journalistic fruit which at present falls unheeded to the ground in this locality?

WHETHER the one-time possession of a commission will hereafter provide the *open sesame* to the highest social circles in Ottawa?

WHETHER the war would not be over in a month if that famous soldier, Private Mackenzie ("The Khedive"), and Sergeant Reynolds, the renowned tactician and theorist, had been given the jobs now held by Lord Kitchener and General French respectively?

WHETHER the officer of a certain Canadian Battalion who ordered one of his men to pick up scraps of paper from the top of a communication trench in broad daylight attended the man's funeral?

WHETHER Private Blank has received a new pipe in place of the one smashed in his recent fistic encounter?

WHY such fine Corps like the 9th and 11th Battalions never had a fair show; and who was to blame?

WHY the Eastern Battalions are so anxious to secure drafts from Western regiments?

THE name of the "D" Company officer who received such a lot of new clothes from his tailor a few days before he went up to the fire trenches. And if he was not greatly disappointed in having to "go up" instead of going on leave?

How much it cost Jack Preece for his initiation into the ancient and honourable game of "Brag"?

If our late M.O. did not spring a neat surprise on a certain "runner" in "D" Company when the latter (having

received a blackened optic from a Belgian Gendarme) attended sick parade suffering from "a cold in his eye"?

If "Percy" means to take home as a souvenir the bed-sheet he borrowed from Madame X—?

THE reason why an optimist like "The Khedive" writes home to say he hopes to get his leave in August, 1918?

THE name of the attractive young woman who met Sergeant Rothery at Victoria Station when he went home on leave? And if Frank did not have some trouble in catching his train to Leeds?

WHY it is that men proceeding to England on leave are recommended by the M.O. to take a double dose of lime-juice?

WHY Lance-Corporals Flanagan and Preece have discontinued the mutual admiration stunt which had such an auspicious send-off at Shorncliffe?

THE name of the high staff officer with whom Private Archie Cronie

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shared his hymn book on a recent Sunday?

If the officers' batmen are in love with the hornets' nest chosen as the site for their tent?

If it is true that Private H. B. Jamieson uses up old currant cakes as part of his bomb-throwing material?

If Sergeant Rothery's gift of cigars is a prelude to a similar gift from "higher up"?

WHETHER Private McNair means to preserve his sweater-coat and toque to be used as family heirlooms?

If the Company cooks relished Lance-Corporal Scrivener's recent platform criticisms?

If stolen beer tastes better than the other variety?

If Private Creasey still uses "Keatings" in lieu of pepper?

THE name of the N.C.O. who tried to make a mess tin of tea out of respirator solution?

A "Babel" of Good Wishes.

Bilingual Readers send Greetings.

"I am glad of this opportunity of wishing your paper every success."—Lieut.-Col. COLQUHOUN, O.C. 4th Batt., C.E.F.

(FRENCH)

"Je suis heureux d'avoir l'opportunité de souhaiter à votre journal beaucoup de succès."—CYRIL ("Anatole") FRANCE.

(SWEDISH.)

"Jag är glad för detta tillfälle att önska eder tidning fram-gång."—E. C. ANDERSON.

(WELSH.)

"Y mae'n dda gennyf gael y cyfleus-dra hwn o ddymuno pŵl llwyddiant i'ch newyddiadur."—JOHN JONES-JONES.

(INDIAN, MOHAWK TRIBE.)

"Awh-yah-weh ne-o-kwa-yah-do-se-rah owh-dkwa-dah-go."—19072 Sergt. A. STYRES.

(GERMAN.)

"Ich werde ihnen das beste glück nacher den kreig wunchen."—"FRITZ."

(FLEMISH.)

"Ik ben zeer gelukkig de gelegend-herd te waar-nemen aan uw daga-blad eenen besten uitslag te wenschen."—19133 Private C. NOT.

"Somewhere in France."

(IN MEMORIAM.)

"Somewhere in France"! Speak soft the words. In fear they prod,

With grief renewed, some stricken heart,

That 'foretime centred all its hopes On one who sleeps beneath the sod.

"Somewhere in France"! Speak low the words. To you and I

They mean so much. Your friends and mine

Lie there together, side by side, Under the vault of God's blue sky.

"Somewhere in France"! Speak proud the words! Their glorious end

Kills vain regrets. The pain we feel

Is numbing, yet can never quench Our pride in those who called us Friend!

R. W. TROWSDALE, 13164,
First Canadian Contingent.
France, 1915.