



16TH BATT. NOTES

FROM THE TRENCHES

N^o 2 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

In our last sojourn in the vicinity of No-man's-land who was the private who asked an officer for a Stokes gun shell to fit a flare pistol?

Is it true that Major B. I. is having his next dug-out plastered with French mortar?

Why Pte. Frie when singing at the concert had to stop? Someone said he struck the wrong key and others say his favourite key is whis-key.

Is it right that Pte M... is to be known as the human wheelbarrow? Wouldn't it be advisable to get a new wheel for his barrow - and not persist in running on his face?

Those sports! Some say good old luck. But I say? Just think chaps we had the usual smoker at which some of the boys lent a helping hand (and mouth) but we did not hear our old favourite Alloutte. Why?

W. H. L.

FROM THE ANARCHISTS

Oh! you Transport!! Some ball team!!! Get out in the bush for about steen weeks and practice. Nobody will see you there.

Some top-notch singer in No. 2. What? But cant he warble something else besides Liza Johnson?

High class rooters for hire. Terms moderate. A win guaranteed everytime. First class recommendations. Apply Box car W.

The section tenders its heartiest congratulations to Lieut Scroggie and C. S. M. Tommy Brewer on their decorations. Long may they wear em!

To the boys NOW in blighty: We are all very glad to hear you are progressing favourably. Steady a little. Then let her rip!!

C. S. C.

ARF A MO'

WITH THE Q. M.'s STAFF.

At last! Somebody has come to the sound conclusion that the boys can manage "very well" thank you "without a pack to

hump to their little dug-out in the West.

Company S. M.'s should take note that ant heaps are not pleasant places to repose upon.

Congratulations to Sergeants Wright, Campbell, Bellamy, Chapple and Raines on obtaining three stripes.

A lot of the boys look tickled to death about something. Must be a new breed about.

Who said the Transport can't play baseball?

Just at present the world appears to be made of divisional rests, pleasant surprises and other rumours.

Will dogs eat eggs? If you are unable to answer this query, the information may be obtained from D.

Who sat on Mac's fiddle?

I may be awfully ignorant, but it certainly looks a capital idea our transport has adopted of carrying their horses emergency rations plaited round the spokes of the wheels.

All good wishes from the staff go out to Cpl. S. D. Johnston now a cadet on the high road to a commission. May it be a smooth one.

It was rather hard on the Sergeants Mess the way the Officers walked off with that case of Scotch "eggs", but cheer up, it may be their turn to win the next time. Meanwhile a word of advice. Come and see a game between the Pipe Baun and the Q. M. Staff and pick up a few useful wrinkles.

J. C. K.

CAUGHT THROUGH THE LISTENER.

Owing to the extremely favourable weather the turn under canvass at Victoria lines caused the Signal section to view life through rose coloured spectacles. This, of course resulted in an ebullition of youthful spirits, not the least effervescent being a usually staid member (descendant of an ancient and royal line) who still retains that breezy manner which betrays the amphibean.

While we are looking forward to leave and the delights of feminine society, we are fortunate in the company of several "flappers" - one of them is of quite immode-

rate proportions. When out at rest the boys can be observed daily flirting with them, and extracting much innocent diversion and instruction in their company. Two of the section in particular were so fascinated that they went right "up in the air".

Writing of hobbies. Many of us of course have tame rats and mice but we now have a bird-fancier in our midst and he can be seen hourly billing and cooing with his pets.

Since resuming the Mess Fund all hands wear a blythe and care-free appearance; the Mess president's somewhat onerous duties are rendered lighter by this reflection.

At this writing pay-day is in the remote distance. However we still have "Two Bucks", who while of undoubted "face value", are scarcely "negotiable instruments".

A. H. H.

"Bursts" From the Third Brigade

MACHINE GUN CO

Since we had the "Vickers"

Everybody's happy. Everybody's glad. And its only the Boche who gets real mad. When we oil up the feed-block and let her rip. Poor old Fritz fairly gets the pip.

What we should like to know :-

Who is the gallant corporal who likes to "wobble" after looking on the wine when it is red?

Who is the member of the officers mess that connects square pushing with long hair?

Who is the member of the Sergeants mess who finds a difficulty is balancing his peas on a knife?

Hearty congratulations to :- Sergt. J. Thompson formerly of 8th Batt. M. G. section and Cpl. J. B. Mc Ilwaine formerly of 16th M. G. section upon winning the Military medal in the recent operations.

C. S. M.