

Major S. C. OLAND

O. C. 66th Battery.

MOST Majors are pretty much alike except our Major—he's different. He stands over six feet; has fair hair and a cigarette is his favorite smoke. He knows his business, he knows men, he has the goods. He put the cool in coolness. He runs his Battery and fights his battles as unconsciously as he eats his breakfast. With him there is never a splash, never a jolt, never a bungle, never a frenzied mix-up.

He distinguishes between the humbug and the reality of military life. He has the strategical situation sized up and he hits his objective right in the solar-plexus. That is why we never resolve to tell him anything about Artillery. Major Oland was born at Halifax, Nova Scotia, June seventeenth, 1886. He started in the war-game as a private in 1900, in 82nd Regiment P.E.I. and 1903 found him a private in the P.E.I. Light Horse. The next year he became a Lieutenant in the 1st Canadian Garrison Artillery, Halifax, and then the fun began. In 1907 he acted as Gun Group Commander of the Canadian Coast Defence Artillery Team (6in. guns) which won the King's Cup from the English Artillery at Halifax. In 1911 he was on the Canadian Artillery team which toured England and participated in Field, Heavy and Coast Defence competitions. He acted as Captain of the Field Artillery team, and Gun Group Commander of the Coast Defence team, shooting at Salisbury Plain, Shoeburyness, Lydd and Portsmouth against various English teams. The Canadians returned to Canada with the cake and the crumbs too.