

The Brazier

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Contributions are invited.

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As all copy intended for publication in The Brazier must previously be censored at Army Headquarters we would remind contributors that all contributions should reach us as early as possible. Whenever possible contributions should be sent in for the next number immediately the current number is published.

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OWING to the new regulations we are not permitted to publish names or numbers of units in The Brazier. This necessitates the regimental sections of the paper being suspended. We trust, however, that members of the Brigade will continue to give us their hearty support by contributing articles, stories, verse or sketches suitable for our columns. The success of the Brigade journal depends almost entirely on the individual support of the men in the Brigade who are able to contribute to the paper, so do not hesitate to send your contributions in. We'll be glad to hear from you.

WE are indebted to the publishers of "Another Garland From The Front" for several of our illustrations this month. "The Garland" is full of bright reading and the illustrations include contributions from such well known artists as John Hassall and Heath Robinson. It is a splendid magazine to send to the folks at home and Messrs. Geo. Pulman & Sons, Ltd., 27 Thayer Street, Manchester Square, London, will mail a copy to any address on receipt of five francs.

WE have received a copy of the latest Canadian trench journal, "Shell Hole Advance". The initial number gives promise of its taking a prominent place among the ranks of the Canadian trench papers and we extend every good wish to our new contemporary.

FIGURES published recently by the postal authorities give ample proof that the Canadian soldier in France writes home frequently. They also prove that the folks at home are mindful of the boys at the Front. During the month of December 11,440 bags containing 221 tons of mail were despatched from the Canadian Corps. The approximate number of letters mailed during the month was 3,693,816, a daily average of close on 120,000. Naturally the figures showing the amount of mail arriving in France are considerably larger. Approximately 1,621 tons of mail were received by the Corps throughout the month, the number of bags being 82,592, a daily average of over 2,650 bags.

THE second volume of the official contemporary history of the Canadian Forces, "Canada in Flanders" has just been published by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton. The work is compiled by Lord Beaverbrook, (Sir Max Aitken), and the staff of the Historical Section of the Canadian Record Office. The first volume dealt with the fortunes of the Canadians up to the time of the activities at Festubert in May 1915 and the second volume just published covers the period from that date to the battle of The Somme.

COMMENCING with this issue, The Brazier will be reduced in price to one penny instead of two pence as formerly, and will contain eight pages instead of ten. The paper does not exist for the purpose of making profits and our circulation has increased to such an extent as to make the reduction in price possible without any financial loss being incurred. At the same time, the present high price of paper forbids us continuing a ten page paper at half the former price but we hope to overcome that deficiency by publishing regularly every month. We wish to thank our contributors and others who have, by giving their hearty support, enabled us to put the paper on its present satisfactory basis.

As The Brazier is censored by the Army Censor before publication, copies of the paper can be mailed enclosed in an envelope. Send your copy home when you are through with it.

Correspondence

Dear Mr. Editor,

Your issue of The Brazier for February 10th has just reported present and correct, but a certain item in your Kalendar, (notice the American spelling. The U.S.A. is already making itself felt in this "wore") says "Christmas may be expected to fall on the 26th as usual". May I point out that though your prophecy may prove correct, there was an exception in 1916 as Christmas turned up on the 25th? The fault may have been with the Q.M. stores although they have never been known to make a mistake before; occasionally we get real meat and orange marmalade, but such trifling "decrepencys" (more "American" spelling?—Ed.) do not count.

What I wish to impress on you is, that one exception occurred in 1916, (the only one I can swear to) as next day the evidence read, "Sir, on the night of the 26th I found accused by the side of the road talking to a plough," which makes your term "as usual" incorrect.

Q.E.D.

We stand corrected and when our Tame Prophet comes round next year we will point out his error. But perhaps he meant it for a joke or, on the other hand, he may have been the party referred to as having been found conversing with a plough on the night of 26th December last. We now wish to inform our several million readers that we take back what we said about Christmas falling on the 26th.

DECORATIONS

Croix De Guerre

Captain (Act. Major) J. P. Girvan.

Medaille Militaire

Sergt. W. C. Pearce.

Italian Bronze Medal For Military Valour

C.S.M. (now Lieut.) G. F. Palmer.

Military Medal

Corpl. J. H. Hurst.
Corpl. G. B. McKean.

Sergt. F. A. Smith.
Lce. Sergt. J. T. Wright.
Lce. Corpl. J. T. Mosley.
Pte. F. Thonber.