

It's a grait job and is surtinly hylly developin eckercise for the payshunche.

Well Horace there is a hole lot to rite about but I'm in an oful hurry as I hav to get all married men with no wives away to-moro.

Gee Horace Canada does luk good frum heer wot with the mud and incompaty (see furst part of letter) and I gess Mary Smith and I will join up and do our bit for to replayce sum of the waists of war.

Speeking of waists I met a flaper in Lunden wot wuz very anxious to go to Canada with me but when she asked me which end of a bull was the one to steer I giv her up. I can excuge anything but lack of eddicashun.

Gee Bill Simonds was took for the army and hees a batman to Captain MacReady and has lost for pounds in wait as a result.

Which shos that Vircheu is always triumphant (I dont think).

Speeking of officers—but no—Sibeeria is a long way of and let bygons be bygons—that is until a guy has a chanst to let 'em be sumthing else. If only Bill Simonds went ther with him my hapyness wud be complete—but let us not be harsh. Bill don't deserv that.

So its gud by to Ivan the Terribul, to the Sarjunt-Major and to all the guys who hav stuck it out all this time. All I can say is that wen Mary Smith and me gets married our farm wil always be welcum to any guy frum the Engineers. We had gud times, bad times and a heluva lot of mud but we beet Fritz and Bill Simonds and got a extry tunic from the ¼ Master so lets all say the soldiers fairwel

Gud by and ———

No it dont luk wel in print but I mean it you guys so cheerio sappers and Ivan the Terribul and to evry officer (and that meens a lot of 'em) has treeted us strait and as if we was men. Cheerio!

Your old Sidekick

SINDBAD.

The Canadian Engineer.

HIS RESPONSIBILITIES.

In last month's number of THE SAPPER it was stated, in the article contributed under the above heading, that "we are responsible for the quality and quantity of all work done under our orders."

As far as the "quality" of the work goes, this is always so; but as regards the "quantity" done, the officers commanding the working parties must be responsible. If the working parties are supplied by the Canadian Engineers, then, of course, we are responsible; but if they come from some other branch of the service we cannot relieve their officers of their command, or of their consequent responsibility for the way in which their men work. We can and must assist the responsible officers in every way possible to have the maximum quantity of work completed, but the responsibility must remain theirs.

Encouraging.

A College graduate was walking down the street one evening with a friend of Irish descent, and, pausing to look up at the starry sky, remarked with enthusiasm:

"How bright Orion is to-night."

"So that is O'Ryan, is it?" replied Pat. "Well, thank the Lord, there's one Irishman in heaven, anyway."

Demobilization.

Already, with the first sound of the peace trumpets, the great fighting machine of the British Empire has begun to turn its thoughts and energies to matters of peaceful reconstruction.

An efficient scheme of demobilization, into the details of which we need not enter here, has been drawn up, as a result of many months' deliberation between the military authorities and the accredited leaders of industry.

It is pointed out, however, that the present situation is different from that which faced the nation at the close of the Napoleonic campaigns; the Government cannot simply, like Joshua, "let the people depart, every man unto his own house."

The social machine would not run at full pressure, and the soldier's inheritance would not be ready for him.

Our own needs, in the Canadian forces, are necessarily somewhat different from those of the home forces.

One of the main points to be held in view in demobilizing an army is the facility of re-mobilization.

Re-mobilization as an army is not necessarily incompatible with re-settlement on an industrial basis, and with this in mind the Canadian Army is classed in groups for distribution purposes.

They are grouped by localities, by trades, and by length of service; not, it is pointed out, to indicate any particular order of precedence, but to facilitate the handling of industrial groups according to demand.

Already, in our own Centre, the work is proceeding with incredible speed and accuracy of execution. Large drafts of men have been moved to distributing centres in this country, and many have already sailed for the home shores of Canada—and without setting up as a prophet, I think we may reasonably expect to be home long before the exaggerated time limit that was a popular rumour among the forces as recently as three months ago.

The following is a list of officers who have already left:—

Majors A. M. Wright, G. A. Keith, J. H. Martinson, R. L. Jenkins, and R. F. B. Wood.

Captains R. V. Heathcott, E. E. Rogerson, P. Petrie, J. E. Bell, and P. W. Greene.

Lieuts. L. A. Mylius, G. C. Proctor, J. P. Boyce, T. F. Gerry, A. G. Woolsey, L. F. Beesley, A. C. Burgess, E. A. Crawley, C. B. Elliott, E. Hyam, C. H. McCrae, J. W. York, T. L. Bruce, E. J. Masters, J. H. Challacombe, R. A. Pook, W. C. Roberts, C. B. Huyck, P. Grimes, J. L. Bradford, L. A. Brown, W. B. Donoghie, J. C. Dryden, H. T. Eaton, S. H. Ford, O. V. Grimsdick, F. H. Huff, A. Huntley, A. H. Munro, J. R. McColl, J. P. McNeill, W. W. Raymond, E. S. Reynolds, H. L. Scott, W. S. Sutherland, P. Watson, W. H. Stuart, H. C. Hiltz, S. A. Mallett, W. C. Winkel, W. M. Goodwin, R. G. Bangs, J. C. Munro, S. L. Evans, C. McIntyre, H. S. McKean, J. H. T. Morrison, E. E. Smith, J. P. Boyce, B. Geldzaeler, and A. L. Steele.

Overheard at one of the Cages.

Jerry to N.C.O. of Guard: Tell an officer I want him.

Canadian Officer: Well! what is it?

Jerry: I would like a cup of tea and something to eat.

Canadian Officer: And you are liable to get it.

Jerry: Don't you know who I am? I am Count So-and-So.

Canadian Officer: Well, you count one here.