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(Despatches by Marconi Wireless to O.C. Troops, H.M.T. Canada, at Sea)

**FRENCH AND BRITISH TROOPS FIGHTING WITH ITALIANS.**

Rome. Nov. 10th. Franco-British Troops have arrived at the Italian front. This welcome information was revealed today in the announcement that Premier Lloyd George and other British Officials are at the front inspecting the Allied re-inforcements.

It is now believed that the crucial battle will be fought along the Piave River.

**ANOTHER MOVE TO SAVE RUSSIA FOR ALLIES.**

London. Nov. 10 - Russia may yet be saved. Hope that the new Republic will be a factor in the war on the side of the Allies was held out here today when Kerensky had made his escape from Petrograd. Kerensky is believed to be on his way to the front. The best fighters of the Russian Army are almost certain to run up with the Premier, if he will pledge that no attempts will be made to conciliate the Extremists, but that they will be dealt with in a vigorous manner.

**NO MORE MONEY FOR RUSSIA FROM UNCLE SAM.**

WASHINGTON D. C. While the present turmoil continues, it is unlikely that the United States will advance any more money to Russia. There is no disposition on the part of the U.S. to furnish any funds that might eventually find their way into Germany.

**ITALIANS HOLD UP AUSTRO-GERMAN ADVANCE.**

Washington D.C. No. 10 - Official dispatches to the Italian Embassy show that the Italian retreat has been checked and that counter-attacks are already being launched against the Austro-Germans.



# RICOCHETS BY THE SNIPER

First day's run (On Board H.M. Transport "CANADA") Headquarters of  
Y.M.C.A. - Rm. 97  
202 miles.

Among the distinguished guests aboard is Major General Sir John  
Carson, C.B. formerly G.O.C. Canadians in England, and now a MacLean.

Arrangements are being made for a big tug-of-war tournament. There  
will be inter-platoon and inter-company pulls to conclude with the  
ships championship.

"Not since the days when the garrison of Halifax was occupied by  
Imperial troops has there been such a colorful military review as that  
of yesterday afternoon" says the Halifax Herald in connection with our  
last review in Canada before Brig. Gen. T. Benson, C.O.C., M.D. No. 6. The  
Kilties have passed under the eagle eye of the G.O.C.'s. of No. 6, No. 7  
No. 5 and No. 4 Military District and in each case received nothing but  
praise.

Congratulations to Captain Frank Eason on receiving his well earned  
Majority and to Captain E. Alban Sturdee on his appointment as Adjutant.

His comrades will sympathize with Pte. George Katchum of the Pioneer  
Section who just before we left port, received word of the death  
at Hampton, N.B. of his sister Frances.

We would respectfully suggest to the Skipper that he has his  
artist paint sausages as a camouflage scheme. Safety First !!

Thanks to the activities of Mrs. William Dennis and the Halifax  
Council of Women, assisted by Mr. Byles, a splendid entertainment was  
put on at Pier No. 2 for the boys, over 500 being accommodated ashore.

Yes, we intend to publish daily if Father Neptune will feed his  
own fishes. Seven toots on the whistle and the kilted navy comes  
into action.

Some ships in our Convoy look like a painted woman at 5. a.m.

Why is a collapsible boat like a Kiltie? answers up to 10 a.m.  
tomorrow.

Since coming aboard the ranks of the Macleans of Duart have been  
strengthened by the inclusion into our sacred clan of Capt. John Davis  
Purser A. Stanley, Chief Stewart G. Carr and Stewart G. Guthrie Spence.

The boys who have gone busted playing "Crown & Anchor" can go to  
the "Grampian" and get some "chink".



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**BRITISH START BIG ATTACK ON FLANDERS FRONT TODAY**  
London, Nov 11 -- At dawn today the British launched another big attack on the German lines in West Flanders.

The War Office announced at noon that favorable progress is being made in stormy weather and through muddy swamps that impeded their progress. The British drove forward from a position northwest of Passchendaele, which was captured several days ago.

The drive is believed here to be a continuance of General Haig's plan to smash through the German lines to Roulers. The capture of that town is expected to finally result in driving the Germans from their submarine bases at Zeebrugge and Ostend.

## NEW LEADERSHIP FOR THE ITALIAN FORCES IN THE FIELD

Rome, Nov 11 - The creation of the permanent Allied Military Committee with the new leadership for the Italian forces has worked wonders in the restoration of confidence among the military authorities.

The Italian forces with the Franco-British reinforcements with added stores of supplies, munitions and heavy guns are in battle formation on the west bank of the well fortified Piave River ready for an engagement of no less importance than the "Battle of the Marne" with the combined German, Bulgarian, Austro-Turkish forces.

## Mystery in Break on the Metal Markets. (SPECIAL DESPATCH FROM WALL ST)

New York, Nov 11 -- Mystery surrounds the almost unprecedented crash in metals of all sorts yesterday. More particularly is the "Break" in tin and the only explanation available is the receipt by the representatives of one of the biggest metal buying concerns in the world from the White Star liner Canada, now a transport in the British-Canadian service that their agent had rounded up untold quantities of tin foil and was hurrying to England with the valuable cargo.



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## SNIPER

274. Weather  
 Fine, Westerly  
 Wind: Slight  
 Sea.

On Board H.M.T. "CANADA"  
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Y.M.C.A. Head  
 Quarters Room  
 97. Pte Clark  
 in charge.

Answer to yesterday's conundrum. "Because they will be the last to go down."

Why is the R.F.C. Like a gambler.

We wonder if Leicester Luunge is out of bounds?

Who was the "ruined" man in Halifax.

Some pipe dream.---Baldy's acres in the wild and wooly.

What does Boston think of Mac?

Authority is given to cancel the rumour published in the Montreal Edition that the Battalion was en route to China as we have the Chinks with us.

Who goes to bed in full marching order? Ask McLeck.

O.C. on after deck, endeavouring to round up a church parade:-  
 "You fellows will expect the Lord Almighty to send the Sergt. Major to drum you into heaven".

There were three Protestant and one Roman Catholic service today. Lieut. Rev. W.S. Godfrey, Pte. Rev. Clark and Cpl Rev Smith held divine service for the Protestants and Sergt. George Duthie for the R.C.'s This evening a Sing-Song will be conducted by Major C.R. Mersereau, with P. Sergt. C. Le. Roi. Moxes at the piano. Every one welcome.

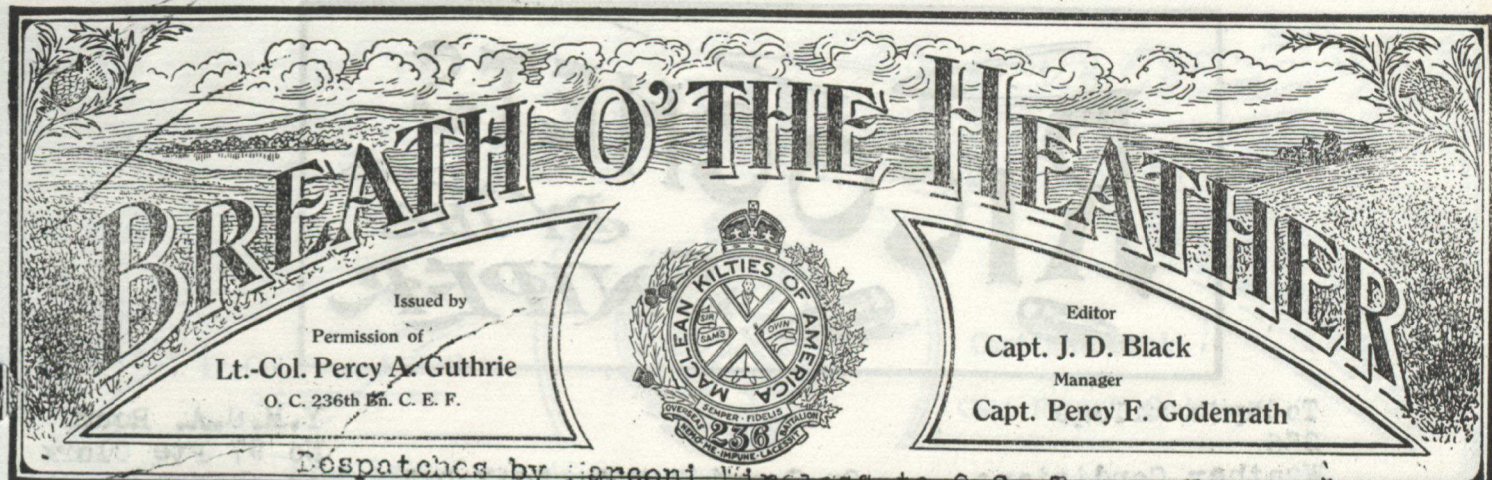
Why the convoy stopped yesterday. Orderly Officer. "There is a complaint from your table Sergt Lawney." "What is it Sir?" "You had no eggs for breakfast!" "I can't understand that Sir every ship laid too"

Another reason. Pte Denny Brooks to Louis Polis "What are the ships stopping for Polis?" "Waiting for Nick Wheeler, he has just arrived in Halifax.

Heard in the gangway:- Patsy Sequin to Sandy McPhee "What's for breakfast Sandy?" "Chickens laddie" "Where the hell did you get chickens aboardship Sandy?" "From the hatch!!"

Three things the O.C. does not do:- Wear Slacks, T<sub>ee</sub> afternoo tea or don the regulation life belt.





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SPORTS

The first afternoon's sports were carried out today under the direction Lieutenant's Godfrey and Blair of the 236th O.S. Battalion who organized the events and ~~acted~~ acted as Manager and referee respectively in a manner which gave much satisfaction.

The boxing bouts, which commenced at 2.00 p.m. were held on the after-well-deck with Second Steward G. ~~Guthrie~~ Guthrie Spence acting as time keeper.

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Sgt. Skeggs "D" Company vs Pte. R. Johnson "D" Company a draw.

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What letter in the alphabet has become extinct since yesterday Mr Young? Vineberg:- "T"

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Why does Sgt. Roi Mooers carry a blanket? Is it for the bed of the ocean

Why is the Quartermaster like a Liester Square tart? Because he works by night and sleeps by day, and the reason he continues to do so is because he has his Holmes to go to. Some "Mucky Pup, What!!"

If we do get hit by a submarine Darky, Fred and Bob won't worry. They always get ashore even if nobody else does.

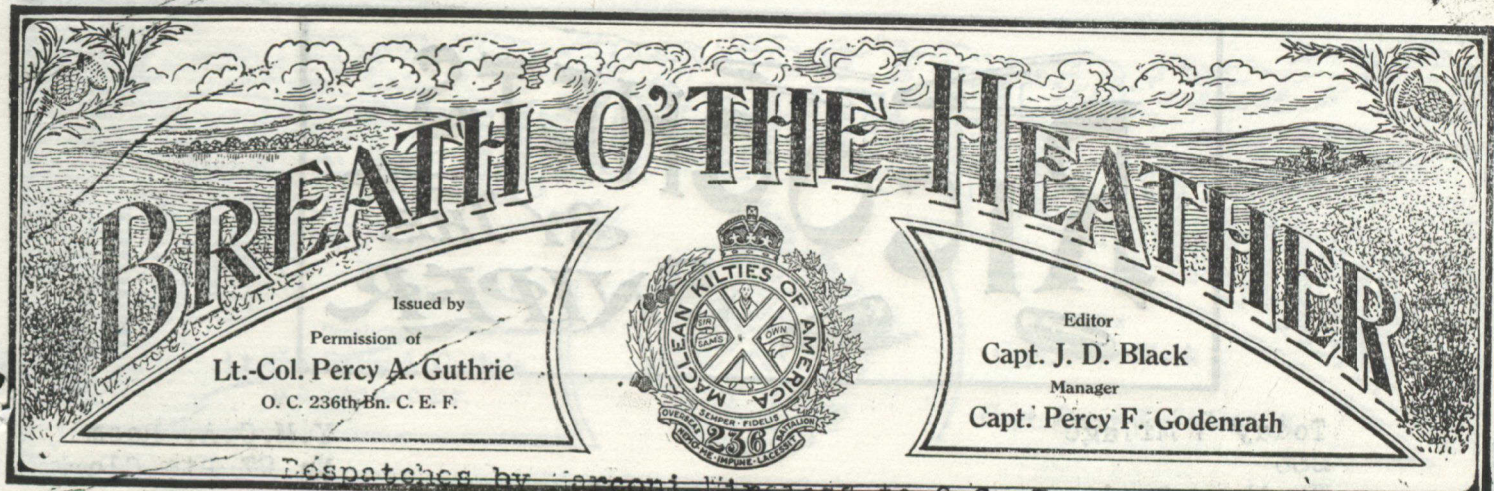
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Daily Orders:- Bombing practice as usual three times daily Location the passageway outside of Sergt Jim Milne's stateroom

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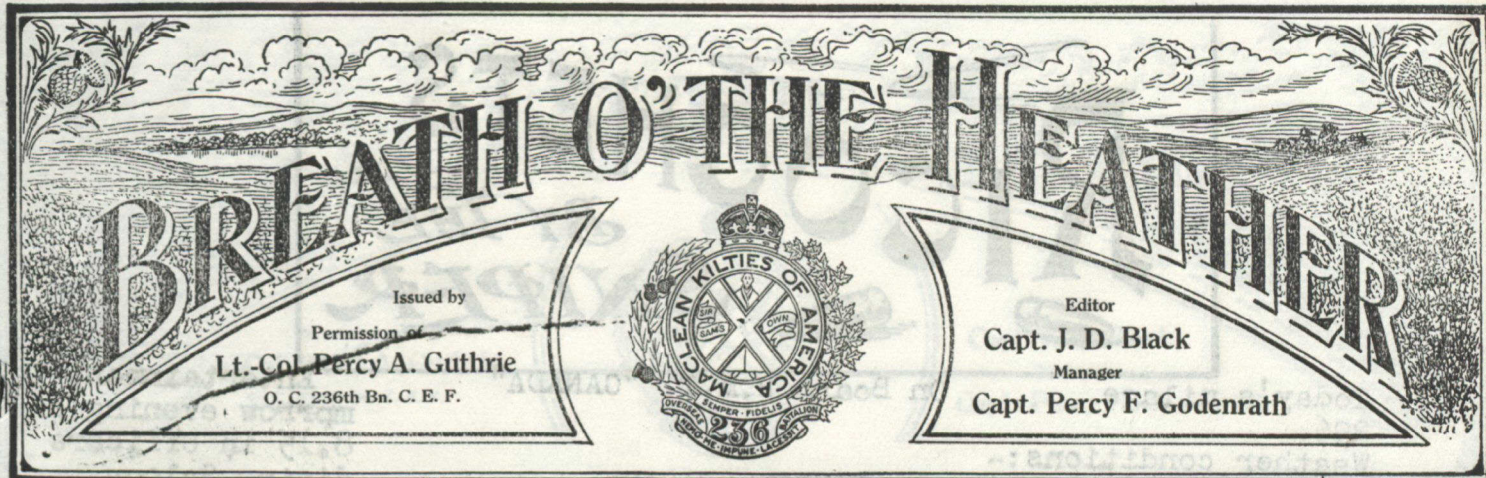
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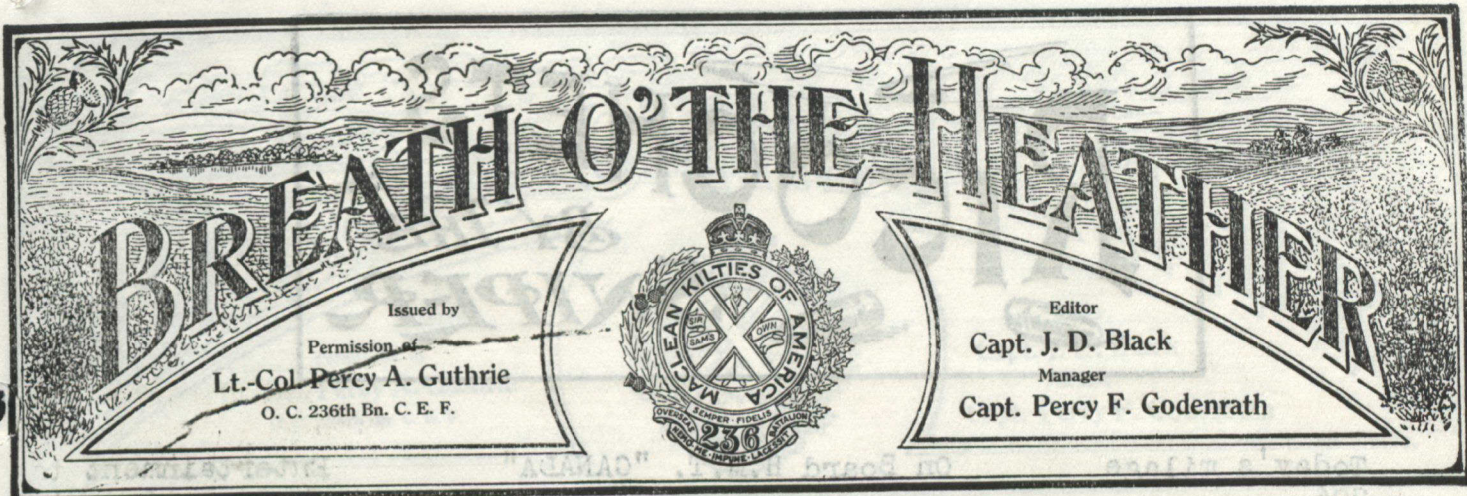
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## NOVEMBER 14th 1917 ELABORATE SPORTING PROGRAMME FOR THURSDAY

The most elaborate programme of sporting events yet attempted is planned for to-morrow, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on the after deck.

What is expected to be the fastest boxing bout staged so far is the meeting of Pte. Jones, of the N.S. Forestry Draft, who has already won from Pte. Haskins of his own detail and Pte. Roxman of the 236th Battalion, and Sgt. N.M. Pettis, of "C" Company another rattling good bout is looked for when Sgt. B. Reilly and Pte. D. McIver of "A" Company meet.

Another bout that is sure to attract a lot of attention is B.S.M. Bayers vs Sgt. LeBans while as a comic bout the original meet, of Mutt and Jeff fame, and Charlie Chaplin will meet on three 2 minute screams.

The following tug-of-war contests are scheduled:-  
Sergeants of Right Half of the 236th Battalion vs Sergeants of Left Half.

- Headquarters Staff vs Construction Draft.
- No 9 Platoon vs No 12 Platoon.
- No 7 Platoon vs No 8 Platoon
- No 13 Platoon vs No. 5 Platoon.

GRAND CONCERT TO-NIGHT IN OFFICER'S DINING SALOON BY TALENT SUPPLIED BY THE VARIOUS UNITS ABOARD H.M.T. "CANADA" STARTING AT 8.15 P.M.



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ON BOARD H.M.T. "CANADA"

FIFTH SPASAM

Entertainment  
 night in Office  
 Dining Saloon at  
 8.15  
 This afternoons  
 sports postponed

Answer to yesterday's conundrum: ~~Because it has its ups and d.~~

"What is the resemblance between a Life boat and the thermometer on a ship going north."

Poetical effusions cannot be entertained at present. we congratulate Pte. W. Holmes on his studious bent in this line and hope on some future occasions to turn his efforts loose.

"They closed the Canteen" says Pte. "Mac" but we were half seas over anyway".

"Woodsey" says "Here's another Swede".

Pass "Sheff" some pudding Maitre Rooney - please.

Who are the three Sergeants who hired a deck chair on shares?

## OVERHEARD IN THE SMOKING SALOON.

"Read 'em and weep" by the General.

"Make a bum out of me" Bones" by Vine.

"A flock of fives" by Babbs.

"Bones I ax you as a confidential friend - speak to me once" by Garret.

"Fudas! I've played all night at the horses and am only a quarter ahead" By Herbie.

"This game is played the world over. Thousands have made millions Millions have made thousands, and thousands more are trying to make millions and the rest go home broke" by Shorty.

How much is offered for a brand new water wagon? See Norm.

Who won the metal for the battle of Montreal? and how many bars will it carry?

Why is Roddy MacDonald like a telephone girl? Because he is always plugging somebody.

Sgt Sheppard ~~is~~ coming into the mess, accosting Sgt Lebans. "Say Sarg. lets have a little game," Sgt. Lebans "where will we get the cards?"

~~Sgt Sheppard, "From the deck of course"~~



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## NOVEMBER 11th 1917 ELABORATE SPORTING PROGRAMME FOR THURSDAY

The most elaborate programme of sporting events yet attempted is planned for to-morrow, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on the after deck.

What is expected to be the fastest boxing bout staged so far is the meeting of Pte. Jones, of the N.S. Forestry Draft, who has already won from Pte. Haskins of his own detail and Pte. Roxman of the 236th Battalion, and Sgt. N.M. Pettis, of "C" Company another rattling good bout is looked for when Sgt. B. Reilly and Pte. D. McIver of "A" Company meet.

Another bout that is sure to attract a lot of attention is B.S.M. Bayers vs Sgt. LeBans while as a comic bout the original meet, of Mutt and Jeff fame, and Charlie Chaplin will meet on three 2 minute screams.

The following tug-of-war contests are scheduled:-  
 Sergeants of Right Half of the 236th Battalion vs Sergeants of Left Half.

- Headquarters Staff vs Construction Draft.
- No 9 Platoon vs No 12 Platoon.
- No 7 Platoon vs No 8 Platoon
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GRAND CONCERT TO-NIGHT IN OFFICER'S DINING SALOON BY TALENT SUPPLIED BY THE VARIOUS UNITS ABOARD H.M.T. "CANADA" STARTING AT 8.15 P.M.



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SNIPER

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Weather conditions  
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beam sea with consequent  
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BOARD H.M.T. "CANADA"

FIFTH SPASAM

Entertainment  
night in Office  
Dining Saloon &  
8.15  
This afternoons  
sports postponed

Answer to yesterday's conundrum: Because it has its ups and

"What is the resemblance between a Life-boat and the thermometer on a ship going north.

Poetical effusions cannot be entertained at present. we congratulate Pte. W. Holmes on his studious bent in this line and hope on some future occasions to turn his efforts loose.

"They closed the Canteen" says Pte. "Mac" but we were half seas over anyway".

"Woodsey" says "Here's another Swede".

Pass "Sheff" some pudding Maitre Rooney - please.

Who are the three Sergeants who hired a deck chair on shares?

OVERHEARD IN THE SMOKING SALOON.

"Read 'em and weep" by the General.

"Make a bum out of me Bones" by Vine.

"A flock of fives" by Babbs.

"Bones I ax you as a confidential friend - speak to me once by Garret.

"Judas! I've played all night at the horses and am only a quarter ahead" By Herbie.

"This game is played the world over. Thousands have made millions Millions have made thousands, and thousands more are trying to make millions and the rest go home broke" by Shorty.

How much is offered for a brand new water wagon? See Norm.

Who won the metal for the battle of Montreal? and how many bars will it carry?

Why is Roddy MacDonald like a telephone girl? Because he is always plugging somebody.

Sgt Sheppard ~~is~~ coming into the mess, accosting Sgt Lebans. "Say Seng. lets have a little game," Sgt. Lebans "where will we get the cards?"

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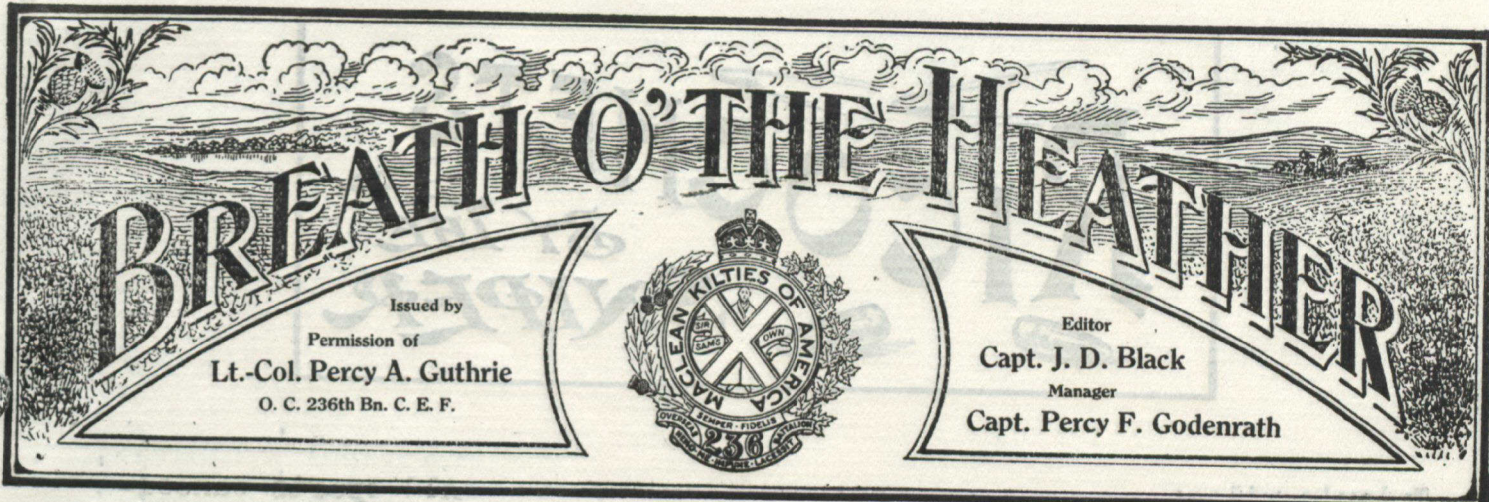
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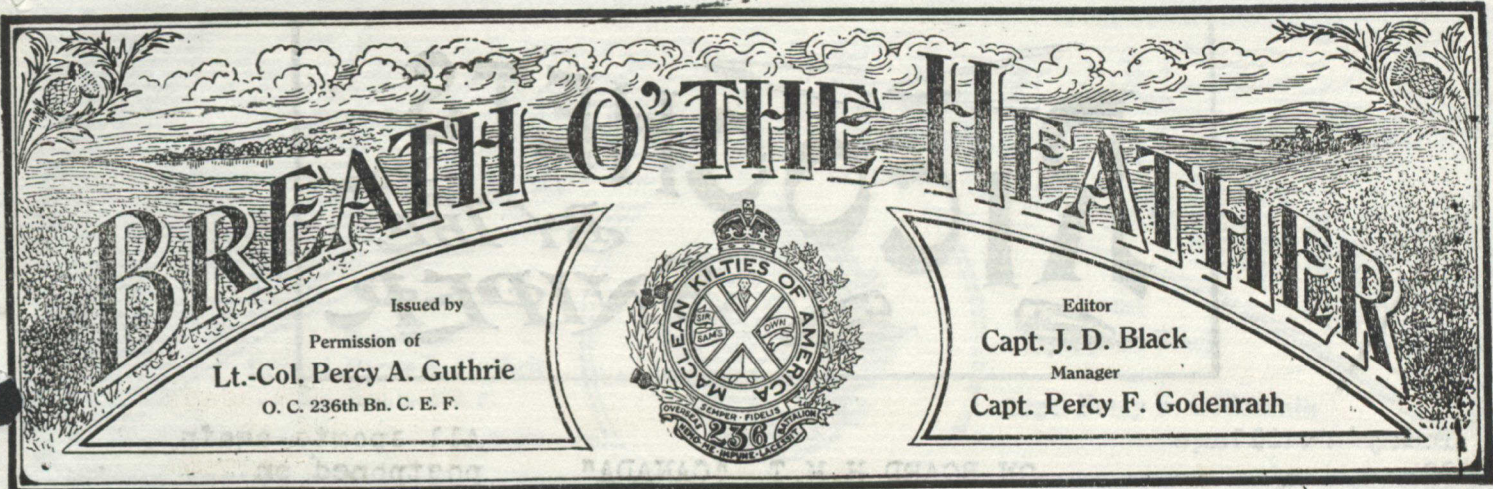
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they weigh the anchor on when we left Halifax.

Sgt. Lowe; What do the herring taste like?

Sgt. Campbell; Like home Bertie dear!

Pte Bonnell; wishes to deny that he saluted a Salvation Army  
lassie in Montreal while under the impression that she was a Red Cross  
nurse.

Pte. C.F. Brown -tug-of-war expert, talking to a small  
piece of rope which has broken off. "Do you think this is the  
beginning of the end of our pleasures?" Pope... "I'm afraid --end.:"

When and why did the silver-headed cowboy take off his  
hose-tops? Ask the B.Q.M.S.

If a submarine can hurt the Canada now, can a torpedo-boat  
~~destroy~~ destroy her.





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(Despatches by Marconi Wireless to O.C. Troops, W.M.T., Canada at Sea).

**BRITISH START BIG ATTACK ON FLANDERS FROM TODAY**

London, Nov 11 -- At dawn today the British launched another big attack on the German lines in West Flanders.

The War Office announced at noon that favorable progress is being made in stormy weather and through muddy swamps that impeded their progress the British drove forward from a position northwest of Passchendaele, which was captured several days ago.

The drive is believed here to be a continuance of General Haig's plan to smash through the German lines to Roulers. The capture of that town is expected to finally result in driving the Germans from their submarine bases at Zeebrugge and Ostend.

**NEW LEADERSHIP FOR THE ITALIAN FORCES IN THE FIELD**

Rome, Nov 11 - The creation of the permanent Allied Military Committee with the new leadership for the Italian forces has worked wonders in the restoration of confidence among the military authorities.

The Italian forces with the Franco-British reinforcements with added stores of supplies, munitions and heavy guns are in battle formation on the west bank of the well fortified Piave River ready for an engagement of no less importance than the "Battle of the Marne" with the combined German, Bulgarian, Austro-Turkish, forces.

**Mystery in break on the Metal Markets. (SPECIAL DESPATCH FROM WALL ST)**

New York, Nov 11 -- Mystery surrounds the almost unprecedented crash in metals of all sorts yesterday. More particularly is the "Break" in tin and the only explanation available is the receipt by the representatives of one of the biggest metal buying concerns in the world from the White Star liner Canada, now a transport in the British - Canadian service that their agent had rounded up untold quantities of tin foil and was hurrying to England with the valuable cargo.



# RICOCHETS

BY THE  
SNIPER

274: Weather  
Fine. Westerly  
Wind. Slight

On Board H.M.T. "CANADA"  
2"

Y.M.C.A. Head  
Quarters Room  
97. Pte Clark  
in charge.

Answer to yesterday's conundrum. "Because they will be the last to go down."

Why is the R.F.C. Like a gambler.

We wonder if Leicester Luunge is out of bounds?

Who was the "ruined" man in Halifax.

Some pipe dream.---Baldy's acres in the wild and woolly.

What does Boston think of Mac?

Authority is given to cancel the rumour published in the Montreal Edition that the Battalion was on route to China as we have the Chinks with us.

Who goes to bed in full marching order? Ask McLeck.

O.C. on after deck, endeavouring to round up a church parade:-  
"You fellows will expect the Lord Almighty to send the Sergt. Major to drum you into heaven".

There were three Protestant and one Roman Catholic service today. Lieut. Rev. W.S. Godfrey, Pte. Rev. Clark and Cpl Rev Smith held divine service for the Protestants and Sergt. George Puthic for the R.C's. This evening a Sing-Song will be conducted by Major C.R. Mersereau, with P. Sergt. C. Le. Roi. Mooses at the piano. Every one welcome.

Why the convoy stopped yesterday. Orderly Officer. "There is a complaint from your table Sergt Lawney." "What is it Sir?" "You had no eggs for breakfast!" "I can't understand that Sir every ship laid too"

Another reason, Pte Benny Brooks to Louis Polis "What are the ships stopping for Polis?" "Waiting for Nick Wheeler, he has just arrived in Halifax.

Heard in the gangway:- Patsy Sequin to Sandy McPhee "What's for breakfast Sandy?" "Chickens laddie" "Where the hell did you get chickens aboardship Sandy?" "From the hatch!!"

Three things the O.C. does not do:- Wear Slacks, Tea afternoons tea or don the regulation life belt.