

We admire Pte. Denby's sympathetic attitude shown to a certain private of No. 4 Company who had received seven days C.B. for what he thought was a very minor offence. (He had, I believe, asked a certain official to proceed to a more salubrious climate.) Denby told him he ought to get a D.C.M. The poor fellow is trying to pluck up courage to ask for a District Court-Martial. Make it D.S.O. next time, Denby.

We sympathize also with the three Chinamen who somehow got mixed up in Monday's battle. "Evlybody klazly"; and they certainly thought it by the way they were beating it down the road.

The lance-Jack in No. 14 Platoon who was asked to give his number (so that the sergeant might know the number of men on parade) and who started—ten, twenty, etc., should be promoted to the ranks again.

We are certainly extracting leaves from Germany's notebook.

The fifty cent piece we accidentally dropped into Macmasters coffee (?) will still only pass for a penny in spite of a bottle of metal polish.

If the miserable and cowardly correspondent of a local paper who talked about citizens of Victoria discriminating against restaurants, etc., used by men in the King's uniform would do a little less in the way of recrimination and himself don the khaki it would be very much more to the point. Recruiting Sergeants! Look in the office next time you are passing.

Another very successful field day took place on Monday. This kind of work appeals, much more so than squad drill, to every rank. And also, unlike squad and company drill, the more one gets the more interested one becomes. One of the chief troubles of platoon leaders on Monday seemed to be that their men did not hang together better. A terrific toll would have been extracted from the stragglers of the attacking forces if the affair had been in actual warfare and the defenders had any sharpshooters amongst them. We hope we shall be able to get details of the whole affair as some of us could not possibly see why, for instance, Mr. Terry's platoon was placed out of action. When this took place Capt. Nicholson, with his company, had wiped out quite a number of Major Jones' outfit, including two majors, two lieutenants and numerous N.C.O.'s. Mr. Terry arrived just in time to be told he was "out of action." Capt. Nicholson then discreetly withdrew. Nous voudrions bien savoir "le pourquoi."

The "tomahawks" have at last reached the Quartermaster's store and "Nous allons partir au Zululand," pretty soon.

Would advise all men in our Company to buy a French phrase book and do a little swotting, remembering (I think it was our old Irish bard Thomas Hood who wrote them), the lines:

"Never go to France, unless you know the lingo,
If you do, you will repent, by Jingo!"

By the way, French is quite common in Egypt.

BASE COMPANY

It is really interesting to hear the different remarks concerning this Base Company. There is one thing sure, we are all born fighters. We plainly proved this the other week, in conveying victuals into and through the firing line for the hard-headed and horny-handed Western Scots, and undoubtedly we will do it again if we abide by the council we receive from our leaders, although we have lost a lot of Biddington Terrors. But we have still some warriors left. In our recent battle had it not been for No. 3 section in the Base Company entrenching themselves into an impregnable position, and by doing so prevented No. 1 Company from being annihilated. We are not very strong in numbers, so our casualties were not so great as the others, although we did suffer, but not seriously. Sergeant Tait and a few of his men were so injured they had to be brought back to camp in an automobile; but all are recovering and will be able to take part in the next battle. Private Higgenbottom and Conneau put up such a good fight that when they came back to camp the O.C. of Base Company made them both lance-corporals, so instead of deteriorating, we are progressing.

So, boys, do not the Base despise,

We'll do our best to help you through;

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