

NO. 4 COMPANY

No. 4 Company was pleased to note that the band started off on the right foot for once. (Note: The right foot is the left.)

Pte. Ed. Doherty, of No. 13 Platoon, is an artist with the tin whistle. (Concert master please note.)

Corpl. "Dad" Henderson cannot recall anything in the Egyptian campaign to compare with the snores of a certain member of his section.

Platoon 13 sympathizes with Corpl. "Art" Belyea during his temporary absence from duty with an infected foot.

There is a man in No. 4 Company who pronounces "Beer" "Bee-r-r." He only pronounces it, however.

The Provost-Sergeant was charmed last week at the smart capture made in Saanich by Sergeant Redgraves and men of No. 4 Company.

Scout Smith is to be congratulated on his abilities as a "newsy." He sold 150 copies of the "Western Scot" at noon last Saturday.

Thanks to the persistent efforts of Q.M.-Sergeant Dawson the big men of No. 4 Company are being outfitted rapidly.

For the benefit of some of the heavy sleepers it is suggested that Sergeant McKay go through a few squad-drill commands at reveille each morning.

The Machine Gun Section, in its usual avid manner, has captured one of our promising young non-coms., Lance-Corpl. Duggan. "Dug's" duty, it is understood, will be to follow up the bullets from the machine gun to see that they keep up the correct velocity from muzzle to mark.

Pte. Wm. Carlisle (hooray!) is receiving many inquiries as to what special line of "training" he specializes in. The men of Section 2 know!

Corpl. Banks grows more soldierly in appearance daily.

No. 4 Company was pleased to see Lieut. Burde around again on Wednesday, apparently quite recovered from his injury.

No. 4 Company is proud in the possession of Sherlock Holmes Cope.

No. 4 Company intends to maintain its reputation for smartness on parade.

On a recent parade a sergeant of No. 4 thought he had a blank file in his platoon until he discovered "Shorty" Glover on the job.

THE PIPE BAND

In an effort to secure additional pipers for the pipe band Pipe-Major Wishart is to go to Vancouver next week. Owing to the fact that already four battalions from British Columbia have taken pipe bands to the front there is a scarcity of pipers in this Province, and the Western Scots are feeling this. Another piper has, however, been discovered within the Battalion, bringing the number up to eight. Three others are still undecided as to whether or not they want to see real action and have not as yet joined up, although they have written for particulars. It is hoped that the band will soon number a round dozen pipers, so that with the brass band the Battalion will have plenty of music to march to. Every day Sergeant Johnston is showing new stunts with that stick of his, and we look forward with confidence to the day when he will put to shade Sergeant-Drummer Sims, who can do nearly anything with his sticks.

By the way: Has anyone noticed how the Sergeant-Drummer puts on a few extra twirls when he passes schools for young ladies? We are afraid that he is a devil with the women.

Pipers Wallace and Maclean-Angus are hard at work with chanter and pens composing a new pipe march for the Battalion, which promises to have all the swing for which pipe music is noted and a little bit more. The name of the new march has not as yet been divulged, but it is expected that it will bear the name of our popular Commanding Officer or some other appropriate title.

The new drums for the Battalion are expected to arrive from England any day, and it will not be long now before the Douglas tartan kilts, with which the pipers and drummers will be issued, are here.

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