

The 16th Battalion (Canadian Scottish) has an "official historian." The Battalion is to be heartily congratulated on its farsightedness, for in the years that are to come the Sixteenth will possess a complete and intimate record of its gallant deeds in the greatest of all wars.

I hear that Billy Collier, late of 15 Platoon, and a popular lad, has got his "international cap" for Soccer at the Rouen Base.

A line in Divisional "Information" tells us that "a German attack was foiled by our artillery fire, which prevented the German troops *debauching*." Evidently a move which would have gladdened the hearts of our Temperance friends in Canada.

It was adding insult to injury, surely, when "The Sniper" was presented, through the medium of the mails, with an Easter card bearing the imprint of a famous London firm, and the information that it had been "printed in Bavaria!" Such is patriotism, my dear friends.

The following cablegram was recently received by Colonel Colquhoun from the Massey-Harris Company of Canada:—"Hearty congratulations of directors and officials on the great honour of being mentioned by Field-Marshal French; also best wishes for the future."

Lieut.-Colonel Raikes, a former M.O. of the Fourth Battalion, has been made a member of the Claims and Pensions Board of the Canadian Contingent. Congratulations, sir!

Major B. H. Belson, who was wounded in the advance made by the Fourth Battalion at Ypres, is now in command of the 81st Battalion, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Major Begy, another former Fourth officer wounded at Ypres, and who, by the way, was recently married, is senior Major of the 81st.

I see by *The Record* (the journal of the 81st Battalion) that Lieut. Jack Bennett, formerly of the Fourth, is now Senior Major of the 201st Battalion.

Sergeant Hathaway (now of the Brigade Machine Gun Company), who had in hand the money collected for a headstone to the memory of the gallant Corporal May, who was mortally wounded whilst trying to bring a wounded comrade to safety, has forwarded the amount held by him to Corporal May's native place in Kentucky, U.S.A., there to be used in defraying the cost of erection of a memorial stone or tablet. The original proposal—to erect a headstone on the spot where the brave Corporal was buried—fell through on account of the new War Office restrictions.

C.S.M. Benton, C.S.M. Matheson, and Private Donoghue received their awards—the Distinguished Conduct Medal, "for conspicuous gallantry"—at the hands of General Sir Herbert Plummer, Commanding the Second Army.

Major J. Handley, wounded in April last, when leading reinforcements to the firing line, is, I am glad to hear, convalescent. He is at present in England.

Lieut. J. A. Hoshel, late of the Battalion and the Divisional Salvage Company, has returned to Canada to become Major of the 114th Battalion. Captain W. C. Towers, late O.C. B Company, takes Lieutenant Hoshel's position as O.C. Divisional Salvage Company.

Members of the Battalion will be sorry to hear of the death, from consumption, of Lieut. F. MacLaren, formerly attached to D Company. Deceased saw service at Festubert and Givenchy.

Captain "Craigie" Wright, C Company, wounded in the leg last April, is at the Rouelles Base.

Corporal H. Witthun, late of C Company, has been transferred to the 11th Battery, C.F.A.

C.S.M. Blathwyat, late of C Company, is now in charge of routine, with rank of Sergeant-Major, at Mont-des-Cats Hospital.

The recent illness of Regimental Sergeant-Major Jamison, necessitating his removal to hospital and thence to Blightie, was regretted by all ranks, but probably by no one more than the genial Irishman himself, to whom service with the Colours is as the very breath of life. The R.S.M. has to his credit not less than forty years' service.

It will be news to most members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force to learn that "Bob" Edwards, famous as the Editor of the *Calgary Eye-Opener*, has declared himself a supporter of the "Dry" campaign, and that he intends to enter the ministry.

One of the drollest things of the war, says the *Windsor Magazine*, is a field-service postcard—"amended form"—which a wag produced "to save platoon commanders and censors much labour and searching of heart." It is arranged like this—to be crossed out at will, of course:—

My	{ own owner ownest	{ dear dearest darling duck	{ babs girlie sweetheart w fe sister mother	{ in-law
I am	{ fairish pretty well in the pink!			
I am	{ up to	{ my our	{ ankles calves knees waists necks eyes	{ in
We are				{ slush puddle water snow garbage dust
Have	{ not just	{ received your	{ card letter parcel box packing-case	

Surely the quenchless moral of our men plays over this skit upon the Active Service card?

The rumour is going the rounds that a certain cyclist orderly, recognising the snail-like propensities of his "wheel," has made heavy purchases of cordite, evidently for speeding-up purposes.

Bomber Revell's new song: "Will you not come to the ball?"

Private Billy Sloan, one of the original Fourth, has been transferred to the 10th Battery C.F.A.

I am told that my reference to the Divisional entertainments last winter created a wrong impression in certain minds. This was far from intentional on my part, as no one realises the value of such entertainments more than the writer of these notes. I am told by Captain McGreer, who was in charge of the arrangements, that the one main idea which prompted the entertainments was to reach the men whose duties took them to the first-line trenches. The shows were excellent—I can speak from first-hand experience—and this was accentuated by the fact that the entertainers were all amateurs. Not the least among Captain McGreer's associates and helpers was that inimitable pianist and entertainer, Sergeant Gitz-Rice.

The Battalion Orderly Room definition of "Rest":—

Reveille	6 30 a.m.
Breakfast	7 0 a.m.
Physical Drill	7 30 a.m.
Parade	9 0 a.m.
Orderly Room	10 0 a.m.
Dinner	12 0 a.m.
Parade	2 0 p.m.

Captain Fyshe, our late M.O., is now with the 10th Field Ambulance, with the rank of Major. Captain Chown, the present M.O., is personally known to many of the boys, as he acted in a similar capacity in the 11th Battalion at Shorncliffe. Like our late M.O., he has an effective way of dealing with the undesirable class known as malingerers. In pre-war days Captain Chown practised medicine at "The Peg."

Congratulations to Private Whiter, late of the Stretcher-bearers, on getting his commission in the 10th London Regiment.

Wanted: Lessons in French by the officer who requested: "Madame, s'il vous plait—er—lamp—er—paraffin."

Captain Cozens, former Transport Officer, is earning a reputation in the Mess for repartee. The morning after Adjutant Scott was kicked on the ankle by one of the transport horses, he suggested that kicking horses should never be tethered on the outside position, and concluded his suggestion with the query: "What if I had been kicked on the head?" "Well," rejoined the Transport Officer, with a sly glance at a brother officer, "I should hate to have one of my horses lamed!"

The many members of the old 11th (Western Canada) Battalion who are now enrolled in the several units of the First Brigade will hear with pleasure of the promotion of Arthur W. Holmes, who, in the old Valcartier days, was M.O.'s orderly. Mr. Holmes afterwards served at No. 1 General Hospital at Nether-avon, and at Southampton, where he ranked as Staff Sergeant. In February this year he was granted a commission as Honorary Lieutenant in the C.A.M.C., and transferred to the Medical Stores Depot at Shorncliffe, and has since been given charge of that depot. Lieutenant Holmes is now a Benedict, his bride hailing from Saskatoon.