

PIPE BAUN SKRACHS

By Crunluath Mach & Company

(No reflection on our personal cleanliness)

Here we are again, and although the weather is against route marches, we still manage to play Reveille without the aid of snowshoes. (Company.)

The new morning stunts of the Battalion on the oval bring back memories of the Guards (G.N.S.R.) and we'll soon have the same appearance as that famous body of men.

Fut about the Pioneer Sergeant's moustache? He wis seen ae day stravagin roon the toon, gyaun intull ilka droggists shop trying tae buy some o' yon fite pooder 'it the deemies use for takkin' the fog aff o' their oxters afore a dance.

Who is the piper who "mushes" his way along the Inter-urban Railroad towards Saanichton, and what is the attraction? (Company.)

! ♦ ! — !!! Shut up! (Crunluath Mach.)

For Pete's sake, Jack, keep quiet. (Crunluath Mach.)

They say the pipe band took in three First Aid lectures in the time usually allotted to one. The absorbing power of the "baun" always has been marvellous.

We offer apologies to the men who attended a recent funeral, on behalf of one or two members of the baun who forced the homeward pace until it resembled a two-step. The disturbing element was young Dunc., with his High School trot. Oh! Dunkie's swift!

We are commencing to suffer a most severe literary mauling about in this paper and spend half of our time searching for an agreeable "alias" to our present name. (Crunluath Mach.)

Two officers, discussing the Pipe-Major of a certain regiment:

A. That's a funny Pipe-Major of ours.

B. How?

A. Why, I met him the other morning and he said "It's a — of a morning, Sir," and never saluted me.

B. You're lucky. He called you "Sir."

When it comes to First Aid, we know of no very convenient, sudden treatment for the soldier who sampled his country's beans at a halt on the route march to Colwood.

They tell us on good authority that Pte. Neil McSween, No. 2 Company, had stolen from him the nice Christmas present given by two ladies. He'll get "socks" when the ladies see him next.

THE BASE COMPANY

The stork came to the home of Sgt. Tait on Tuesday, leaving a daughter behind. Mother, daughter and papa are all doing fine. Congratulations to the sergeant.

The impenetrable veil enveloping Pte. Higgins' movements during training has been lifted. Reported that he still takes his half (s)mile before breakfast each day and takes no other spiritual comfort except on Sunday.

P. C. Smith can be seen running round his training grounds, Government, down Yates, along water front, back up Johnson Street, six times without a stop. He is still eating good, particularly pudding.

Keep on smiling, Higgins; you will never take the laugh off Smith. Ha! Ha! Ha!

When he fell down the band stairs the other day the corporal's language was most "unchristianlike."

A Manxman ought to have three legs. The third would have saved the fall.

Had he been to the Manx Arms?

The band has a knack of tumbling up the stairs for a change. One light-footed night-hawk, who arrives home usually shortly after midnight, would oblige by taking his "buits" off.

That "Mach," of the Pipe Band, is very earnest and sincere in deprecating any criticism of the Pipe Band we will all agree.

He is an enthusiast himself and expects others to be the same. Still, he cannot expect a Battalion composed of men from every part of the British Empire to have that adoration for the pipes and their music that he, a Scotchman, has. Some of us never heard the pipes really played until we heard our own Pipe Band.

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