Is it true that Lieutenant Sutherland's tailoring bill was rather heavy after his visit to the German lines ?

Who is the First Field Ambulance Staff Sergeant known to his colleagues as "The Iodine Kid" ?

Is it a fact that Private Willday, "B" Company, has been in communication with the new Board of Inventions regarding his bomb improvement schemes ?

If the fiddle joke is still fresh in the estaminet where Madamoiselle Marie hands out the liquid refreshment ?

The names of the N.C.O.'s who ran off with the mess-tins of the Orderly Room Staff ?

What room in the First Field Ambulance hospital is known to the staff and patients as "The Ram Pasture" ?

Have you heard the origin of Private Daniel Quayle's ("D" Company) latest song : "One more river to cross" ?

If Private Page, 12 Platoon, caught a cold after the mud-bath he had to take when a big shell chased him out of his dug-out recently ?

Whether Private J. J. Woods, "B" Company, is not the real thing when he starts in on one of his Indian pow-wows ?

If a certain officer shaved his upper lip in order that he might escape being identified as one of the apostles of the Charlie Chaplin cult ?

Is Q.M.S. McMaster still war correspondent for that newspaper with an international reputation, the *Simcoe Sun* ? Or does he find his present duties too onerous to allow of a little labour "on the side" ?

WHO is the battalion postal official known to his intimates as "The Serpent" ?

Is it true that if a man is to get on with the S.M. of "B" Company he must claim to be an Irishman—or at least to be of Irish descent?

IF it is Cyclist Orderly Wheeler's invariable custom to smoke expensive cigars when the rest of the boys are in the trenches ?

IF the new anti-shrapnel helmets do not make the wearer look like a Chinese Mandarin ?

IF Pte. Charlton (who in civil life is a concert promoter) still arranges his little "sing-songs" at the estaminent where live the girls with the healthy complexions ?

WHO is the Company Q.M.S. known since Ypres as "Whiz-Bang" ?

The name of the Strathcona Horse officer who got two months' special leave in Canada for the purpose of tracing a black fox he had lost ?

Who is the Battalion Orderly who gets free meals in return for his services as dish-washer ?

WHAT is the special Sunday attraction that takes the pioneer sergeant so often to B—— ?

DOES Pay-Corporal Bob Cross still attempt to make tea out of coal oil ?

RICOCHETS

By "The Sniper."

IT takes some clever manœuvring to get the better of the Belgian tradespeople. For example, take the institution of the 2½d. glass of French beer. After all, what's in a name ?

For a young man, Private Johnny Miche, of mail-carrying fame, has had a crowded career. In the last five years he has been in turn a Sergeant-Major, Corporal of remounts, a Scout, Bugler, mail carrier, and Post Office official.

Sergeant-Major McInery, of "B" Company, once bought a ferret for the sum of five francs. He really didn't need the creature, but then, his pal Frank Rothery had bought a sorry-looking nag for the same sum, and "Mac" didn't mean to be left. The S.-M. may have had visions of rabbit pie and hare soup, but from all accounts the only one who made a meal was the ferret, who dined off a chunk of "Mac's" thumb one day !

Private Murphy has the reputation of being the best debater in 13 Platoon. No wonder, seeing that the Canadian-Irishman used to spell-bind people looking for Western real estate bargains !

Private Gordon Smith's favourite hero in fiction—Sexton Blake.

The "Pioneers' Convalescent Home" is the name suggested by Pioneer Sergeant Dymott for his quarters. He does not complain at being saddled with all the N.C.O. cripples when the latter go "lame" on reaching the trenches. On the other hand, he promises that foot-warmers will always be available on application.

Lance-Corporal Fred Edmonds says he hands over his excess "visitors" to "Andy" every night. If this is true, their Platoon Sergeant should indent for an extra bar of disinfectant soap.

Why has that old favourite, "This is the Life !" gone out of date ?

According to George W. Elliott, of the "Y," that institution has to stock jam because of the extraordinary demand for that article by the Canadian Mounted Rifles. George says he'd "throw a fit" if a First Contingent man asked for jam.

The man who shines at a drinking party is not necessarily a leader of men.

Talk about "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," one night in the "Clink" has got 'em all skinned, says Private Pat McCarthy.

Sergeants Paterson and Thom, of the 2nd Field Ambulance, say they have found "Doc" Elliott a good fellow, but that he does not stock a sufficiency of "lubricating oil" in his medical stores. (Will someone tell us what is meant by "lubricating oil ?"—EDITOR.)

Private Beckley, the 4th Battalion Transport smith, and Arm.-Corporal McKay are joint patentees of a new forge blower. It took a long time to perfect, and "Mac" is said to have grown grey threshing out the problem, but it does all that is demanded of it. This labour-saving device is worked by the chain-drive of an obsolete bike.

Good fellowship often evaporates when the wine bottles are empty.

Private Fred Wilkinson, of the 2nd Field Ambulance, claims to have christened the 2nd F. A. newspaper—*The Splint Record*. (By the way, we always thought the "christening" ceremony was performed after a project was successfully launched.—EDITOR.) Incidentally, Captain Duck (Paymaster) is to edit the new journal.

I am credibly informed that Arm.-Corporal McKay will have his Fife Band going strong by Christmas. But at present the instruments lie amongst "the limber of forgotten things" at the Armoury.

Who said there was to be no "fireworks" celebration at the front on "The Fifth" ? The sale of English beer and stout was stopped on that day. Wasn't *that* a first-class bomb ?

Major Raikes, formerly M.O. of the 4th Battalion, has been appointed Chief Inspector of Canadian Hospitals in England, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Every member of "The Fourth" who knew the genial "Doc" will be delighted at this well-earned promotion.

There was a high old time at the "Y" on Hallowe'en Night. Captain Ed. Archibald tried to make the festival as "old-fashioned" as circumstances would allow. Tea, cake, apples, and chestnuts were distributed to all comers—until the large stock of these edibles broke down before the attack of Young Canada.

It's a long way back to those "pleasant" days at Festubert, but Q.M.S. Dick Hunt is still looking for that Fourth Class ribbon of St. George, for bringing up "C" Company rations without spilling the salt or spoiling the mustard. (Our sympathy, Dick !—EDITOR.)

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

Q.M.S. McD——— (to "D" Company Cooks) : "Fetch me in a little lunch, will you ?"

Cooks (in chorus) : "Like ——— we will !"

There was a persistent rumour afloat that "the Fourth" were to have a regimental band, and that all the needful instruments, except the drums (which were already possessed by the Battalion), were promised by a generous friend. One question I am going to ask :—"Is it true that the fact that the drums were 'loaned out' to another regiment 'for the duration of the war' is responsible for the present deadlock ?"

Speaking of bands reminds me of many complaints emanating from members of the 10th Battalion, whose band has been "commandeered" for certain work. The "kick" appears to have a certain amount of justification, seeing that the instruments now used