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MINING AND TUNNELLING.

In the present wars these terms are practically synonymous, and we will use the word "mining" to refer to any and all operations and methods of work under this heading—the sinking of a shaft, the running of a tunnel or series of tunnels or laterals from the bottom of a shaft, cross-cutting and intersecting each other, driving a tunnel into the base of a hill under fortifications, gunpits or trenches, and all such operations where a shaft is not required. All of these we will include in the title "mining."

Of the many new types of service that are being brought forward in this struggle none is so remarkable as the work of the miner. In the wars of the past the miner and his work was not given even a secondary consideration. The Germans were the first to recognise his importance in warfare. They called to their aid the professional man and the co-operation of the skilled miners of Germany. To offset this move on the part of the Germans we had to counter attack by the same forces, and to-day, by what we can glean from the Press and the statements of officers and men who have been to the front, the Germans have no superiority over us. The writer firmly believes that the British and Canadian miner can beat and outwit the German at every turn of the game beneath the ground.

We must understand that mining operations must be carried on at the front under extreme difficulties, in most cases under heavy artillery and machine gun fire; oftentimes the trenches are not more than from 40 to 100 yards apart. On our side of that piece of ground called No Man's Land shafts must be sunk to the required depth. It is better to sink two or more shafts, for by doing so you have no trouble in regard to ventilation. Besides, you have two ways of getting out. (This is one important matter should the enemy discover you.)

In driving tunnels the practised ear of the miner seldom fails him. He can tell by listening how close the enemy is to him should they be counter mining towards him or to the right or left of him. Of course, the sounds depend entirely upon the strata for intensity, from the dull thud of the pick in clay or the more pronounced sharp rap upon rock.

In the 67th Battalion Western Scots we have as skilled miners as it is possible to find anywhere—men who have given years of work and study in the mining fields of British Columbia and Alaska; miners who have worked under the most difficult and trying conditions in the frozen placer gold fields of Alaska and in the slum or silt faces encountered underground in the placer fields of British Columbia.

It is an admitted fact that the slum or quicksand cap saturated with water overlying the gold-bearing gravels in the placer fields of British Columbia, and capped to a depth of from 30 to 100ft. by volcanic mud, exerting a terrific pressure on the slum and water underlying, has been pronounced by experienced miners from all over the world to be the most difficult ground they ever saw to work.

We have also the hard rock miners from the Kootenay and the coal miners from Vancouver Island. If the

tunnels or shafts need timbering we have in the 67th experienced timber men to follow the miner. We have experienced powdermen too; yes, men to whom it would be presumptuous to offer information regarding the proper placement of powder, the amount to use, the lines of least resistance, and how to get the maximum of destruction with the minimum of powder, as well as tamping, detonating and firing. It is needless to explain to the miner what this work is for. He well knows what he is doing—he is going to demolish some gun emplacement or some enemy trench, or to frustrate any operations carried on by the enemy, and get there ahead of him.

The tools to be used in mining operations at the front should be the ordinary tools used by miners. To be successful and to hurry on the work you must have the proper tools, and the proper tools are the ones used by miners the world over.

As I said before we can place implicit confidence in the Canadian and British miner, and in the ranks of the 67th Battalion are the very best of the best.

JAMES MURPHY, No. 3 Co. 67th Battalion Western Scots.

ENJOYABLE CONCERT.

Due to the efforts of C.S.M. Duffet, Aldershot Command Physical Training Staff, a most enjoyable impromptu concert was given in the Y.M.C.A. Hut by the Battalion on Wednesday night. There were a large number of men present from the Pioneers and a good proportion from other units in the division. From start to finish the concert went with a swing, and the various performers were greeted with rounds of well-earned applause.

Second-Lieut. Woodcock, of the 15th Service Batt., West Yorkshire Regt., now on duty at Bramshott, won the favour of the men with four splendid songs. Lieut. Woodcock was introduced by the chairman as an old member of the Quinlan, Covent Garden, and Beecham Opera Companies, and certainly showed the result of his training in grand opera. The men certainly appreciated his kindness in volunteering to sing, and showed it by lavish applause.

Our brass band, in several splendidly-rendered selections, came in for much commendation. The band never sounded so well, and was undoubtedly one of the features of the programme.

In a series of comic recitations Drummer Orr, of the Pipe Band, kept the house rocking with merriment, and had to respond to several encores.

Pipe-Major Wishart and Pipe-Corpl. H. MacLean Angus played a stirring march and a strathspey and reel which roused the enthusiasm of even the least Scotch of the audience. Sergeants Rankin, McGraw and Young and Ptes. Cavanagh and Dobbie showed that the Battalion has plenty of good singing talent. Pipe-Corpl. MacLean Angus and Drummer Allen accompanied the singers.

Altogether the concert was a huge success and the announcement that others would be given in the future was heartily applauded.

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MUSKETRY.

At the present time the Battalion is giving attention to the important subject of musketry. Last week A and B Companies began their general course at Cranmer Range, Whitehill, and within a short time the left half Battalion will be on the Longmoor range. Besides the question of the importance of learning to shoot true and quick we all have pride in our marksmanship as a Battalion. And, besides this again, there is the incentive afforded by Brigadier-General Lord Brooke's sporting offer of a cup to be given to the battalion making the highest average in the 12th Brigade. We are attached to his lordship's brigade for musketry, and it is up to us to do our level best to bring our average well up. To accomplish this it is imperative that we all make use of every bit of instruction we can get. Practice rapid loading particularly. Without facility in this we shall have a poor chance in the many rapid-fire practices. Another point—keep on your own target. It is surprising how many instances of rank carelessness in this respect are met with in spite of repeated warnings.

BATTALION SPORTS.

Sports are again to the fore in the 67th. The sports committee has been rejuvenated and we can look for some lively competitions during the next few weeks. It is the desire of Colonel Ross that every officer, non-commissioned officer and man who has any facility in any branch of sport will come forward and do his utmost. As an encouragement, several prizes have been put up. Among those already contributed are one from the C.O. for inter-platoon tug-of-war; one from Major Christie for the best company musketry score; one from Major Harbottle for inter-platoon musketry; and one from Major Armour for inter-company football. Now for everybody's shoulder to the wheel.

PRaise FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL CURRIE.

In a recent letter to our C.O., Brigadier-General Currie, of the First Canadian Division, says in part:—

"I have just received and read with much interest a copy of your regiment's paper, THE WESTERN SCOT,

of the issue of April 26. Someone has very kindly sent me this very excellent paper for the past few months. . . . I am very glad you have arrived in England and I hear you have a very fine Battalion."

We are very glad to have these nice things said about us by one of Canada's greatest military "finds," for, coming from such a source, it is praise indeed.

A FINAL APPEAL.

It is an uncongenial task to appeal to the men of the Battalion to support the Battalion paper, and this is our very last "howl."

We ask your help in two directions.

We want news from you that will be interesting to our readers in British Columbia, and interesting to all ranks in our Battalion and in other Canadian Battalions encamped in our neighbourhood. There is an official scribe in each company and in each detail. Just a very small note of current happenings handed to the scribe will soon fill our paper with interesting matter. Please don't send us cuttings from other papers; we want first-hand news. Moreover, the fact that Jones was seen walking with a tall lady in a blue hat and pink stockings is only interesting to perhaps a dozen readers. Moreover, said item may get Jones into trouble when Mrs. Jones, in British Columbia, reads it. The writer has just completed a twelve-page epistle explaining away one little "dig" which appeared in one issue! We assure you that it was a masterly defence, but these women are hard to convince, you know.

Then, again, we need your financial support. It is a very small thing to ask that each man should support his Battalion paper by purchasing one copy. We don't want to brag, but we have increased the size of the paper and tried to make it a creditable production. In spite of this we have met your wishes in reducing the price to one penny per copy. Even if our efforts have failed, and you don't consider the paper worth the price, surely it is not asking too much of you to give us one penny a week!

One more request. We call your attention to the advertisements in our paper. All the firms who advertise with us are worthy of support. You will find that they can deliver the best goods at the most reasonable prices—we ask you to patronise them, and when doing so to mention the fact that you saw their "Ad." in our pages. You will have no cause to regret placing an order with them. They, in their turn, will recognise that we support the firms who advertise with us, and will renew their contracts. Only in this way can we "carry on."

Once more, and finally:

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OFFICERS' MESS.

On Thursday, May 31, A and B Companies went to Whitehill to carry on with shooting the general musketry course. The same day the marking parties who have been working so long and arduously at Whitehill and Longmoor for other battalions returned to camp.

Lieut. Armstrong seems to have taken up his permanent abode at the ranges, for as soon as the marking was finished, he had to go to Whitehill to carry on with "A" Company while it did its shooting.

Major Armour, Capt. Schrieber, Lieuts. McDiarmaid, Faulkner, Wooler and Thain are also all at the ranges.

Lieut. Marsden is attending the snipers' course at Aldershot.

We are glad to see Major Jones getting around again and paying us a visit once in a while.

Each day sees some more officers donning the kilt. Lieut. Cook is the latest convert, and oh that Fort George could see him now!

Our medical officer, Capt. Campbell, is away on a well-earned vacation. Dr. Wallbridge is performing the duties in the meantime.

We have now got Dr. Wescott with us again as dental officer, and right glad we are to have him. Dr. Wescott was attached to us while we were in Victoria.

Officers and non-commissioned officers had a lecture the other night from Major Inkster on the duties of a pioneer battalion, and very instructive it proved to be.

How many of us realised before the batmen were quarantined how much we relied on them?

FOR OFFICERS ONLY.

Reports state that our capable scout officer is giving some of the staff instructors an excellent course in the art.

Some of the 44th Battalion mess know a peach of a parody on that pretty sentimental ballad: "Down Among the Sheltering Palms." Ask to hear it!

They also have a good one on "Casey Jones."

There's a great bill at Pantages this week.

We cannot consider the request of one of D Company's subs, that Covent Garden district be placed out of bounds for all officers but himself. No, Jophanus, you'll have to chance it!

We hear that an officer in B Company is the idol of a very pash brunette. No doubt he's trying to keep her dark!

It certainly is discouraging to note the steady rise in the price of fowl. Hens continue to hold fairly firm, but chicken will shortly be too expensive for the ordinary bill of fare.

"Suffering mackerel," exclaimed one of our subs., upon learning that the question of charging cash-money for mess libations was under consideration, "if they go on they'll put this war absolutely on the fritz!"

NEWS FROM CARIBOO.

Late copies of the "Observer" having come to hand the following important items of news have been gleaned for the benefit of our Cariboosers:

Henry Moffat was in town recently. Henry looks exceptionally well.

Billy Dale is back, much to the delight of his many friends.

The hens which have the honour to be the property of James Sheppard have seen fit to commence laying.

We learn that Henry Deschamps, of the 67th, now believed to be in Egypt, has been transferred from A Company to the Medical Corps, and that in a recent hot action at Longmoor he did splendid first aid work collecting legs and arms and things on the field

MILITARY BAND 67.

Owing to the general upheaval of our quarters, and not being the fortunate possessors of a real orderly room, the time, place and wherewithal to edit our usual weekly paragraph is scattered to the four winds of Bramshott, and there hangs the reasons for the shortage of news from our quarters.

We note with pleasure the candid remarks in last week's issue from our worthy brothers the pipers, but as they have again evaded us, this time by the pretence of "musketry," we leave all things as they are until their return, with the one passing note, *i.e.*, that the good Lord gave them as well as us two ears to one mouth for obvious reasons. If they don't know the reasons therefor, why, our solicitor is open to give information gratis every day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We attach hereto a copy of "The Listening Post," in the hope that the Editor may find something of interest to the Battalion therein. The paper is kindly loaned by Bandsman McEvers.

The bandsmen would like to know why Band-Sergeant Gaiger has the habit of visiting Portsmouth weekly, and when possible semi-weekly.

In answer to why Bandmaster Turner needs such frequent trips to London we might state that the brass band is not allowed to play the same tune every day in the week, every week in the month, and every month, etc., etc.

"PARAGRAPHS FROM THE ORDERLY ROOM."

May we congratulate the Editor of the WESTERN SCOT on the increased size of the paper and its excellent "get-up." The WESTERN SCOT is a paper which we are proud to send back to our friends in Victoria, and the Editor promises us even better things in future.

We would like to extend our sincerest sympathies to our fellow-"Colonials" of South Africa on the recent very sad accident at Bordon. We were only too glad to show a last mark of respect by sending over our bands for the burial ceremony.

Major Harbottle and O.R.S.M. Nicholls spent the early part of the week in London at the Records Office. Any more "records," Nick?

[Yes. The Adjutant and Sgt.-Major completed their business in a couple of hours or so; previous quickest time for any Battalion was one day.—Ed.]

The concert in the Y.M.C.A. last Wednesday was very enjoyable, and reflected great credit on the organising ability of Sergeant-Major Instructor Duffett (attached). Perhaps the star features of the evening were the vocal contributions of Mr. Woodcock, who came over from the West Yorkshires to assist.

Each day of our stay here seems to make things more comfortable, and "kicks" are few and far between, while the weather has been reminiscent of Vancouver Island at its best.

Might we suggest to the Western Scots that when they have any purchases to make, other things being equal, they patronise the advertisers in our paper? They thus help themselves and the SCOT as well.

Judging by the number of orderly room sergeants to be found almost any evening in the vicinity of the White Rose Tea Rooms, white roses must be very attractive.

The forms in the orderly room remind us of our school days, but our backs feel the effects very sadly. It feels like a mixture of rheumatism, lumbago and the stern hand that used to reprove us

"The Seven Thorns" is apparently proving a thorn in the flesh to some.

We were glad to see Major Meredith Jones drop in the other day. We sincerely hope he will soon be back for good, as not only B Company but the whole Battalion can ill spare his loss.

We have been measured for our kilts, but we are not saying much more till we get them. There's many a slip 'twixt the kilt and the knee.

Incinerators may be very useful things, but when they are close to windward on a breezy day we don't care for them.

Sergeant Connon, on his return from a week-end, having been at the Gaiety on Saturday night and in Hyde Park on Sunday afternoon, reports that the latter "show" is much more fascinating and interesting. Postmaster Condy, we understand, knows of one more fascinating than either of these. [This is a libel, R.L.C.]

NEW IMPETUS TO SPORTS IN BATTALION.

The big feature of this week has been the re-organisation of the sports committee, and all will be glad to hear that athletics are to be still further encouraged and extended to embrace every branch of sport capable of being followed by the members of the Battalion. Even the old sports committee had to admit that since our arrival in England the regiment hasn't done very much in out-door recreations, but that was only because of the uncertain state we were in immediately after our arrival and the sending of officers and parties away to courses at different places all at once. But now we hope that with the musketry over in a few weeks and the Battalion all back and settled down in our own permanent quarters and officially installed in our position as Pioneer Battalion to the Fourth Division, we will get down to our regular training in Pioneer duties, and so in our spare hours carry on athletics and out-door games to the full extent.

Lieut.-Col. Ross, in addressing a meeting of the committee on Monday night, announced that it was his expressed wish that every man in the Battalion should take part in one game or other, and he assured the committee that every assistance would be given by the staff toward carrying out a regular service of games in the off-hours of the Battalion. His remarks were listened to with great interest and were heartily cheered.

One direct result of the re-organisation of sports is the offer of three handsome prizes already for competition in the Battalion. Colonel Ross has donated a cup for the champion tug-of-war team; Major Harbottle

donates a cup for shooting; and Major Armour a cup for soccer football. Each of these trophies is for inter-platoon competition so very soon we shall see the elimination games begin in earnest.

The sports committee has had its general meeting, and it is interesting to see the new blood that has been infused into its ranks. The new members are welcomed, and we appeal to all to show their appreciation of the interest they are taking in sports by "getting in" and doing something. All welcome the unanimous re-election of Captain Nicholson as president of the committee. Major Carey is the new vice-president; he has always been a good "booster" for sports and will be a hard worker in its interests. Signalling Officer H. Gary was elected secretary, he himself being one of the best all-round athletes in the 67th.

The meeting was held in the orderly room and presided over by Capt. Nicholson; other officers present being Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross, Major Harbottle, Capt. Okell and Capt. Macdonell; all the members of the old committee and two representatives from each company and detail. The feature of the meeting was the marked interest manifested by all present evincing a keen determination to leave no stone unturned in bringing the Battalion to a still higher state of efficiency in athletics and general out-door recreation, such being recognised by the highest authorities as the best qualification for a fighting soldier to fit himself to take his place in the trenches.

The different branches of sport in which we are to participate are to be governed by separate sub-committees, each responsible to the general committee for the carrying out of the detail arrangements of its particular game. Members of the Battalion should familiarise themselves with the personnel of each sub-committee and take a personal interest in speaking to them on any matters in the interests of that particular game.

We realise that everyone cannot play in a game at one time, and the committee appeals to all to show our interest in sport by turning out in large numbers and "rooting" for our team or teams when playing inter-company or inter-battalion series. Let's have a "Rooters' Club" and make ourselves heard. Remember that the committee in providing healthy exercise and competition for the active players is just as much interested in providing healthy recreation and amusement for those who cannot take active part.

The personnel of the new sports committee is now as follows:—

PRESIDENT: Capt. G. S. W. Nicholson.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Major A. B. Carey.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Lieut. F. J. Gary.

GENERAL COMMITTEE: President, vice-president, secretary, and all chairmen of sub-committees.

The following are the sub-committees, first named in each case to be chairman:—

SOCCER: Major Meredith Jones, Sergt. Lister, Corpl. Ogilvie, Sergt. Price, Bandsman McAuley.

BASEBALL: Lieut. B. McDiarmid, Sergt. Young, Ptes. McGregor, Wallach, Traylor.

LACROSSE: Capt. S. H. Okell, Lieut. J. Falkner, Sergt. J. Dakers, Pte. Parsons, Pte. Kenney.

TUG-OR-WAR: Capt. Macdonell, C.S.M. Mirams, Sergt. Jones, Corpl. Gillies, Sergt. Allan.

FIELD AND TRACK: Lieut. J. Falkner, Lieut. J. Meredith, B.S.M. Haines, Sergt. Johnson, Pte. Scott.

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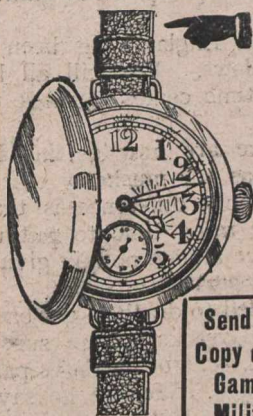
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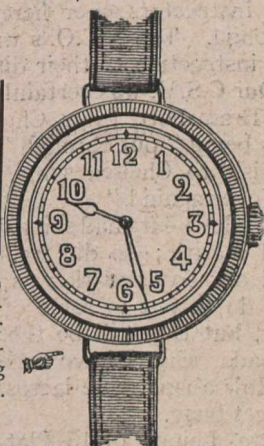
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CRICKET: Lieut. J. Meredith, Lieut. Terry, Lce.-Corpl. Cryer, Ptes. Sherman, Schofield.

MILITARY EFFICIENCY CUP.

Major Harbottle has very kindly given a most excellent cup for inter-platoon competition, the test being military efficiency in all branches. The first test will be in musketry and the following rules govern this first competition:—

1. The cup will be for platoon competition.
2. The cup will in the first instance be given to the platoon of the 67th which obtains the highest platoon average in the general musketry course now being fired.
3. Only those men who fire *all* the practices in the course will be counted. The score of any man who does not fire all practices will be ignored in computing the average.
4. The winning platoon will hold the cup until another competition can be arranged.
5. In the musketry competition the machine gun section and the signallers will compete as one platoon: the balance of the staff as another.
6. The donor may at any time direct the platoon winning the cup to defend it in some other test of military efficiency.

SPORT NOTES.

Staff-Sergt.-Major Duffett has kindly consented to act as official trainer, and all athletes are requested to

get in touch with him to arrange regular training. Drummer Orr will act as his assistant.

Thirty lacrosse sticks have been ordered and should be here this week-end, when Capt. Okell will immediately get his players lined up for a try-out game. It is impossible to import these sticks from Canada now, and this lot is being specially manufactured by Spalding's in London.

Hut No. 16 is specially set aside for all sporting "paraphernalia" to be kept there. In the past members of the regular teams have been allowed to retain their jerseys and gear as long as they were on the teams, but this can no longer be done. As such a large number of men will from now on be playing in the various games, it will be impossible to give everyone an outfit, so all jerseys and gear will be issued from this hut prior to games, and must be turned in immediately afterwards. Pte. Jack Smith has been appointed custodian, and he will be always on the premises, and players are to be encouraged to change in the hut and get a rub down after all games. S.S.M. Duffett is arranging for this, and with his own assistants and Jack Smith, players will be well looked after. Make Hut 16 the Sports Headquarters.

Frank Slavin has returned, looking ten years younger, from his triumphal tour of the southern parts of England.

"Our Jack's Dope," Hut 16.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

Heard in Sergeants' Room:—Sergt. C. (writing letter): "Say, boys, I'm up against it. I've forgotten the name of my girl!"

In answer to what the officers wish to know:—Stronk originated the same time as Binks.

To defend a bridge with 30 men:—

First answer: Conditions unknown, strength of enemy unknown, therefore best method unknown.—O. E. D.

Second answer: In the words of the poet, "It can't be did."

Here we are at the ranges, wind, dust, dirt, shortage of water, but plenty of enthusiasm to put up a good score.

Corpl. M. C.— is to be congratulated on his ability to get away with it.

Who is the sergeant who has received 48 letters since landing in England? The last ones come from Aldershot.

Have the members of the "baun" been vaccinated on the right arm of their tunics? The hieroglyphics at a distance look like early Egyptian.

We hope to get a good wash when we return to our hutments.

Voice outside tent: "I'm Camp Quarter-Master-Sergeant now."

Voice inside tent: "Then, Heaven help us!"

A correspondent from Whitehill, enlarging on the doubtful qualities of the drinking water there, asks feelingly: "How can one even clean what teeth the dentist may have left? The only dependable liquids on the range seem to be tea, beer and porter! Are any of these liquids deleterious to the enamel? Speaking from an ever-widening experience, we are glad to be able to reassure our correspondent on the last item."

Pte. Philip W. Steer, of Strathcona Horse, died on 5th of May, at Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, from injuries received at La Bassée.

There are nearly 100 Cowichan men with the 88th Batt. C.E.F.

"C" COMPANY NOTES.

Our bugle calls, titled, as seen by us:—

5.30 a.m.—Réveillé	...	"Please go away and let me sleep."
6.45 a.m.—Cook-house	...	"Just before the battle, mother."
7.0 a.m.—Pick-'em-up	...	"I want to go back to the farm."
8.15 a.m.—Fall In	...	"Work, for the night is coming."
7.0 p.m.—Retreat	...	"When you come to the end of a perfect (?) day."
Any old—Defaulters time	...	"You'll do the same thing over again."
9.0 p.m.—First Post	...	"Just a wee Deoch an' Doris."
9.30 p.m.—Last Post	...	"Oh, where is my boy to-night?"
9.45 p.m.—Lights Out	...	"I wouldn't leave my little wooden hut for you."
1.0 a.m.—Fire Call generally	...	"You'll be clothed in scant array."

Father Gillies has re-opened his Bible class, assisted by Brother Gillfillan. At his next meeting, Father Gillies will speak on "Prohibition," and Pte. Dinsdale will sing "Oh, where is my boy to-night?"

While on week-end pass, I met an English parson. I got into a conversation with him, and discovered that he had been out to Canada. We then began talking of coins. And when he first went to Canada, he wondered of what use the Canadian one cent piece was, as there did not seem to be many in circulation. But he said he discovered at least one of their uses at his first meeting.

No. 9 Platoon wants to know whether any other platoon in the battalion has a name more suitable for the kilts than Rob Roy McGregor.

The boys of No. 9 Platoon would like to know how it is that Ptes. Richards and Oliver seem to be so interested in letters received from North Bay, Ontario. Pte. Dinsdale thinks they both write to the same fair maiden, but the two worthies act in soldierly manner, and give out no information.

Three of our glove artists, Sergt. Fenton, Lce.-Corpl. Dunn, and Pte. Parsons, are getting in trim again. They have a few rounds each afternoon, and when the first tournament comes off they will be ready for the best.

Four days without receiving a letter is the record made by Pte. Melcomb. How he came through the ordeal is a mystery to the boys of No. 9 Platoon.

Pte. Deacon as a newspaper critic is right there with the goods. While on guard some little time ago, he declared that the newspapers were vulgar in their announcements of births. He continued that such a way of putting it, as the Duchess of somewhere gave birth to a twelve-pound boy, was very vulgar. When asked by Pte. Oliver how he would word such delicate matters, he replied, "They should say that the Duchess gave heir to a son." Pte. Oliver is looking for his dictionary.

A certain private in "C" Company wants to know how it is that Bandmaster Turner has meat pies served up to him on china, while this same private had his pie thrown at him. P.S.—The above incident took place in an establishment near Waterloo Station.

At doing the "about turn," Pte. Dinsdale is very smart. Pte. McGregor can verify this statement from a first hand demonstration he had a week last Sunday. Though Pte. McGregor states the order was "advance."

Seeing that the kilts are such a great time in arriving, several of us have come to the conclusion that the strip of Douglas tartan has been put on upside down, and has had to undergo alterations.

Pte. Wallach's slacks are open to criticism—at the rear. And we also notice that Pte. Gillfillan is a lover of ventilation.

"D" COMPANY NOTES.

"D" Company has had its share of the "Markers' Course" at Whitehill, Cranmer, and Longmoor ranges, and there is no doubt that all feel a good deal of experience has been gained. Our turn at shooting will be along shortly, and that is where the experience gained will tell.

Our training since arriving in England has been a bit more stiff than at the Willows. We will all be "good and hard" when the time comes to move to France.

The musketry instruction we are now getting is, practically speaking, the same as our musketry officer taught us in Victoria. The only difference is that the instructors over here have more time to put us through. The N.C.O.'s will have a time now in giving the instruction to their different sections.

Our C.S.M. was certainly tickled to death to get back to Bramshott from Chelsea Barracks, as he surely was being "put through" when some of our boys paid a visit to Chelsea some days ago. We bet he says, "Never again!"

Well, we sure had some day last Friday. Our blankets had a bath; so did we. Our réveillé was at 5 a.m., and our day's work was over at 6.10 p.m. It would not do to put in some of the songs composed on that day, but this will be the only one which went: "O, Canada, what I have suffered this day for you!"

How about some lacrosse and more baseball? Let's all get busy.

Pte. Leiper, of 15 Platoon, has not had much sleep lately. Some say "Taffy" Owens was the reason. He tries to raise the roof some nights.

We extend our sympathy to Pte. "Jimmie" Brown, of 13, as he had to go on guard last Saturday. Some of the boys say "she" wrote from London and Jim had applied for a pass. Some hard luck.

We wonder when the kilts will be here, as it will not be safe for some of the boys to leave camp soon, for they will be "pinched" for being improperly dressed. Their trousers are giving "out."

Well, boys, the 88th have left Victoria, but rumour has it that the 50th (Gordons of Victoria) are not coming overseas. Hard lines.

Who says our second in command does not look "Jake" in his kilts?

What is the matter with the "flag" man? Wake him up.

We were very sorry to read about the death of "Percy" Hill, of the Camosun Club of Victoria. Our sympathies are extended to his wife and family.

Col. Ogilvie, the former D.O.C. of our district in B.C. and Yukon, is getting his brigade of artillery together very fast, and will go east to the training

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camp this week. There are a great number of B.C. boys in the brigade. Good luck!

We have a new "bull" in our midst in the person of Pte. B. W. Barrett—some swank and some bull. He had a free trip up North the second day he was on the job. Some luck! "B.W." seems to get there all the time, but we only hope that he will not be too hard on the boys.

On company parade the other day, we noticed "Bob" Robertson putting the company through the usual drill. "Freddy" Breeze was there also, and everybody is wondering whether they are going to be graduates, and some are wondering why "Bob" said "Whoa!"

It seems as if "Gasoline Gus" is a little behind "Gimmie" in receiving letters this past week. It sure is some contest.
S. H. R.

SCOUT SECTION AT BRAMSHOTT.

VERY instructive and interesting were the ten days put in at the Bramshott Divisional Scout and Sniper School by our O.C., Mr. Marsden and the N.C.O.'s detailed for the course. Our instructor, Mr. Hebner, was very able and carried the class from point to point with him, so that each subject dovetailed with another. We commenced our training with simple scales, and then in the afternoon went out with the range-finder judging distance and checking our judgment with the range-finder. The following day we paraded with full kit and rations for three meals and proceeded out to the trenches with the Brigade Scouts at 11 a.m., remaining there till 4.30 the following morning. We carried on with various manœuvres, including night attacks, patrols, holding the trenches against attacking parties, etc., and everyone standing to at dawn.

We certainly got an idea of some of the things the boys in the trenches have to put up with, as it rained all night and the darkness could be felt. It also proved to us the need of visual training by the rounds of blanks fired at imaginary patrols who were not in evidence at the time.

A pleasing thing to note was that on account of the absence through illness of the O.C. of the 46th S.S. section, Mr. Marsden was asked, and took charge of the 46th Scouts during the operations with great success, judging by the complimentary remarks that were passed. The following week was occupied with lectures, as the weather was very bad for outdoor work, the subjects including map-reading, bearings, sketching field reports and messages, prismatic compass contours, and various problems and formulas. At the end of the first period of our training course we were recalled for duty at Longmoor ranges, and as the other members of the class had to do their general musketry course, the class was suspended to resume again in the near future.

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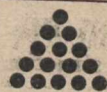
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BATS FROM THE BATMEN.

During musketry instructions a certain man was asked by the Instructor what a "fine sight" was. He hesitated for a moment, and then replied:
"Two dinners on one plate, sergeant."

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Orderly Officer: "Any complaints?"

Private: "I wish you would taste this, sir."

Orderly Officer (after fasting): "Why, that's jolly fine soup."

Privates: "The cooks don't seem to think so, sir; they serve it up here for tea."

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Orderly sergeants are saving much shoe-leather these days. They don't have to run all over camp chasing Batmen to warn them for parade, as these unfortunates are quarantined in a hut, all together.

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The Batmen extend their deep sympathy to Private Notman, who has recently lost his third brother in the war.

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Who is the Batman who required assistance in moving his officer's baggage from Martinique House?

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Poor Moses was on the peg this week! Hard lines, Mose!

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Corporal: "Did we come all the way from Canada to be quarantined?"

Frenchy: "What the H—— are you kicking about? This is my second dose."

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What is Snow—a Batman or a traveller? Why don't you stay at home once in a while?

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Fawcett says that we are going to have plum trees in front of the Colonel's House.

TO THE CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.

Men of Britain, ye who clamour
And who strike for higher pay,
What will all your "Rights" avail you
If we fail to win the Day?

He who stays at home and argues,
He who plays the coward's game,
Only scorns his country's honour,
And is faithless to her name.

See your comrades bravely fighting
Midst the deadly shot and shell;
Think of helpless, captive prisoners,
Think of Ypres, and Neuve Chapelle.

Do you ever think of Belgium
With her home in ruins laid?
If the Huns our shores invaded,
Would you look on undismayed?

Men of Britain, let none ever
Say we called for you in vain.
Up and join the flag of freedom,
And our star shall never wane.

C. A. A.

An 18-year-old boy, Roland Roberts, was within one point of defeating William Johnston, national tennis champion, in the finals of the Californian inter-club meet recently.

S.B. SECTION.

1. In future, if a certain member of our section makes a "Rash" movement and attempts to play with the football sports of the Battalion, kindly lead him off the field, as the orderly in the hospital objects to binding his numerous injurise.

2. To those of the sporting world: We have now a supply of pain-remover. Bring your own bottle.

The Western Scots are soon, we hope, to be clothed as all real Scotch regiments should be—in the garb of old Gaul. Why not carry the Scotcising a stage farther and prefix the Mac to all names? What could sound better at a kilty parade than to hear Sergeant McJones shout, "Dress back there, McBertueci," "Come up a wee bit, McZik and McOlsen," "Haud up yer heid, McTrickett, and you, McPlump, keep in yer stomach."

What would be the result if Hut No. 32 got mixed up with Hut No. 25? Meamps? or Muscles?

Who slept on the parade ground to be in time for the 5.30 blanket parade?

Is it true that the Q.M. is requisitioning a supply of Douglas tartan paint to paint the stripe down the side of the kilt?

With five men sick, two men to be on the sanitary police, two men doing clerical work, and two men doing fatigue, our sergeant says that very soon he will have to recruit another Army, as he so very often addresses our section.

One of our boys whose pants are about worn out writes this pathetic verse:—

Our coats are very thread-bare,

Our pants are worn and thin.

They are getting full of rents and tares,

Which let the breezes in. F. S.

Our usual list of questions:—

Why did Copeland get his hair cut?

Who is it that Bastow corresponds with in England?

Does Pte. Randalls wish any further treatment?

Who is it continually smokes the M.O.'s cigarettes?

Who did Pte. Hickling meet in London?

Will we miss our Tiny?

Will someone kindly buy Pte. Dick another clay pipe?

Does the postman read the picture postal cards?

What does our new sergeant think of the kilts?

Reports from hospitals of our men who are sick:—

Pte. Wallace is getting better very fast. We hope to have him with us very soon.

Pte. Rodgers, who is undergoing an operation for his ears, will be with us again in the course of a few days.

We are pleased to say that "Bill" Norman is also getting along fine. He is under the care of Sister Fraser at the Military Isolation Hospital, Aldershot, and she has taken upon herself the task of taming this wild man of the West. Our sympathies go out to her in this. Also many thanks for her kindness to a few of the boys who visited the ward.

Pte. Walker, after visiting Pte. Norman and seeing the way the sisters treated him, wishes that he also could have a cot in Ward 25.

We had the pleasure of meeting recently a little Irish girl wearing glasses. When she saw that we were in the 67th Battalion she made tender enquiries for "Tiny, Lce.-Cpl. R., and Paddy (?)" She wants to know if one of them still insists on eating alone at a table decorated with one flower! We were also much amused by some photographs she showed us. Oh, Tiny!

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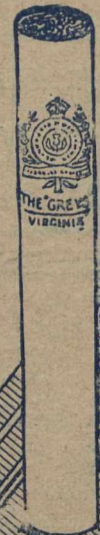
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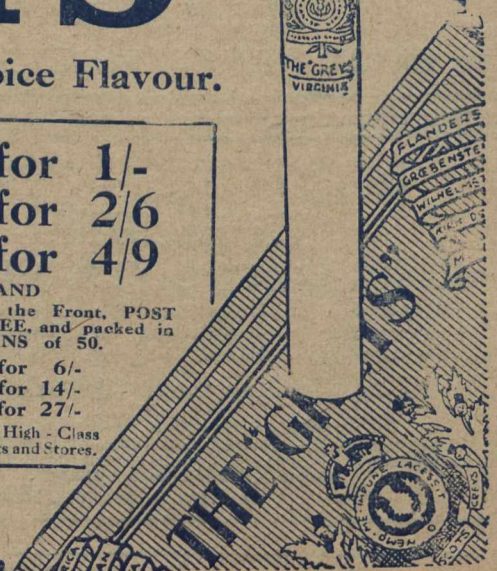
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