

"B" Company.

From "B" Company C.E.T.D. to "B" Company 2nd C.E.R.B. is a long cry. We still have a staff, and we still have strength (mostly dead), but it is really impossible to go through the Battalion movements we used to do. The poor chap feels quite lonely on parade.

"Dusty" is having a well earned rest after his winter's work. We noticed he has only three men training, and seven on ceremonial parade.

With three officers to inspect them they should be pretty smart.

Wally must have been right about those aeroplanes after all—as I see he has been made a Corporal.

The old "B" Company staff is well to the fore among the promotions. We see "two" on the arms of Walling, Cowan, Newman, Wilson and Hardaker. Corpl. Dawson is now a Sergt., and C.Q.M.S. Turner has blossomed out into a C.S.M.

No. 2 lines N.C.O.'s mess held a mess meeting on the 6th inst. for the election of office holders.

"Dusty" Miller was re-elected president, and Sergts. Lilly and Pryke were elected to the committee.

Arrangements were also made to hold the monthly smoker in the near future.

"C" Company.

The sportsmen of "C" Company were getting busy to carry out the fixtures arranged for them, and were prepared to make a good showing.

The other afternoon, in response to a challenge from "D" Company, our tug-of-war team met them for the first time, and were easily the winners with two pulls to nil.

The "Draft Call" is likely to disorganize our sports for a little, until our talent is discovered.

New talent will send its names to the Officer i/c sports "C" Company.

The Company are sorry to have their O.C. absent through illness, and wish him a speedy recovery and return.

"E" Company.

O.C. and officers of "E" Company wish the best of luck to men shortly going away on draft. The Company will really be "left desolate," but at least gains merit by sending such a fine body of men.

Congratulations to the "hockey" and "baseball" teams, which were chosen to represent the 2nd Battalion.

Owing to all leave being stopped, mothers, sisters, and "others" had to come to Seaford during the weekend. It was not the fault of the Adjutant that a special train was not provided for the "others."

"G" Company.

Who stole the O.C.'s bicycle? The Company will willingly pay for the return thereof. No questions asked, as walking does not improve the temper during this hot weather.

"G" Company regrets to announce the loss of Capt. H. B. Mogg, who is proceeding overseas. All ranks unite in wishing him the best of luck, etc.

Has anybody seen "A" Company's baseball team? "G" Company gets two games from them, owing to their absence from the playing field. Perhaps they saw our team in practice.

If you want to know what sports are, ask L/Corpl. Pierce.

Will someone in another Company tell us what experience their Presbyterian representative had on their preliminary inspection. Ours came back in tears, and his vocabulary was most contradictory to Presbyterian ideals.

Ask Corpl. Wilson what he thinks of a white Blaucoed belt, and then "duck."

Who wanted to know what the big noise was on the night of 7th inst? No, it wasn't a draft going out. Ask some of our sergeants, they may have a faint recollection. Anyway, hearty thanks, Sergeants' Mess No. 1 Lines. We had a most enjoyable time, although perhaps a little hilarious.

There seems to be a rather serious epidemic of marriages in this Company. Why this haste?

One or two of our N.C.O.s have been "sweating" like "June brides" of late. Come on, someone, let us know when the *double event* is coming off.

When did Sergt. Calderhead last do the duties of Battalion Orderly Sergeant? Loud voice from the "box car": "Somewhen in 1914."

What sort of "Totems" do our sergeants use when playing poker? Does any real money—never—change hands?

One of our Company officers wishes to know who was the non-combatant officer in mufti who was trying to quell a squabble among some infantry men in Seaford, one evening lately.

Who said "——— those civilians"? (A tweed cap will be returned to owner on application to C.M.G.D. Office. Ref. C.E.D.O.149, dated June 6th, 1918).

"H" Company.

Lieut. H. L. Scott, who has been acting as Second-in-Command and Adjutant of "H" Company, has reported to Bexhill "on command."

Lieut. W. H. Stuart has reported here from hospital. He was wounded with No. — Tunnelling Company some months ago.

Changing our name has not altered conditions much. The entire Company is again on draft.

Capt. R. A. Spencer, M.C., is away on a heavy bridging course.

When is "H" Company going to send us some news of their doings in barracks? Results of the latest crown and anchor tournaments, poker bouts, etc., would make interesting reading, as well as raids on the games after "Lights out."

Lieut. W. W. Raymond, M.C., has left "H" Company to take command of "D." Good luck, Ray.

Lieut. Frank Clark has been appointed Brigade Sports Officer. We ought to be well entertained now.

Sergt. J. C. H. Davies, late — Tunnelling Company, France, is C.S.M., in place of C.S.M. Dunleavy, who is now with the Battalion.

THE MOLE.