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## TO OUR BOYS.

"Christmas greetings to you, boys, wherever you may be,  
In trench, in camp, in hospital, in battery, at sea!  
Fling out your banners to the foe! And may they not be furled  
Until you've beat the ruthless Hun; and peace reigns in the  
world."

THE SEASONS COMPLIMENTS  
TO OUR READERS.

Christmas comes but once a year,  
signifying "Peace on Earth, Good  
Will to Men."

"Peace on Earth" is what we  
are striving for in our united  
effort to win this war: it is the  
symbol of our existence, the utopia  
of all right minded peoples.

"Good Will to Men" has been  
broadcast in its application until  
the Hun asserted his aggressive  
right to dominate the world by  
cowardly aggression.

At this present our Good Will  
is limited, by circumstances over  
which we have no control, to our  
own people and allied friends.

The festivities that usually ac-  
company Yuletide must, of neces-

sity, be somewhat restricted at this  
time;—care and sorrow will take  
their places in many a home;—  
many a vacant chair will proclaim  
the absence of a loved one.

To those who have so suffered,  
and to those who have returned  
with mangled bodies, we offer at  
this Christmastide our deepfelt  
sympathies; and our wish goes out  
to the widow, the mother, the  
orphan and the wounded, that in  
their sorrow they will be com-  
forted in the knowledge of a deed  
well and nobly done; of a sacrifice  
made, not in vain striving after  
worldly gain, but in the brave en-  
deavour to bring about that state  
of Peace and Good Will so  
admirably expressed by our Christ-  
mas festival.

The gloomy side of our present  
Christmas is a picture none has  
pleasure in depicting; and presents  
an unerring indictment upon the  
Hun—the murderer of mankind—  
silhouetting him vividly against  
the high light of that Symbol of  
Peace whose birth we celebrate at  
this period of the year.

## THE ELECTION

We go to print on the eve of the  
election with our watchword—

## VOTE FOR UNION

In another column you will find  
instructions as to voting.

Every soldier of the C.E.F. has  
a vote in this election, and that  
vote is a powerful instrument  
which, used in a proper manner,  
can be made to operate effectually.  
You can size up the situation for  
yourself.

Ask yourself these questions:—  
Will your vote be needed in the  
constituency from which you

come? Will your vote, marked for  
the Government, be the means of  
putting in a candidate in a consti-  
tuency where your vote is needed?

Weigh these questions in your  
mind!

## DON'T WASTE YOUR VOTE!

Have you mind made up before  
you enter the Polling booth. Don't  
hesitate to place your vote for the  
Government, in a constituency  
where it will count.

## Your Personal Viewpoint.

Ask yourself: What will the re-  
sult of the coming election mean  
to YOU?

One uncompromising, unavoid-  
able fact stares YOU in the face:—

Six months from now YOU will  
be under fire near the front line;  
and there will be cold, wet, mud,  
snow and suffering, and every  
form of hardship and misery that  
is inseparable from the grim  
realities of service at the front;  
and at last the time arrives when  
YOUR relief is due to "take over".

When that time comes, when  
YOU have about reached the limit  
of your endurance, which would  
you prefer?—

—To know that away back in  
Canada "slackers" and pro-Ger-  
mans, under the protection of the  
soldier, are comfortably discussing  
the pros and cons as to whether  
YOU really need relief in the form  
of reinforcements!

That is what a vote against  
UNION will mean.

Or, on the other hand, would  
YOU prefer to know with positive  
certainty that when YOU have  
done your turn, and have earned  
your spell in rest billets, that the

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Staff and Company Non-Commissioned Officers, E.T.D., St. Johns, Quebec, Canada, December, 1917.

relief for which YOU long is ready  
to "take over!"

On December 17th YOU will  
have an opportunity to say which  
you prefer. The ONE way,—the  
ONLY way,—to protect yourself is  
to vote for UNION—and REIN-  
FORCEMENTS.

## HISTORY OF THE DEPOT

We have reason indeed to feel  
proud of the achievements of the  
Engineer Training Depot. Its  
record needs no "boosting".

The depot was opened at  
the Lansdowne Park Exhibition  
Grounds in April 1915, under com-  
mand of Major J. A. McKenna,  
R.C.E. It was moved to Rockcliffe  
Park Camp for the summer of  
1915, returning to Lansdowne  
Park in the fall. At this time the  
depot comprised about 375 officers  
and men.

During the winter of 1915-16  
the strength increased to 1800, the  
increase taking place shortly after  
Lieut.-Col. (then Major) W. W.  
Melville was appointed to the com-  
mand, in January 1916.

In June 1916 the depot pro-  
ceeded to Valcartier Camp, from

thence in October to its present  
quarters in St. Johns.

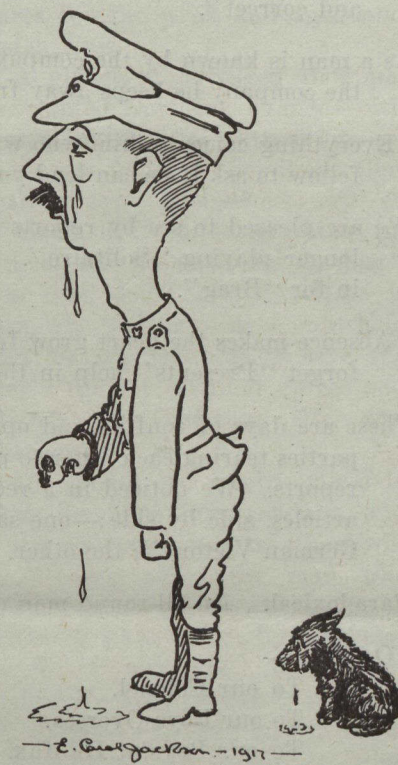
Captain G. H. Shaw, R.C.E., was  
the first Adjutant, being succeeded  
by Major T. C. Keefer, C.E., in  
September, 1915.

Captain Fellowes was the first  
R.S.M. of the depot, when our  
present R.S.M. was appointed  
C.S.M. Sergeant-Major Johnson  
was appointed R.S.M. on 16th  
February 1916.

Recruiting for the Canadian En-  
gineers was permitted from coast  
to coast, and drafts of 200 men at a  
time were forwarded from re-  
cruiting stations to the Engineer  
Training Depot. The recruiting  
depots were, as a whole, under the  
control of Col. Maunsell, R.C.E.;  
and locally administered by the  
C.R.C.E. of the Military District.

The total number of men who  
have passed through the Engineers'  
Training Depot is 7708, of which  
about 6000 have proceeded over-  
seas. Four hundred and seventy  
officers have been trained in the  
Depot, the majority of whom have  
gone overseas.

POSTAGE ON THIS NUMBER:  
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"Fifteen Bucks, and now my paw,—  
Oh my God! What an awful war!"  
"Never mind, Cheer up!"—says B:  
"You have our heart-felt sympathy!"

The Royal Halifax Sixty-Third was  
the first colonial militia regiment in  
the Empire to volunteer for service,  
and the first to send officers to the  
front.

## OBITUARY

We regret to announce the death  
in our midst of—

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Sapper E. A. P. Anderson, C.E.

Spr. Anderson was 31 years of  
age; born in Copenhagen, Den-  
mark. He enlisted in Winnipeg on  
26th May of this year. He had  
served eighteen months in the  
Danish Army. He was single. A  
military funeral was held at St.  
James Church.

It is our unpleasant duty to  
record also the death of—

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Sapper M. N. Kirby, C.E.

Sapper Kirby was born in Sun-  
derland, England, in 1887. En-  
listed in Toronto on 18th June  
of this year. He was previously  
with the Royal Engineers (Im-  
perial) for two years. He leaves  
a widow, to whom our sympathies  
are addressed. A military funeral  
was accorded the remains at the  
Roman Catholic Church.



Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Sappers and Drivers of the Engineers' Training Depot; St. Johns, Quebec, Canada; December, 1917.