

DANCE NUMBER!

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EDITORIAL.

We have recently stated that a strong desire existed in this office for a "C.R.O. Social," and in support of this idea we have been approached by many through-out the office.

In addition to this we publish two letters in our Correspondence Column in this edition, the writers of which both admitted to me verbally that the complaining portions of their letters would stand a great chance of being put right if a semi-official "Social" was held for the whole of the office.

Any slight misunderstandings existant could then be rectified and a feeling of camaraderie among the whole of the staff would then prevail to an even greater extent than it does now.

One of the writers refers to the dinner recently held by one of the Sections, and enquires on whose authority does one of the speakers express the sentiments of the Staff of the Office. To my mind the speaker on this occasion expressed himself in a very able manner, and the fact that he spoke in a more or less general way will readily be excused by those who have ever attempted to make a speech. If the writer of the letter I am referring to has ever spoken on behalf of the company on such an occasion he will recognise that—unless he is well versed in speech-making—technicalities usually occur to one after the speech is made.

At the same time it suggests itself to me—and this opinion is evidently shared by these two correspondents—that there is something wanting to give the whole staff that spirit of confidence in one another, and for the feeling of esprit-de-corps which we have agitated so much for in the past—to make itself manifest throughout the whole of the office.

That "something wanting" is a real social gathering with a semi-official air similar to that held every now and again

by other Government Offices to promote comradeship among the employees of all standings.

As one of our correspondents points out, dinners, etc., have been held in the past, the sociable side taking second place to thick heads. These affairs are all very well in their way—I've been to them myself, and, I admit, had a good time, at least until next morning; but a "beer up" is not required on this occasion, although I do not suggest a bun and milk gathering by any means.

The dances which have been held during the last month or so have gone a long way towards the goal we are aiming at, but they only reach less than half the Office; in spite of this, there is already a fine spirit existing among those who attend these dances, which, if extended to the whole of the Staff by the means we suggest, could not help but prove beneficial to the C.R.O.

EDITOR.

CHEVRONS.

The publication of this issue has been held over to enable us to publish a full account of the Dance.

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The accounts connected with the Dance will be made known at an early date.

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The last issue of the Bulletin is sold out.

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If readers wish to obtain back numbers, now is the time to get them. Several are now out of print.

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The Editor, while talking to the News Editor of a well known "daily" recently in his sanctum, was surprised to discover a copy of last week's Bulletin laying on his desk. He says he receives it every week.

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Have all costumes been returned to Morris Angel's?

PRINCESS "PAT."

An interesting event took place at Clarence House, St. James, on Wednesday, 12th inst., when 1721 Sgt.-Major J. Bryant and 22 Pte. Campbell—both of this Office—had the honour of being received by Princess Patricia of Connaught.

On behalf of the members of the P.P.C.L.I. in the Canadian Record Office they presented the Princess with an Illuminated Address, which Her Royal Highness graciously accepted. The Princess chatted very amiably with both for some considerable time, and expressed her delight and appreciation of the thought which prompted the P.P.C.L.I. members from this office to make the presentation.

The Princess also stated that an invitation would be extended to all original P.P.C.L.I. men to attend Westminster Abbey on the occasion of her marriage, but other than original P.P.C.L.I. men will be invited according to the length of service, for although—as the Princess remarked—she would like to have all of them there, it is absolutely impossible owing to the lack of accommodation in the Abbey.

A New Clerk in R.2.: Say, have you got this man? He's non-effective, but I've looked in the C.A.S.C. Corpse Depot and I can't find him!

Is
everybody
Broke?

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW?

How it is possible to get measles into one's home without catching it oneself, and thereby getting oneself one extension of one's leave.

If the female staff in the Office are as sociable as the male (among themselves)?

Whether our Bolsheviks would mind saluting the Paymaster weekly instead of fortnightly?

And is the Paymaster not proud of the fact that he is the only officer who is gladly saluted?

If it is not true that we have a really decent bunch of Military Police? (We hope that this unexpected compliment will not give them shell shock.—Ed.)

If one of our "Pools" should not be freed to provide skating for the staff?

Why is it that "Bender's Babies" have all got different surnames?

And has he entered into competition with the German Government for a stock of feeding bottles?

Why the "Imperial" is still out of bounds now that the Armistice is signed?

And could this question be brought up at the Peace Conference now sitting in Paris?

If every man in the Office will be given a filing cabinet as a souvenir when the Office breaks up?

If the night staff do not score in the matter of getting home without being crushed to death?

And does 99 per cent. of the Office Staff live at Golders Green?

According to the destination of the motor lorries which put on for the use of the staff during the strikes—they do! Anyway, there are worse places to live in than Golders Green.

Who is the Sergeant who recently lost one of his very elaborate visiting cards with "Headquarters, Canadian Military Mounted Police, 1st Division," in the bottom left hand corner?

Why the Editor of the Maple Leaf did not return the compliment by forwarding a copy of his Victory Number to the Editor of the Bulletin?

Who is the one-legged who paraded before the M.O. at the Hospital in which he was a patient, and asked to be put on special diet (Eggnogs, etc.), and what did he think of the M.O., who straightaway marked him out for duty?

If the ladies' beauty competition is under consideration?

If it is true that S.-Sgt. Bartlett, of R.2.A.3, raised the alarm of fire in the office whilst on Sunday duty recently?

And after getting very excited and putting the wind up everybody generally because he "was sure he could smell fire," is it true that on returning home he discovered the seat of his pants burnt out?

And was this through sitting on an electric stove in this office?

What Lieut. John Light (late Record Office) really means? In our Christmas Number of the Bulletin he wrote an excellent article—"Remember the Dead"—and now in the Maple Leaf he writes some splendid verse entitled—"There are no Dead!" Really, we believe he's pulling our leg.

If it is not time that we got a cup of tea in the afternoon worth drinking. The dope served out in the Office should at least be as good as one can obtain at any common tea shop at the same price.

If it was our old friend "Harry" who intended to go to the dance as "Thumbs Up"?

If our old friend S.Q.M.S. Worthington, who has returned, will write us an article on "Bolshevism in Russia"?

It does seem strange that Officers, N.C.O.'s, and Men get an extra 50 c. and the W.O.'s only 25 c.

Who is the soldier who left a large portion of his breakfast unfinished in a restaurant the other day after having swept the floor with his khaki suit?

And why was he performing such extraordinary feats at such an early hour? Perhaps he had been making rude remarks about a comrade?

If it is not time there was a stopper put to the petty thefts going on in the Office? Such things as fountain pens, watches, jewellery, and even military wearing apparel are continually being missed.

And if any person gets caught annexing other people's property, will that person be made an example of? A budding Sherlock Holmes—on commission—would do well.

Why "The Count," "Scrim," "Stenie," and others of R.2.B.3., look so lively in the afternoons? Are they dope fiends, or have they found "Tea Rooms"?

And is it true that a bigger flow of C.R.O. pedestrian traffic is to be seen going up Newgate Street since the last two issues of the Bulletin?

If there was not some slight mistake as to who was the Secretary of the Concert Troupe?

If the new quarters taken up by the Paymaster on Civilian Pay Parade are not also enjoyed by the Civilian Staff drawing their pay?

Why Cpl. Ranson has put on such a "stiff" air lately, and does he think that his make-up as a Rajah becoming?

Why one of the orderlies in R.1. "E" goes through such marvellous foot and hand work every time he is approached by an N.C.O.?

What Mr. Burrows said when a S.-Sgt. from the Orderly Room asked him if a certain letter belonged to him?

Why certain young ladies in R.1. "E" didn't go to the dance?

BRIEFS FROM THE BALL.

The Judges had their work cut out, but did it well.

The various officials and press men there were greatly impressed by the number of original costumes, quite a number of which were home-made. The winner of the ladies' prize, Mrs. B. McNeil, as Marie Antoinette, also made her own dress.

It is interesting to note that the majority of the big prize-winners got their costumes from Morris Angel's. It must be admitted they did us very well.

The dance was no doubt the finest affair that this Office has put on so far.

S.Q.M.S. Hewitt is to be congratulated on his make-up as a parson, which was so realistic that when he entered a local "refreshment bar" he was point blank refused drink of any description. And Harry was dying for a drink, too!

The orderly conduct of everyone in the hall was an outstanding feature. The fact was commented on.

The refreshment arrangements were the only blot on the whole evening.

The next thing on the programme is—ANOTHER dance.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE DANCE.

Is it true that Harry Hewitt expected a fee from the couple he married? And did he get it?

What Cpl. Chipperfield thought about the M.C. for failing to get the Grand March over before 9.30?

Why Cpl. Harris slipped into the dance hall about 9.30 p.m., and was he afraid of being cut out by the Opium twins in the Opium 'op?

What the people in the street car said about Studdard's dress, and will he change next time at the dance?

Was Lieut. Candy trying to lead the Lady of the Harem on the right path?

Did Sealy and Low get their idea from the Newgate St. De. Den?

If it is true that Napoleon got locked out of his own dressing room?

If R.2.A.2. did not deserve all they won?

And if other Sections are not going to try and put it across them next time?

If the party of seven who hired a room and carried off five prizes are not to be congratulated on their enthusiasm?

Where were all the officers?

If Harry Hewitt's language at not being able to get his gaiters on was very becoming for a clergyman?

If the two Charlie Chaplins nearly came to blows when they first met?

If there would be much work done if all our ladies turned up at the Office in their Harem get-ups?



OUR DILLY NEVER SMILED



CPL. BENDER "GETTING ON TO ONE OF HIS 'BABIES'"



THIS IS WHY HARRY NEVER GOT A DRINK!

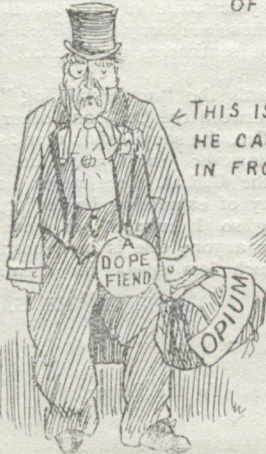


THIS IS FRANK AS "NAP"— HE WORE NAP'S COLLARETTE ROUND HIS LEG FOR SOME TIME BEFORE DISCOVERING IT SHOULD BE ROUND HIS NECK!



THIS IS A FRIEND OF THE GENT ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE (HE TALKED A LOT, BUT I PUT THAT DOWN TO "DOPE"!

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THIS IS — WELL, HE CAME STRAIGHT IN FROM NEWGATE ST.



"THE MONK" SHAVED HIS UPPER LIP FOR THE OCCASION



A BING BOY

SOME OF THE LADIES PRESENT, — AT LEAST THIS IS MY IMPRESSION OF THEM.

A FEW OF 'EM.

THE C.R.O. BALL.

A HUGE SUCCESS.—OVER FOUR HUNDRED PRESENT.

On Tuesday, 18th inst., at Cannon Street Hotel, our Fancy Dress Ball took place, and to say that it was a tremendous success is to put it mildly. The verdict is unanimous that no dance was ever conducted in better style or more thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

The brilliant success attained could not have been possible without a great deal of work being involved to assure it, and the bulk of this fell on the shoulders of Sgt. Jackson, the M.C., to whom the hearty thanks of all are due. Our thanks are also due to the Dance Committee, who put forward every effort possible to assure success, and the result achieved does them credit.

Tickets were sold out long before the dance commenced; in fact, all tickets which had gone to be sold outside had to be called in to meet the demands of the dance, and even these proved insufficient. Over four hundred were present, and dancing commenced shortly after 7.30. The floor was in good shape, and the band were out for the occasion.

Mrs. Sinclair, Mr. Truesdale (of Canada), and a representative of a well-known "daily," acted as judges, and are to be commended on the way they handled their difficult task.

Our hearty thanks are also due to Mrs. Sinclair, who, in addition to acting as a

judge, also distributed the prizes; and Major Sinclair and Lieut. Candy both worked hard during the evening in the interests of the revellers. Lieut. Donaldson was the other officer there. We have only one complaint to make, and that is with the refreshment arrangements. The provision made to cope with three or four hundred people was not nearly sufficient, and, above all, the profiteering was scandalous. We know quite well that things are far from normal yet, but this does not warrant the high charges made for the poor refreshments provided.

We have another kick to make, but we are going to keep it to ourselves—for the present, at any rate.

At all events, these things were forgotten at the time by the enjoyment prevailing on the floor, and the general outcry since for another such dance or carnival is sufficient proof of the magnificent success attained.

PRIZES—LADIES.

- 1st, Mrs. B. McNeil, "Marie Antoinette," silver manicure set
- 2nd, Mrs. L. E. Candy, "British Navy," silver mounted umbrella.
- 3rd, Miss M. Wilson, "Powder Puff," gold brooch.
- 4th, Mrs. E. Hopekirk, "Toreador," silver pin box.

GENTS.

- 1st, S.-Sgt. F. Marshall, C.R.O., "Napoleon," silver cigarette case.
- 2nd, C. S. M. Johnson, Headquarters, "Rajah," ebony walking stick.
- 3rd, Pte. Brown, C.R.O., "Dilly," mounted malacca cane.

COMIC GENTS.

S.Q.M.S. Hewitt, C.R.O., as "The Parson," case of pipes.

EXTRA PRIZE (Ladies).

Mrs. H. Pyke, as "Hullo, America!" gold brooch.

BEST COUPLE (Lady and Gent).

Miss Yell and Pte. Studdard, C.R.O., as "The Hussars," value 30s.

BEST COUPLE (Gents).

S.Q.M.S. H. W. Sealy, C.R.O., and Mr. G. F. Low, C.R.O., as "The Opium Fiends," value £1.

MOST ORIGINAL.

Cpl. P. Bender, C.R.O., as "The C.R.O.," pair silver candlesticks.

MOST ORIGINAL LADIES'.

Mrs. G. F. Low, C.R.O., as "A Demobilisation Form," ladies' hand bag.

SECTION PRIZE.

Best four from Sections represented. R.2.A.2., including S.Q.M.S. Sealy and Mr. G. F. Low, "The Opium Fiends"; and Sgt. P. Wildman and Pte. W. C. Newcombe, "The Bing Boys," value £2.

CONSOLATION PRIZE.

Two wounded Tommies, Canadians, Pte. Parker and Pte. Robinson, value 5s.

WHY THE BULLETIN IS ANTI-BOLSHEVIK.

The following are extracts from the *Daily Mirror*, 13th inst., of the "Bolsheviks' 22 Points of Evil." Owing to lack of space we are able to quote only a few of their "Motives":—

1. From March 1 the right to possess women of the ages of seventeen to thirty-one is abolished.
3. This decree does not affect women having five children.
4. The former owners may retain the right of using their wives without waiting their turns.
5. In case of resistance of the husband he shall forfeit the right under the former paragraph.
6. All women according to this decree are exempted from private ownership, and are proclaimed to be the property of the whole nation.

17. In the case of the birth of twins the mother is to receive a prize of £20.

The above extracts are not supposed to be funny, but are actual facts. The *Daily Mirror* quotes the *Times* as their authority. We make full acknowledgments to the *Daily Mirror*.

IF THE WAR HAD GONE ON.

Extract from Standing Medical Board form received in this Office:—

Rank:—So and so. Name:—So and so. Age:—77 years and 10 months.

Present Condition: This man was in hospital at ——— from April 16th —16, to May, 24th —16, with so and so; since coming to England has had no training—should be sent to Unit UNTIL HE IS OF MILITARY AGE!

Board Recommends:

Fit for Duty: When he arrives at Military Age.

Disability: Under age.

These young lads are to be commended on their pluck in joining the Army at such an early age, but at the same time they should know that no man is fit for the trenches until he is at least 100 years old.

From a letter received in this Office:—
Sir,—May I enquire if there is any maturity due to me———

FOOTBALL.

It would probably interest the sporting fraternity in the Office to be acquainted with the present position of the C.R.O. Football Team.

After a very difficult and aggravating commencement, the team has at last attained a high standard of merit in the football field.

Last Saturday was their crowning victory, when they defeated the hitherto unbeaten team, Epsom, who hold the premier position in the League table.

The last three games against the three top League teams have resulted in the C.R.O. team reaping the full complement of points. While, however, it is impossible for the team to obtain first place in the League, it is possible they may secure second place.

STOP PRESS.

FOOTBALL RESULT.

C.R.O. 5; C.A.S.C. 1.

Correspondence.

The "Bulletin" does not necessarily associate itself with the views expressed by our correspondents.]

(To the Editor.)

Sir,

With reference to your article on a strong desire throughout the Office for a Social.

The idea is excellent, but—and with a capital "B"—is there that comradeship existing in the Office which would guarantee such a gathering being a success? We know that the man who started the dances did not have very plain sailing at the first, and the letters re the concert party have shown that comradeship was badly lacking.

We have had several dinners in the past, and some have been regular Donnybrooks. Things have flown high—glasses, etc. The spirits have been raised and lowered, and there has been a strong desire for some to go out and push a 'bus over or some other slight amusement. (How they do it on G.B., I don't know.)

Everybody is aware that these are petty grievances which can be remedied in this Office, but through those bibles of Dilly and Dally known as K.R.O. and the

Army Act, O.C.'s seem to be unable to act.

Abolish some of these and the brotherly love preached by our friends the Sky Pilots (but not practised) will then make plain sailing for anyone who would start a Dinner, Social, or *River Trip*.

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(To the Editor.)

Sir,

Referring to the recent Dinner held by R.2.A.1., 3., and 5, a report of which appears in your issue of 15.2.19, might I ask on whose authority does Tpr. Withey express the sentiments of the Staff of this Office?

As regards the "understanding" now existing between the O.C. and other ranks in the Office, the same exists now as heretofore, however that may be. The staff of the C.R.O. have never had the opportunity of expressing its feelings, and this being so I cannot see how Tpr. Withey or anyone else is in a position to judge, much less speak for them.

A. V. EVANS, S.-Sgt.

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(To the Editor.)

Sir,

If the Corporal in R.2. who passed such insignificant inuendoes re N.E. and Cas. Clerks in your last issue of the "Bulletin" fully realizes that if he did a little more *real* work in office hours and shot a little less hot air, he would have less time to meditate on subjects so utterly removed from his intellectual sphere.

N.E. CLERK.

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(To the Editor.)

Sir,

To create a little enthusiasm amongst the snooker experts in this office, four members of R.2.B.5. do hereby issue a challenge to meet any four players from one Section—nobody barred. Defeated Section to defray cost of tournament.

Now, you sports—get busy. Any acceptors communicate with S.-Sgt. Nicholson, R.2.B.5., when particulars will be discussed.

R. NICHOLSON, S.-Sgt.

That's a good one
for the
BULLETIN!