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No. 3

THE OFFICERS

Three officers were successful in passing the final examinations at the recently completed Royal School of Infantry, Work Point. These are Lieut. Kennedy, No. 1, Lieut. Meredith, No. 3, and Lieut. Perks, No. 4. Lieuts. Badger, No. 2, and Burde, No. 4, will take their final examinations within the course of the next few days.

At the Musketry School in Ottawa, the 67th officers have been making an enviable record for the Battalion. At the last school two of the four officers attained marksmen's certificates and two got first class shot certificates. Lieuts. Gillingham, No. 3, Edmond, No. 1, Duncan, No. 4, and Cooke, No. 3, are expected back before the beginning of the week, and we confidently expect to hear that they have done equally well. The arrival of the four last named officers will bring the number of officers who have passed through the Musketry School up to eleven.

In the realm of sport the officers, or rather, two of them, are holding their own. Lieuts. McDiarmid and Okell have proved a tower of strength to the soccer team. There is still lots of officer material to draw upon for sports. Lieut. Meredith is considered a crack Rugby player and can do 100 yards in fast enough time to make the quickest hustle. Lieut. Andrews is an old half-miler of note, having been for two years champion of the Hong Kong garrison, one of the most sporting stations in the Empire, for two successive seasons. While on the subject, why not an officers' relay team? There is ample material amongst the men to get up some exciting races, and a small prize, to be bought by the losers, would make the series of races an interesting one.

Four officers of the Battalion will attend the next captains' class at Work Point. They are Captain Halliwell, No. 2, Lieut. Fullerton, No. 4, Lieut. Baker, No. 1, assistant adjutant, and Captain Grahame, the O.C. of No. 4 Company. Little doubt is entertained that they will all pass with flying colors and thereby add lustre to the name of the Battalion.

It is rumored that Dan Cupid has been busy of late and that an interesting military wedding is to take place in the not far distant future. The men of No. 3 Company are sprucing up and learning parts of the marriage ceremony so that they may take an intelligent interest in the proceedings. We may add that the groom-to-be is a popular officer of No. 3 Company. Can you guess who? No, he doesn't look as if he were in love, and can still eat three hearty meals a day, which makes the competition harder.

NO. 1 COMPANY

Numerous enquiries have been made by the members of No. 1 Company as to the reason for Corporal Higgins changing the continual shake of his head from a horizontal to a vertical one. To satisfy the curiosity of the men, Corporal Higgins has been good enough to explain that he was offered a drink in the Willows and his affliction was unfortunately taken for a refusal of the offer. Hence the change.

The long and the short of it: Sergeant W. T. Johnston and Corporal Higgins in the new band.

We hear No. 1 Company has great difficulty in obtaining an escort on a few occasions on which it is Orderly Room cases. Is the reason an escort on one occasion came within an ace of getting three days C.B. owing to being mistaken for a prisoner?

Sergeant-Major Henderson will be pleased to give instructions to any man in the Company as to the easiest method of putting out an electric light which is out of reach. It's easy but not economical.

The Q.M. wishes to know why Pte. A. Galloway desires to draw a brush and comb. He is either a bluffer or an

optimist. If he can show us at any future date that he requires them we will cheerfully furnish them, and, in addition, place an order for a dozen bottles of his hair restorer.

Pte. Morden's weekly financial report of crop outlook is not yet received. We are sorry.

We can now accommodate twenty more men in No. 1 building. Sergeant Johnston is sleeping in the Sergeants' Mess.

Sergeant-Major Henderson will receive applications for the post of Barrack Room Lawyer. The last incumbent is in the Guard Room.

No. 3 Platoon is unhappy. Wee Lauchie is mess orderly this week.

No. 1 Company will give a concert soon. No. 3 Company is cordially invited to enjoy a good time.

It is untrue that the ring on the bayonet haft is provided for carrying swagger canes.

NO. 3 COMPANY

The outstanding event during the week in the history of the camp was the concert given by No. 3 Company in the Y.M.C.A. building last Tuesday evening. The pre-eminence of this Company has been many times tacitly acknowledged by the other units of the Battalion, but no more graceful tribute to its powers could be given than the capacity audience that assembled twenty minutes before the appointed time.

Lieut. Nicholson occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by a number of other officers. In a few brief remarks Mr. Nicholson outlined the object of the concerts, which are to be given by the different units of the Battalion in turn each Tuesday and Friday, with the idea of providing entertainment, in collaboration with the Y.M.C.A., for the men during the winter evenings.

Taken as a whole, excellent talent was shown by the various artists. An unusual feature was the hypnotic demonstration by Sgt. Eddie, which was absolutely genuine, and caused much amusement. An extra was furnished by C.S.M. McIntosh in the marching song of the Company, "Macnamara's Band." The following were the performers: Lieut. Marsden, C.S.M. McIntosh, Pipe-Major Wishart, Sgts. Eddie and Hunter, Corporal Fenton, and Ptes. Hughes, Armstrong, Holmes, White, Hibbert, Mills, Shepherd, Fletcher, Harper and Dunn, as well as the members of the mouth organ band.

On Monday evening the N.C.O.'s of the Company and the members of the No. 9 Platoon offered a small token of their appreciation to Sgt. Watson on the occasion of his marriage last Saturday. C.S.M. McIntosh made the presentation and conveyed the congratulations and good wishes of the Company to the bridegroom, who replied in a few well-chosen words. May his troubles be little ones!

Wonderful example of the discipline in No. 3 Company! Every time Mr. Nicholson's horse sees an incomplete section of fours it tries to edge in.

Rv-the-wav. that is a very charming photograph C.S.M. McIntosh carries with him, but he must be careful to keep it out of sight or the boys will suspect he is not boss at home.

Why is it that No. 3 is the only Company that has contributed to the first two issues of the Western Scot? If the other companies cannot think of anything to say, why do they not print their crime reports? Rumor hath it that that would fill quite a big space, anyway.

Here is a little story about No. 4 Company when it supplied Quarter Guard a week ago. It was a dark night, and the Guard was in the recruit stage.

Sentry: "Who goes there?"

Voice: "Army Chaplain."

Sentry: "Pass, Charlie Chaplin."

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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Machine Gun Patter

Choirmaster Jack Arbuthnot week-ended in Nanaimo.

The Gun Section is to be brought up to strength at once, and new faces are observed in the ranks each day.

Lance-Corporal Allan James William Duggan, late of No. 4 Company, and the champion sprinter of the Battalion, is now one of us.

Being an accomplished musician, it is but natural that Pte. A. Lineham should have fallen for the musical rattle of the machine gun.

Pte. Kenny, who learned lacrosse in New Westminster, will learn the art of machine gun warfare under Lieut. Okell. He joined this week and was welcomed effusively by his old pals Ptes. Crocker and Dakers.

Misfortune overtook one of the Gun Section a week ago when death visited the home of Pte. J. Oldcroft and carried away his better half. The funeral was held last Monday and the section attended in a body.

FROM THE SPARKER

Well, the Signalling Section have SOME hut, alright. Notice the sign, "Signalling Section, 67th Battalion C.E.F.?" We didn't swipe the number, either. The Pipe-Major kindly donated nails. The Machine Gun Section donated two lengths of stove pipe. The man that hauls the refuse from the cook houses came over and claimed the pipe, so it's up to the chief forager of the M.G.S.

Pioneer Sergeant Smith came through, with two men, to assist the Signallers in the art of laying the floor and side-walls. Thanks, Smithy! here's looking at you.

Cpl. Kendall, we understand, has "tooken" unto himself a wife. We have been unable to ascertain if this is a fact. However, he acts rather mysterious, especially on rainy days, when he have instructions inside.

An open invitation to Pioneer Sergeant Smith: Any time you want any ship-lap or 2 x 4's, call on the Signalling Section. Sure, you are welcome.

The Signalling Section have the honor to thank Paymaster Major Sargison for his extreme kindness while they were in distress. The floor came in time to save them from having to use a rowboat in the marquee.

The Signalling Section—most of the members being of a retiring disposition—hate to intrude on the privileges of the Machine Gun Section, who seem to have a monopoly of the columns of the regimental weekly, but having been requested by the Editor to contribute a few paragraphs they are endeavoring to comply with the request, but with apologies to the Machine men for encroaching upon their preserves.

The premier section (Signallers) certainly have been busy the past week, and their quarters are now an example of neatness and comfort to the whole Battalion.

With due deference to the infallible "Suicide Squad," we would beg it to be known that no copyrights were infringed or architectural plans purloined in carrying out the improvements.

The Signallers spend their limited spare time in some very interesting discussions, which are both enlightening and educational in their nature, and thoroughly appreciated. On Monday evening last Corporal Henderson gave a short but profound dissertation on the Fourth Dimension, while on other evenings we have enjoyed music from our string orchestra, led by Pte. Day (violin), and again, Pte. Menary often delights and mystifies the Section with some marvelous legerdemain, or exposes the tricks of such fakirs as Hardeen, etc.

Perhaps a little suggestion would be in order re afore-named Machine Gun Section. We would suggest that the majority of the Section would be much better qualified for the Band or the Pioneers, for the reason that blowing the horn and throwing the hatchet seem to be their chief accomplishments.

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AS TO SALUTING

The following letter appears in the current number of the London Daily Mail Overseas Edition:
To the Editor of The Over-Seas Daily Mail.

Dear Sir,—Replying to "The Question of Salutes" by N.C.O. in your issue of July 31, I would suggest the option of salute to be left to the officer—i.e., if he desires the salute to which he is entitled, let him first give the salute. Then, and then only, shall it be returned.

It would thus be left to the discretion of such officer, who should know when to use it. This would simplify matters for "non-coms." and privates without showing disrespect.

Yours faithfully,

H. W. MARTIN.

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San Diego, California.

There is, and can be, but one answer to this: The King's commission is entitled to the salute at all times, its bearer can be recognized as such, and it is the bounden duty of all concerned to salute that commission. Nor is it within the option of any officer to waive this duty. But the bearer of the King's commission who does not recognize his duty as an officer and a gentleman to acknowledge the compliment paid to His Majesty's commission has no right to be an officer.

SCOUTS, AND SCOUTING

(By Lieut. M. M. Marsden)

During the last week the Scout Section has been given the opportunity of demonstrating that the preliminary training they have received has proved of great advantage to them.

The manoeuvres the Battalion was engaged in: the Scouts did remarkably well, showing a thorough grasp of the situation and ability to carry out their instructions, namely, supplying the required information to their O.C., who thus was enabled to keep the O.C.'s of companies and the Commanding Officer informed of the enemy's position, and tactics.

The work done when the troops were in bivouac was excellent. The Scouts, having selected a suitable bivouac, placed guards over the available water supply, watched all approaches, selected a defensive position, and threw out a screen well ahead to guard against a surprise, remaining there until relieved by the advance guard, after which they pushed



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ahead and endeavored to locate the enemy's main body, whose patrols had retired before the steady advance of the Scouts, who were strong enough to engage the patrols if necessary. But before long the enemy advanced, having reinforced their patrols, and the Scouts slowly retired on their main body, after having sent back information of the enemy's movements.

The enemy continued to advance, and the Scouts, having done all required of them, retired behind the main body, who drove the enemy back by a well-delivered bayonet charge which ended the day's manoeuvres.

Another engagement which was interesting was that which took place near Cedar Hill.

On this occasion the Scouts sent back a message to Capt. Armour, of No. 1 Co., that the enemy had been seen approaching through the woods on the left of _____ Road. The Scouts kept in touch with the enemy until Capt. Armour had deployed his company to resist the attack. This operation was successfully carried out, and, although the Scouts had heavy casualties, yet they had given Capt. Armour sufficient time to not only deploy, but eventually ambush the enemy and destroy them. In this instance had the Scouts not given Capt. Armour the necessary information in time, his command might have been wiped out, as they were marching along the road in column of fours, not expecting an enemy.

This last week has demonstrated what enormous value a trained Scout Section is to a battalion.
Some very interesting field days are in order for the coming week.

FOR A BRASS BAND

Since its inception all ranks of the 67th Battalion have evinced a keen desire to have a brass band, and notwithstanding the numerous activities in which the Battalion is engaged, the Commanding Officer has been pleased to sanction and encourage the immediate formation of one. A committee, consisting of Capt. Harbottle, president, and Lieuts. Okell and Baker, members, have been appointed to organize a band of forty-two performers. They are at present working at break-neck speed with this idea in view, and expect to shatter the record for speedy formation hung up by the Western Scots. Judging from present indications the 67th will have a band which for size, smartness and musical ability will be second to none on the Pacific Coast. Applications are coming in thick and fast from Vancouver and Seattle, and as talent to the extent of fifteen musicians has been located within the Battalion, it is expected that a band of at least twenty-five players will be practising by the end of the coming week. Corporal F. Hector Fink, formerly of the 47th Batt., Vernon, a well-known musician, is Acting-Bandmaster, and under his skillful and experienced tuition those already signed up are rapidly rounding into shape. It is reported that those masters of melody, Irving Berlin and F. Puccini, are collaborating in the composition of a military march to be played exclusively by the forty-two-piece brass band of the Western Scots.

THE Q.M. STORES

The Battalion will be pleased to know that the only Straw Hat now on issue is at present doing detention at Work Point.

The health of the Q.M. Staff has now improved since Pte. Bartlett, No. 102012, stopped washing the dinner dishes with washing soda. If he had not been detected in the act of using washing soda there would have been a few military funerals in the Battalion. Pte. Patrick, No. 102022, endorses these remarks. He prefers a No. 9 pill.

The Q.M.S. will be pleased to learn how many sleepless nights the C.Q.M. Sergts. of No. 2 and No. 3 have had owing to the transfers and exchanges of straw hats.

Owing to the fattening effect of the excellent food provided to the men of this Battalion we are continually being requested to exchange jackets and trousers which have tightened up considerably, but we beg to intimate that we are not running a second-hand store.

The splendid time now kept by the Orderly Room clock is a tribute to the effective regulation of the same while under detention in the Q.M. Store. Our Adjutant shortened the time of detention.

The Armourer Sergeant informs us that he desires his part of the store partitioned off, as he is greatly disturbed while engaged in his landscape drawing.

Sergt. Haynes, the popular assistant to the Armourer Sergeant, is very fond of green grass, as shown by his coloring of the landscape drawing.

The Orderly Staff are now rejoicing in a more congenial atmosphere since the Q.M. Stores thought fit to come through with some stoves. As the Q.M. Stores have also received a stove, there is now no coolness between the departments.

The Q.M. Staff would like to know if the musical box belonging to Pte Jones, No. 102058, is a one-tune musical box. If so, they would like to contribute for some more tunes. Music hath charms (sometimes).

Corpl. Alexander, No. 102021, objects to the discussion of five-reel picture films at 11.30 p.m. by Ptes. Bartlett and Jones.

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The O.C., Coy. S.M. and Platoon Sergeants, having passed their recruit class in matrimonial drill, offer their services for any occasion which may arise.

Pte. Ramsell, of No. 1 Platoon, is about to take advantage of this offer. We tender him our sincere congratulations.

The bathing parade will take place every morning at the usual hour in the company's lines.

We wish to point out that it is a criminal offence to fish in any of the various streams in the lines.

"Cheese it," says the Coy. Q.M.S.

There have been things said about black horses—re our O.C.'s black horse. Nuff sed.

What is the nature of the latest Bull (A.H.) that our India Rubber man (No. 1 Plat.) has received from the O.C.'s maid.

THAT DRAFT AGAIN.

A private of the draft met a lady friend on Yates Street. Her first remark was: "You men of the 67th must have lots of money. I understand you have a draft at the Willows; when are you going to be able to draw on it?" He explained that the word draft meant a body of men, and he is still wondering why she left him with a disappointed look.

WITH THE BOMBERS.

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On the word FOUR: Apply the lighted match, which should be held between both hands to shield it from the wind, to the fuse. Upon the fuse spluttering, shout "Lit."

On the word FIVE: Grasp the tin in the right hand and carry it to the back of the shoulder in the first posture of throwing, at the same time counting slowly "one," "two," "three," "four," etc., depending on the length of the fuse.

On the word SIX—(which command is given just two seconds before the explosion of the bomb): Cast the d—d thing from you in the direction of the enemy and utter a fervent "Ave Pater."

N.B. Particular care should be taken, and nerve cultivated to that end, that the rate of counting is standardized by means of a stop watch to the rate of one per second. It will not do to count "one-two-three-four-five" in 4.5 seconds—as has been done.

*The tobacco should be removed and carefully preserved for future use.

HIAWATHA'S RETURN

(With apologies to Longfellow)

"Honor be to Mudjekewis!"

Cried the warriors, cried the brave men,
Cried the mighty fusiliers,
As he came in triumph homeward
With the glorious golden headpiece,
From the region of the Eastland,
From the land of the O-ttawa,
From the home of the staff soldiers,
From the land of "bye-and-bye."

He had bought the golden glory
From the stores of the Q.M.
From the treasures of the staff house,
From the terrors of the nation
Had he boldly bought the beauty,
Gold and brown and fiery red!

Then upon his brow he placed it,
Placed it there in awful splendor.
Swank and fearsome did he look then,
Looked and felt the mighty warrior
Needing lots of "ammunition,"
Lots and lots of golden showers.
Turned he then towards the Westland,
To the wild and woolley regions,
To the region of the Siwash
And the home of brain and brawn.

Thus unto himself he communed:
'With this mighty golden headpiece
Will I now 'the natives' storm,
Will I now the thinning ranks
Of my mighty warrior legion
Quickly fill with ardent soldiers,
Full of brain and eke of brawn.

"Long enough have they stood willing,
Willing to absorb the Chinook*
And their longing to part company
For a chance to join the fray
Will no longer need rebuking,
Need refusal to join fighters,
Fighters who are ever anxious
For a chance to 'mix it' goodly,
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ATHLETICS

(By Corpl. J. HEWITT)

Lack of condition of almost all hands and the weakness in goal occasioned by the filling in of a substitute turned victory into defeat for the Western Scots in the last twenty minutes of play against the Sir John Jacksons at Royal Athletic Park last Saturday. For three-quarters of the way the Battalion representatives played magnificent football and they looked all over winners till a fluky goal that should have been averted started the Jacksons on a rally that resulted in five rapid-fire goals being rushed through on the dazed Scots defence in a quarter of an hour. The Scots showed a lot of class in the first half, and crossed over leading by a score of three goals to one. They kept up the good work in the second half for just about fifteen minutes, and then a soft shot evaded Goaltender Conley, who was substituting for Reilly. Taking their cue from this the Jacksons began to drive in shots from all angles and distances, and helped by a greasy ball which the goaltender found difficulty in holding, they piled up the score in a hurry. The goaltender was not altogether to blame either, for the remainder of the defence cracked badly for a time. Poor physical condition accounted for this. When it was too late the Scots braced up and made a brave but futile effort to pull the game out of the fire.

As a result of this defeat, which never should have been, the Scots are tied for second place in the standing with the Wests and Jacksons, both of which teams won their first games last week-end. The Thistles are out in front, as yet unbeaten. The league table follows:

	Goals			Pts.	Goals	
	Won.	Lost.	Drn.		For.	Agst.
Thistles	2	0	0	4	6	1
Wests	1	1	0	2	3	2
Jacksons	1	1	0	2	7	4
Western Scots	1	1	0	2	4	6
5th Regiment	0	1	1	1	0	3
88th Fusiliers	0	1	1	1	1	3

The games for this afternoon are:

67th Battalion vs. 88th Regiment, at the Willows; referee, Allen.

Fifth Regiment vs. Jacksons, at North Ward Park; referee, Lorimer.

Thistles vs. Victoria Wests, at Beacon Hill; referee, Goward.

The line-up of the Western Scots showed several changes last Saturday from that of the first game, and there will be more for today's fixture. The committee is testing out all the available players, and soccer stars who are hiding their lights under the proverbial bushel should come out into the open at once. Every opportunity will be accorded them to prove their worth, and if they have the ability they will be given places on the team. With Reilly back in goal today the team will be greatly strengthened. The backs have already demonstrated their worth, and Ord and Cunningham may be reckoned as permanent fixtures. McDiarmid and Okell are both capable halves, strong in defence and aggressive in attack, and with another player of equal merit to round out the half-back line the defence would be extremely formidable. There surely should not be any trouble in filling the vacancy. The forward line is still shy an outside left, but the attacking division exhibited noteworthy improvement in Saturday's game over their weak display of the previous week, Dakers showing up in brilliant fashion. Regular practice and consequently more familiarity with each other's style will mean a big difference to the attack.

Talking about soccer, it would not be a bad idea to organize a Battalion League, with teams from the companies and sections. There are a whole lot of the fellows who prefer to take their physical "jerks" chasing the elusive pigskin rather than to go through the morning ritual on the oval.

What about the Rugby team? Last information was that the Battalion was to be represented in a league comprised of teams from the various units in the vicinity of Victoria, but no effort has since been made to uncover the Rugby talent. There is plenty of it in the Battalion.

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It is hinted that the boys will be favored with a long distance fistic battle in the near future, Pte. McHugh, best known by his ring cognomen "Cyclone" Scott, and Seaman Russ Leighton, of the R.C.N.V.R., being mentioned as the probable participants. Scott is prepared to concede the thirty pounds difference in weight, and if Leighton is willing, why, it is said there will be no obstacles thrown in the way of the bout. The affair, if it takes place, will be pulled off in the Horse Show Building, and the canteen fund will benefit considerably in a financial manner it is said.

THE "OLD SCOUT" SAYS:

That relaying messages is not as simple as it might seem. We all know the old story of the message: "Hard pressed, send up reinforcements," and the way it was received: "Hard up, send three and fourpence." But just to show this is within the bounds of possibility, we think it of interest to give an example of the way in which a recent order directing fire was relayed. The order was: "700; maple tree, 10 o'clock left, two fingers, white house; fire." This was relayed by one company as "700 maple leaves 10 o'clock fire" and by another as "200 fingers, maple sirup, fire." Regarding the latter, we think it a pity a few hot cakes were not thrown in to make the message complete.

That the O. C. Scouts is prone to judge the stamina of his men by his own. Out of a complement of thirty-three there was one day last week when we only had eighteen on parade. The rest were hors de combat suffering from severe chills, sore feet and twisted tendons. Maybe the principle of the elimination of the unfit by the survival of the fittest is going to be practised in the Section.

That remarks have been overheard to the effect that if the Scouts can scout as well as they march they will be all right.

That the white canvas "Broderick" worn recently by Pte. McCuaig is sure some headgear and that the O. C. is seriously thinking of adopting it as a distinguishing feature of the Section.

That every one of the Scouts bought a "Western Scot" last week.

That the best way to sell the paper is to make more personal mention.

That it is not true that Pte. Mumford is going to become a missionary even though a certain kind old lady did present him with a Bible when we marched down Fort Street on Tuesday.

That when "taking cover" a pine wood affords more concealment than an apple orchard. Verb. sap.

That the excuse that he was "practising night work" will not be accepted by Company Commanders in the case of Scouts who are absent from Tattoo roll call.

WILLOW LIMERICKS.

There was a Lance Jack named Jinks,
Who was very fond of his winks,
"If you tell me his history
Without further mystery
I'll buy you a couple of drinks!"

A brawny young sergeant named Patsy
Was always rather topsy;
He yelled to the waiter:
"I'll see you later,
I'm going home in a taxi."

By Snooker.

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STRETCHER BEARER SECTION.

The appointment of "Bob" Morrison to the rank of Lance-Corporal was a popular one with our boys. He was a well-known figure in musical circles in Victoria before enlisting and is already a general favorite among the men.

Since our organization the S. B. Section has been known as the Singing Bunch. We are not a large body, but we make ourselves heard in No. 1. Building and on route marches. Selections are given varying from Italian opera to the latest ragtime. Accompaniment in Barracks is provided by Pte. Settle on the mandoline, while on the march Pte. Hickling toots his piccolo. There is some class to our "Major," and, by the way, he strongly objects to the Machine Gun Section always getting out of step. Verbum sap.

Private Dooley, a graduate male nurse, has been attached to us, and has become a valuable asset to the Hospital Tent.

We are all wondering why Pte. Duncan got that chocolate given him by a lady, while we were marching down town. Was it his good looks, or did he look exhausted with packing the kit bag and water bottle?

Speaking of that march, a lady, or rather "a female of the species," was overheard passing some sarcastic remarks upon the appearance of our Battalion, and finished by saying that the best men had all gone away. This is our answer:

We're training at the Willows, and we're feeling mighty fit,
And soon we cross the ocean, each to do his little bit,
For B.C.'s stalwart soldier boys have not all gone away
While we go marching on.

THINGS A ROOKIE LEARNS.

That the precautionary: "The company will retire!" doesn't mean "fall asleep."

That an officer must always be saluted, but it isn't necessary to go out scouting to find one to salute.

That trying to touch the Quartermaster for jitney fare is not regarded as *au fait*.

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That "Lights out" enjoins silence on pain of being sapped on the bean with an army brogue.

That it isn't a safe bet to address a Sergeant as "Sarge."

That even if the Corporal's grammar is at fault it is wisest to obey the order.

That when the Sergeant-Major says: "By the right!" he means "Your other left."

That the policy of "Apres vous, mon cher Alphonse" is inadvisable at meal time.

That an overloaded palliasse, like an overloaded stomach, isn't good to sleep on.

That the quarter guard is **not** for the purpose of guarding anyone's two bits.

That Romeo and Juliet are awful cuties but that distance lends enchantment to the view and absence makes the pants last longer.

That if officers of other units find it necessary to enjoy a "little rubber" at 2 o'clock Sunday mornings they might in common decency make it a "quiet" one. This is "the third and last call."

SCOUTING ADVICE.

The following advice re scouting was received by Pte. Johncox from an old Japanese soldier:

A.D. Sept. 21st, '15.

- (1) Look out time and get chance.
- (2) Don't sleep all day, open eyes all day for spirit.
- (3) Alive time live and die time die, though men must die once.
- (4) Nothing think about nothing, but I hope you must do example in the soldier.
- (5) Brave man's spirit can come though bravely in this war and get over extra merit, so if I live this world I see you again.

Goodbye,

Frank S. Yoshikawa.