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EDITORIAL.

AN OPINION AND A SUGGESTION.

Throughout the summer months efforts have been made to arouse the enthusiasm of the military staff over the various games and sports in season, with only a small amount of success, but now that football has commenced we venture to predict that, unless we *start* right—football will go the same way as the rest. This lack of enthusiasm is not the fault of the boys entirely, for we have as good a lot of "sports" in this office as you would find in any body of men, but they "don't like looking on," that is *evident*, or there would be more supporters. Then why in the name of heaven not let them PLAY? but—and it is a big "but"—they must have their *enthusiasm* aroused *first*.

We have an O.i.c. Sports, but up to the present his task has been like that of trying to light a damp squib.

Now to get down to business. It has been suggested that inter-Province football be started in the Office, but why not INTER-SECTION games? Do the boys favour inter-Province games? We think not, but that should have been found out *first*. You see—? Enthusiasm damped at the *start*.

In an Office like ours there is always a certain amount of rivalry existing between the various Branches—each Branch aiming to be the hardest worked for the thing—and it stands to reason that in the event of inter-Section football being promoted—that very same rivalry would be the foundation of the greatest enthusiasm throughout the Office.

The average man in this Office is naturally too self-conscious of the fact that he has not played footer for a num-

ber of years, and—even if he has—is too modest to consider himself good enough to have his name put down for any team in course of formation, but we firmly believe that a team of such men could be formed out of each Section, because a man will "play for the fun of the thing" with his Section mates, and because he knows he will not be the only bad player on the field. It is this "playing for the fun of the thing" which might be the means of producing some really first-class talent—there is plenty of talent in this Office which only requires developing—and any such talent could automatically be drafted into our first eleven to represent the Office. By doing this we should be sure of having the very best that the Office could produce to put up against the Pay Office and other teams.

We beat the Pay Office at Cricket, and we can more than hold our own against them at Kowing and Swimming; it is therefore up to the footballers to do the same, but it should also be noted that the Pay Office *already* have ten or eleven teams in existence! This is enthusiasm for you! They say to Hell with the Record Office and go ahead forming their teams. Let us say "To Hell with the Pay Office!" and put it across them. For your information and remarks, please.

EDITOR.

CHEVRONS.

We regret to have to announce that Pte. F. S. Turner (Editor) and Pte. F. Boshier (Secretary) have resigned their positions on the staff of the *Bulletin* owing to circumstances beyond their control.

In view of this Mr. G. F. Low becomes Editor as well as Business Manager, and Lieut. L. E. Candy will act as Secretary-Treasurer and Censor. Therefore in future *all* Copy will be handed to Mr. G. F. Low R2A2, whilst Lieut. Candy will deal with the Secretarial work.

Our thanks are due to Pte. F. S. Turner and Pte. F. Boshier for their past work in connection with the *Bulletin*.

In these times of work and strife it is absolutely impossible for us to guarantee getting the *Bulletin* out on any set day, that is until we slacken down a bit, but we assure our readers that whenever possible we shall do our best to publish on wednesdays.

We should be obliged if our old readers will draw the attention of all newcomers in their immediate vicinity to the fact that "to be one of us" they should buy the *bulletin*.

For the information of all newcomers we should like to repeat what the policy of the *Bulletin* is. It is to enable us to send a periodical donation to the Prisoners of War Tobacco Fund, to promote Esprit de Corps throughout the Office, and to encourage Sports of all kind. We are pleased to receive copy. We are open to criticism, and we are *dangerous* to attack!!

We are pleased to state that we have secured the services of Miss M. Willis (R.I.B.), who has kindly consented to act as Lady Correspondent. Our "Ladies' Corner" will therefore be started again next week.

We have also been very fortunate in securing the services of a well-known criminal lawyer well versed in divorce suits and breach of promise cases. We have secured this gentleman's services in the interests of our MALE readers. Some of them who came to us with tears in their eyes have already found themselves in deep water through helping a young lady check a 103. Anybody wanting advice will address their letters to Uncle "Joe," c/o The Editor. They can use a non-deplume, but must put their name and Section at the bottom of their letter as a guarantee of good faith.

A cheque for £15 has been forwarded by the Adjutant to the Canadian Red Cross Society on behalf of the C.R.O. Concert Party.