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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

The inspection by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught of the local garrison, which took place at the Willows on Friday, the 17th of September, and which incident is the subject of several of the illustrations in this issue, constituted what may be termed the first official incident in the life's history of "The Western Scots." The picture appearing on page one shows a portion of the Battalion passing the saluting point,

Monk moved, and occupying, as they did, "the right of the line," the battery fully maintained the best tradition of the "Fighting Fifth." Unfortunately, the B.C. Horse went past dismounted, and none of the photographs could do justice to Major Henniker's magnificent body of horsemen—a body of men which would do infinite credit to any crack mounted corps. The appearance of both the 88th Fusiliers, Lt.-Col. Rous Cullen, and the Fiftieth Gordon Highlanders, Major



THE ROYAL REVIEW—His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, and His Honor, Lieut.-Governor Barnard, at the Inspection of the Western Scots at the Willows Camp, September 17th

and when it is stated that many of the rank and file who took part in this review stood in the ranks for the first time in the previous Monday, and as far as "drill" is concerned practically at that time did not know their left from their right, the astonishing progress made by the various companies will be appreciated when it is recalled with what steadiness the Battalion went past. The photograph depicting the guns of the Fifth Artillery passing the saluting point will show with what precision the battery under Lieut.

Forsythe, was also most commendable. The photograph of the Western Scots overseas draft is published as a souvenir of as fine a body of men as ever wore His Majesty's uniform, and in bidding them bon voyage we do so with the knowledge that they will give a good and glorious account of themselves when their "day" comes. Col. Ross's parting injunction to them to continue to "play the game" will, it is safe to say, be their watchword in whatever tight corner it may be their lot to occupy.

THE BOMBERS' SECTION

(By Lieut. A. B. Carey)

Another result of Colonel Ross's experience at the front is shown in the formation of a new section for training, technically called the "Bombers Section." The men in this section will receive instruction in the general properties, the handling, and in the throwing of bombs or grenades.

As is known from the news at the front, the ancient art of using hand-thrown bombs has been revived and now is playing a very important part in the present struggle. A great many varieties of bombs are used at the front, the most interesting of which are undoubtedly those made by the soldiers themselves. These can be manufactured from jam pots, bottles, etc., in fact, anything that can be filled with powder and missiles, and are usually exploded by a fuse.

The fuse must have a correct length, as, when it is too long it is picked up and thrown back by the enemy, and when too short it explodes before being thrown—either case being very embarrassing to the thrower.

The course of instruction given the "Bombers' Section," as outlined, will consist, roughly, of a thorough training in judging time, in the properties of



AT THE ROYAL REVIEW—His Royal Highness at the Saluting Point talking with Lt.-Col. Ogilvie, D. O. C.

fuse, correct cutting and lighting of same, the general subject of the manufacture of bombs, the running from cover and throwing over entanglements and into trenches, and an outline of general tactics covering the use of bombs. This is instruction that is usually given in England, but it is Col. Ross's idea that to secure thorough training all branches should be carried on concurrently here, thus giving the men a grounding that will enable them to easily acquire any further perfection of training required in the Old Country.

The "Bombers' Section" will also receive instructions in putting up barbed wire entanglements, digging trenches, and other general military "minor" engineering.

Despite the fact that bomb throwing is known to be very dangerous work, the bombers section being popularly called the "Suicide Club," a great many more men volunteered for the training than can receive it at the present time.

The ranks of the section are composed of ball players, lacrosse players, etc., the men being chosen from those giving promise of being courageous, self-reliant and cool headed in any sudden and trying emergency.

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THE MACHINE GUN SECTION

Last week the Machine Gun Section of the Battalion was organized under command of Lieut. S. H. Okell, who has recently returned from Ottawa, where he took a special course in machine gun work at the Royal Canadian School of Musketry.

As is well known, the machine gun is playing a great part in the present war, and the personnel (which is thirty-five men) of the 67th section has been carefully picked, each man being of especially good physique, of mechanical aptitude and good self reliance.

At the present time drill is being done with a dummy, but the early arrival of a gun is looked forward to with keen anticipation.

The machine guns used by the Canadian forces at the front have been for the most part the Colt Automatic Guns, which have given good satisfaction. But these are being superceded to a certain extent by the new "Lewis" gun, and as the Canadian Government has placed a large contract for these latter, which are supposed to be delivered on November first, it is likely the Battalion will be supplied with these at an early date.

While the Colt gun is one of the best quick-firers made, still the Lewis has an advantage in its greater lightness, weighing, as it does, only about thirty pounds, including the mount; while the Colt gun alone is thirty-five pounds and tripod sixty pounds. It will thus be seen that the ease and simplicity of portability of the Lewis is a matter that counts very greatly in its favor. Moreover, if necessary, it can be fired without a mount at all, even from a man's shoulder, just as would be a rifle. The rate of fire of a machine gun may be said to be equal to about fifty riflemen using rapid fire, and when it is considered that such a gun takes but a yard of frontage, as compared with fifty yards for riflemen, and the gun, if necessary, can be run by one man, the great advantage and importance of machine gun fire can be fully realized. In many cases at the front machine guns have done deadly work from the second story of houses, where they have been well concealed, allowing the enemy to come within very close range. In fact, one very authentic report instances the wiping out of a whole German battalion in a little over five minutes by one British machine gun.

Col. Ross, having been to the front, knows the necessity of more machine guns and the careful training of their crews, and it is his intention that the "Western Scots" will not be behind in this particular and will demand a very high standard of proficiency in the machine gun section ere he allows them to go into action.

A CRIMEAN VETERAN

On Wednesday was laid to rest the mortal remains of one who has fought the battles of Britain the names of which are written large on the page of history. To have fought at the Alma, Inkerman, Balaclava and Sebastopol, as well as in the Indian Mutiny, was ample warrant for the military funeral that was accorded the memory of Peter Fernie, and the spectacle of the very many medals and ribbons on the breasts of so great a number of those in the cortege was a fitting tribute to the sturdy old warrior who has passed away full of years and honor.

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SALUTATORY

Not to fill a long-felt want, but to promote a long-felt impulse, has it been decided to issue "The Western Scot." The impulse to "play the game" is an impulse as old as the British peoples themselves, and in many respects is the chief characteristic differentiating as between the fighting races of mankind and the brutal welter of modern German "Kultur." The impulse "to play the game" is the impulse to which "The Western Scot" will always appeal, on the part alike of officers and men.

To say that in every walk of human life co-operation is necessary is to repeat a platitude, but seemingly a platitude which loses none of its force by reason of repetition, and in no field of human activity is co-operation more needed than in the military life. The entire subordination of the part to the welfare of the whole, however heroic it may seem in statement, is in actual fact being visualized on the battlefields of the present war. Our civil and religious liberties have only been gained by the subordination at the crucial time of the welfare of the individual to that of the whole. While rule of majority and power to vote have their special uses and advantages, it is never that the navigator of a storm-tossed ship has to put it to the vote of his crew as to how he shall work the vessel. The individual ideas and welfare of each individual one is sunk in the collective knowledge and welfare of all as represented by the captain at the time the crew takes ship, and the injunction "play the game" is to the British race equally the governing principle of the sailor before the mast as the "Tommie" in the shot-riddled trenches of the firing line.

It is, therefore, with the intention of fostering a feeling of comradeship and promoting "team work" among the rank and file, and mutual esteem and hearty loyalty between officers and men that "The Western Scot" offers the injunction to one and all—not that they should in the abstract admire these things from a long way off, but that all hands should "get in" and "Play the Game."



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SUPPLEMENT TO "THE WESTERN SCOT"

OCTOBER 9TH, 1915



WESTERN SCOTS' OVERSEAS DRAFT AT THE WILLOWS CAMP, VICTORIA, B. C.

THE QUARTER GUARD SAYS:

That more passes the gate than is dreamed of by those whose guy ropes are used as fiddle strings at the feet of midnight wanderers.

That "the hole in the fence" was a short cut to other things than respectable hours—so to speak, a breach more honored in the use than the observance of regimental conventions.

That erstwhile discipline could masquerade in borrowed plumage and not all was "C.B." that custom warranted and authority dictated.



CANADA'S WAR MINISTER—General The Honorable
Sir Sam Hughes, K. C. B.

That between the elegant tent-bungalo-with-all-modern-improvements and the soft side of the plank flooring of the "main building" there could be a happy medium, grateful alike to health, comfort and soldierly instinct.

That it is not always the smaller culinary vessel that creates the greatest auricular disturbance in the "wee sma' 'ours ayont the twal."

That, forsooth, exactitude of statement is not always a chartered characteristic of military writers, as witness some certain local autobiographical advertisements.

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That more drill and less talk would be a better excuse for pay day.

That it's a shame to take the money.

That, lest any should labor under a misapprehension, it may be remarked by the way that the average newspaperman has a hide sufficiently thick to protect him from bullets in the shape of jocose remarks on the part of drill sergeants, but at the same time it is quite likely that his aesthetic tastes may revolt at undue liberties with the King's English.

That owing to the passage through the dry belt of leading lights of the "Cleaners' Club," the sessions of that august organization for the nonce have been suspended.

That the pen may be mightier than the sword, but in the present "little unpleasantness," commend the average newspaper man to a Colt's Automatic.

The hearty response of all hands to the call of the Sports Committee was most commendable, a sum amounting to \$77.40 having been contributed, and there are sundry possible trophies also in sight.

Machine Gun Patter

Pte. J. Oldcroft, 102342, admits he is some connoisseur of cigars since some kind soul misdirected a box of perfectos to the O.C. of the Gun Section to the section headquarters instead of to the officers' quarters.

The finest and best equipped camp on the Fair Grounds is the claim of the Machine Gun Section for their location. And the pioneers were not called on for assistance either. But some machine gun, eh?

Since Musketry Instructor Lieut. Schreiber publicly drew attention to their adaptability as mules, Acting Corps. Mills and Hewitt have been observed in quiet train in out of the way spots packing excess baggage. Nothing like being prepared.

Pte. J. Dakers, 102953, is a quiet individual, but these afternoons he is doing considerable kicking. He is a member of the Battalion soccer team.

Excuse the exultation, but the Machine Gun Section desires to call attention to its conduct. No absentees, no crime, nothing wrong to date. Some record.



THE BATTALION ROUTE MARCH—The O.C. and Adjutant at the head of the column

But for the dilatory methods of Q.M.S. McIntosh, of No. 3 Company, the Machine Gun Section would have made a little speed returning from Telegraph Bay last Tuesday afternoon. Please fall in behind in future, Mc.

Pte. R. Arbuthnot, 102089, is not exactly a night-hawk, for he always manages to report at "Last Post," but his ability to get about after dark should make him invaluable in sentry work.

It is sometimes hard to make a man forget his nationality. Bear witness to Pte. R. Ronson, 102892, late of the Irish Fusiliers, now a Western Scot. He is progressing famously, however.

For careful and economical distribution of company funds we commend Pte. G. L. Peck, 102,751, the energetic "quartermaster" of the Machine Gun Section. And he is not insistent on immediate payment of assessments either, which alone should give him a certain niche in the Hall of Fame.

Pte. E. Valiquet, 102691, is preparing to show the gang a good time when we reach the land of the fleur de lis. He will be official interpreter for the section.

Acting Sergt. C. E. Kendall is keen for the gun work, but he declares that the feed throw-off screw is

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Pte. D. M. Ross, 102335, late of the Pioneers, prefers to get “his” in action to making the acquaintance of a chunk of shrapnel while packing a plank. And we’re all with him.

Judging distance by yards instead of by links is proving a great source of worry to Pte. W. H. Crocker, 102935, one-time surveyor, but he thinks that with practice he will eventually get over it.

Semaphore work is soft picking for Pte. G. A. Hazell, 102273, late of the Fusiliers. Who wouldn’t be Hazell, with his experience in signalling?

After staring at that screaming green sweater which adorns the manly form of Pte. J. A. Brown, 102965, it is no wonder that Orderly Corporal Mills



AT THE ROYAL REVIEW—The Field Guns of the Fifth Artillery go past hub to hub

sometimes wonders whether Brown is Green or Green is Brown. And nobody can blame him.

Pte. H. Fuller, 102798, after many years of trapping and big game hunting in Northern B.C., is eagerly awaiting the day when he will start after the biggest game of all across the Atlantic.

Calm temperament is one of the qualifications of machine gun men, but the boys will unquestionably forget it if the buglers insist on practicing outside the gun section quarters.

In order to parry any questions concerning his nationality, the quartermaster’s department has christened Pte. W. E. Parry, 102608, “McParry.” “When in Rome,” etc.

The boys are waiting for the day when a route march to the farm of Pte. F. Chevally, 102366, at Royal Oak is ordered. Some time is promised by our rural recruit.

Pte. H. Towson, 102843, the musketry instructor of the section, expects to produce the finest shooting squad in the Battalion. He is an old Bisley expert.

Monuments for the “Suicide Club” will be provided gratis by Pte. T. Muckle, 102639.

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ATHLETICS

(By Corpl. J. HEWITT)

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

League Match between Victoria West and the Western Scots at 3 o’clock today

Line-Up of Western Scots

Goal	Riley
Backs	Ord and Cunningham
Half-Backs	Lieut. Okell, Lieut. McDiarmid and Sherman
Forwards	Patterson, Fenton, Allan, Dagg and Preston
Reserves	Main, Dakers and Dickson

The “Athletes Battalion” is another name for the Western Scots, and naturally the 67th will be prominent in athletic circles during its stay at the Willows. The ranks of the battalion comprise some of the headliners in British Columbia’s sporting circles, and they will undoubtedly make their influence felt in Victoria sportdom during the next few months.

Today the battalion will make its first official appearance in public athletics in the Victoria and District Football League series; in a league game against the Victoria West team. There are a number of clever soccer men in the regiment, notably Lieut. Okell, of the Machine Gun Section, and Pte. J. Dakers, both of whom have for years been to the fore in Victoria football.

On Monday the postponed B.C. Horse sports will be held in the Oval, and as the battalion will be represented in a number of events, the Western Scots will undoubtedly be on hand in full force to cheer their representatives on to victory. The tug-of-war undoubtedly will be the big event of the day, and though the battalion team has not had much chance to train, the men expect to make a creditable showing.

The smokers held in the Horse Show Building have uncovered a lot of clever boxing talent among the members of the battalion, and the future promises some fine boxing exhibitions. The Sports Committee plans another smoker in the near future.

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GARRISON SOCIAL

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The Right Reverend Dr. McDonald, bishop of the diocese, delivered the opening address. The Bishop was very interesting, made some scathing remarks re the German manner of conducting their campaign in Belgium, and showed the men, by conclusive reasoning, that justice is on the side of the Allies.

A game of progressive "500" was played, at the conclusion of which refreshments were served by the ladies.

After an admirable musical programme, an impromptu "hop" was organized, and the soldiers



THE REGIMENTAL MASCOTS—The two Grizzly Cubs and their Guardians from Prince George

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indulged in the light fantastic with the fair maidens there present until a little before midnight. By an oversight, some of the 67th had omitted to obtain midnight passes, but through the kindness of the O.C., permission was granted them by phone to stay till twelve o'clock.

Mr. Michael Steele, who, by the way, is the uncle of Sgt. Clif. Steele of the 67th Overseas Draft, was a very efficient Master of Ceremonies.

In the "500" game Pte. J. Wood, of No. 1 Co., distinguished himself by winning the "booby prize." His score was somewhere around minus-2,000.

All present expressed their great appreciation of the thoughtfulness of the ladies in providing such a pleasant evening, and went home wishing for "many happy returns of the day."

"ON TO BERLIN!"

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"On to Berlin!" Yes, that is our cry, and that is our aim e'en should we die,

For what is there better, if we die or we live,
Than to render to Justice the best we can give?
The guns boom out thunder, the bullets may shriek,
The Huns, they may plunder and havoc may wreak;
We know God is with us, and hard must we fight
For the Trust he lays on us and our Cause which is Right.

"On to Berlin!" That is our aim, "On to Berlin!" E'en should we die;

In the Unter den Linden our songs we shall sing
In praise of our Allies, in praise of our King.
So keep to that Watchword and fight with all might
In our Cause which is Justice, for Freedom and Right;
The God of all battles will see that we win,
So remember our battle cry: "On to Berlin!"

WILL JOHNSTONE.

"Section of Scouts," 67th W.S.,
Willows Camp, B.C., 5th October, 1915.