

in that category of wild rumors so prevalent around Camp. Still, we would like to know the inside story of the Mystery of Nick and a Hansom Cab.

Sergeant W. Young has already selected a hospital to which he is to be removed when wounded. While we none of us want to lose our "Billy Boy," still we will try to have his wishes carried out, if the necessity arises. But we have not discovered what the name of the nurse is.

Another mystery that requires cleaning up is, how can an unsophisticated Private from the wilds of Duncan, B.C., exist in London on 4s. 2d. for three days, and still visit three shows, Madame Tussaud's and the Tower of London.

We are all pleased that the Battalion is to form part of the 4th Canadian Division, and is not to be split up. Also the fact that we have been selected as the Pioneer Battalion of the Division is in itself a great honour.

Everyone seems anxious to get inside a kilt. Possibly one reason is that tunics and serges, after seven months of hard wear, don't look quite so well as when they were new.

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#### AN IMPORTANT INSPECTION.

The inspection on Saturday last by Major-General Watson, who will command the 4th Canadian Division, was fraught with more than ordinary importance for the 67th Battalion Western Scots of Canada. As a result of it we know now where we stand, and what is expected of us.

The Battalion, under Lieut.-Colonel Ross, showed up particularly well, and the drill movements required by the inspecting officer were carried out very creditably indeed. Afterwards, Major-General Watson called the Battalion around him, informally, and talked straight from the shoulder. The Western Scots, he said, had been specially selected by the War Office to carry on as the Pioneer Battalion of the 4th Division. This was a signal honour, and one that customarily was accorded to the best Battalion in a division after competition. The Western Scots, however, were slated for the distinction beforehand. Their retention of the place, though, would depend entirely on their ability to "make good." They would have to show up better than the average all the way through. There would be ample opportunity to stand or fall on merit. No one should run away with the idea that this war would be ended in a week or two. Furthermore, it was to be understood that no officer, non-commissioned officer, or man in the 4th Division would go to the front unless he was absolutely fit physically.

It is to be hoped that all ranks will appreciate the honour that has been accorded the Battalion. Only individual determination to put away personal differences, and be prepared to let pride stand aside until the glorious end is achieved, can render us, as a whole, capable of holding our place. Many of us have already made sacrifices to arrive where we are now. We must make more sacrifices yet!

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#### OUR TOAST

Here's to the lads from the Land of the Maple—  
The lads that have gone and the lads that will go;  
With comfort a luxury, fighting a staple,  
The best and the worst, they are all in the show.

Day after day they are ready and willing,  
Doing their work with a laugh and a song;  
Day after day the grim Last Roll is filling—  
Days are so many and months are so long.

Here's to the end of the task they have tackled,  
An end to the sorrows and shadows of war;  
Here's to the sunshine of peace all unshackled,  
Sea's blue and the green of the Homeland afar.

Then we'll go home again—ev'ry last one of us!  
We'll all fall in when the great column starts.  
They that went down when the guns had the run of us  
With honour and pride shall go home in our hearts.

C. L. A.

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