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## EDITORIAL.

THE third Dominion Day of the War is a thing of the past, and the usual celebrations have been carried out with a general holiday for the troops as far as the exigencies of the Service permitted. Our one wish is that we may spend the next anniversary in our country itself. Few of us realise the big part the Dominion is taking in the destiny of the Empire, but such things as Imperial Conferences and Imperial War Councils should go a long way to show that the Mother Country is fully alive to the statesmanship of the Dominions' representatives. All Canada read with pride of the doings of the first division in the early part of 1915, and from that time onwards up to the present day, whenever Canada has been called upon to take part in a "Show," she has always had good reason to be proud of her sons.

### LATE S-SGT. F. DOUGLAS

The news of the death of S/Sgt. F. Douglas has cast a gloom over the whole office. Only a week ago he was amongst us—his usual cheerful self. He had been a long time with us and was not only respected by all who knew him, but universally liked. His loss is especially felt in his own section, R2A4, where those who knew him best will miss his capable, good-natured way of dealing with little C.R.O. troubles.

He was keenly interested in athletics, especially in the welfare of the Rowing Club, and was a hard worker in the Khaki College movement. His loss is universally regretted, and by none more so than by those who were most closely associated with him in his daily work.

We extend our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to his mother in this great affliction, and sincerely hope that she will be enabled to bear her sad burden bravely when the first shock of grief is past.



MAC  
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"A SLUMP IN MEDALS."

## CHEVRONS.

We have to apologise to our readers for the slight delay in getting out last week's edition, but owing to the all-round difficulties of the printing trade in these abnormal times it is impossible to avoid these things. For the same reason we had to slightly cut down the size of the paper; that is to say, there will be less margin in the future than there was in our first edition. That is the only difference, but we hope to keep it at this size now. One more thing; we find it is too much of a rush to get the paper out by Tuesday afternoon, so in future the "Bulletin" will be published every Wednesday morning.

We should like to call our contributors' attention to the fact that we do not guarantee to publish every item of copy given to us, as it is quite obvious that we must make use of the best material at our disposal; also, we must make our items appeal to as many portions of the office as possible.

A prize will be awarded to the 999th man who reminds us that we spelt "Souvenir" wrong in our first edition! There seems to be so many lately who "used to run a paper in Canada" that we shall have to watch points.

Sorry I left out the straps on Sergt. Logan's spats last week. Having been a "Kilty" myself, I ought to have known better. Anyway, I managed to get the buttons on his tunic done up?—Mac.

It has been mentioned from time to time that the Pay Office has put it over the Record Office in many things—i.e., such as Base Ball, etc. In the recent Accountancy Exam., held at Khaki College (London University), however, it is worthy of note that there were only two first-class certificates and these were won by Pte. Kelley, W.J., and Pte. Boshier, F., of the Record Office. Candidates from the Pay Office and Audit Branch were "runners-up," or, in other words, "Na' Poo." The certificates will be presented by Sir Robert Borden some time next month.

Only three men in Record Registry down with the Influenza. Obviously not many Old Soldiers there.

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## THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW ?

Did S/Sgt. Jack Adams R2B4 catch the Flu off Sgt. Soper and the exact expression he used regarding the latter N.C.O.?

What did Sgt. Currie say to the young lady who was standing on the corner of Old Bailey with some Pink Thing-a-me-bobs hanging below her skirt to make her walk away so quickly?

And should he not be rewarded for Conspicuous Gallantry?

Did the S/Sgt. in R2A4 who upset his boat say Dam-p when he fell into the water?

And what is his opinion of the spectators who were on the river bank laughing at him?

Does he still wear a wrist watch when "trying to skull"?

Did the designation "Oatmeal Savage" cause Jock Eadie to lose his goat or was he only browsing it?

When are we going to get our Canadian War Loan Certificates and Interest?

Who is the Corporal who paraded sick the morning he drew rations?

Whether the fellows who were told they could go home by the M.O. and who volunteered to carry are to get the M.M.?

Who is the lady on the 4th Floor who is taking menthol snuff, and what is her idea? Is it to prepare the way for a few days' holiday?

Who is the Sergeant who went on P.T. with an elastic band on his head to keep his hair in place, and is a subscription being raised to buy him some hair ribbons?

Is it true that the C.R.O. Baseball Team will commence to win games in the near future; and are their next two games with St. Dunstan and Roehampton Hospitals?

What was S/Sgt. Williamson doing down Addison Gardens the other evening; and who was the young lady?

Who is the newly appointed S/Sgt. in AMS who is always going one better than his comrades? Is it true that if you told him you had a mother-in-law he would say he had two?

And what did he say when he was told that Sgt. Smith of the Postal Branch wanted him?

Who is the Private in AMS who is constantly using jawbreakers in the course of his conversation, and if it is a natural gift, why is he always referring to that pocket dictionary he carries?

Whether the scintillation of local brain power is due to a military menage or is it in spite of it?

If Cpl. Easy obtained permission to cut down his great coat and use it for a tunic?

When Sgt. Currie smiled last?

If S/Sgt. Macdonald intends carrying on the "Best Man" stunt as a business after the War?

What is the attraction at a certain boarding house in Gresham Road, Brixton, for two certain members of the Military Staff of the C.R.O.?

If Pte. Stanton has caught any rats yet with his patent trap, and where does he get his cheese?

Which Sergeant in R2A whose wife is on her holidays and sent word that she was extending her holiday for a few days, sent the reply, "Extension of leave granted"?

If some of the married men of the C.R.O. are furnishing their homes with tea cups from the tea room, and, if so, why not call at the tea room at 5.30 p.m. for the saucers to go with them?

The name of the gentleman who contributed the button to the Tea Girls' Outing Fund, and why he did not send a pair of trousers to sew on to it?

Whether S/Sgt. Blatch is the author of an interesting little book, entitled "Crimes and how to get admonished"?

How many single men are now left in R.R., and are those who are left too old?

The name of the S/Sgt. in R2B who collects tea biscuits for his dog?

If Cpl. Manarey thinks that two stripes are equal to one trip to Birmingham?

If the majority of the teams in the Base ball League are out to break "Records"?

If Pte. Bruce really knows how many American troops there are in France?

Is the C.R.O. Bulletin going to have a go at "47,000"?

Is there a more handsome man in the office than Cpl. Harry Easy of R2B4?

Could any one of the four White Hopes in R2B4 be induced to put up a real scrap?

Is it a fact that there are more tall men in R2B4 than any other section in the office, and can one of them tell the tallest yarns?

Did the Baseball Team hold a peace meeting on their arrival at "New Jerusalem" last Saturday week, and did they decide to adopt as their motto the old Hebrew saying "Ish-ka-bibble"?

Since the Ball Team journey to Brighton, is it true that the employees of the luggage department of the L.B. and S.C. Railway are now proficient in the use of the North American language (profane and other-wise)?



## WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE GREAT WAR DADDY?

Yes, some of the boys *are* married, some *are not*, some *will* be and some *won't*, but the large majority will sooner or later have to answer that great question—"What did you do in the Great War, Daddy?" What a lot of things your little Willie will want to know, and what a long time it will take you to explain it all! About your reception at Southampton in 1914, then that little picnic on Salisbury Plain, the different kinds of mud you knocked up against, and thousands of other little pleasantries. Then of course you will have to tell Willie all about your badges and how they used to dress you up like a Christmas tree. Of course if you are a First Contingent man your chest will swell with pride as you explain to him why you wore coloured shoulder straps; but if you are *not* a First Contingent man, well—you will simply ignore such a trivial thing. Then you will tell him about your gold stripe, and your good conduct stripe (if you had one), and your Sergeant's stripes (if you had any), then your red and blue chevrons will need explaining, and last, but not least, your *ribbons*. Then little Willie will probably ask, "And did you wear your tunic under all *these*, Daddy?" Then you will tell him about the C.R.O.; this will take you a *long* time. You will tell him about the way we used to beat the Pay Office at everything (?), and about the "Jerks" and the G'hirls, and the Tea G'HIRLS, and how you got your tea in large or small cups, according to your rank, or your face; and then you will tell him (if his mother is not there) about the Lovely Ladies of Leicester Lounge, and how they put them "out of bounds" (of course, Willie being young, you must put this in the form of a fairy tale you read in London). By this time Willie will be getting tired, but suddenly he will be wide awake, for you will go over to your "Souverain Cabinet" and bring forth a lovely bound volume in gold lettering. It will be "The C.R.O. Bulletin." This will want some explaining away, but as you wade through the volume for the "umptieth" time it will bring back many pleasant memories, and you will say, "What a good job I became a monthly subscriber, Willie."

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# WRITE TO THE "BULLETIN" ABOUT IT!

## LADIES' CORNER.

BY OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.

### PERSONAL.

Several of our girls have fallen victims to the "Spanish Flu" that seems to have taken such a strong hold on the office. No less than seven have been reported sick in quarters with it during the week.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we extend our sincerest congratulations to Miss Morris, who, we understand, is to be married shortly to a member of the U.S. Navy. Everyone knows of the splendid service Miss Morris has rendered while serving as a nurse in France, and of the sacrifices her family have made, and we trust that only happiness and prosperity will attend her at all times.

It has been suggested that the ladies of the C.R.O. who have been in office for two years should have Chevrons for each year's service. The colour of the Chevron to be white; while a pink one should be worn by all those girls who are engaged.

### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW?

Is it true that the ladies made a rush for the basement the other day?

And was it because they mistook Corpl. Rae's sneeze for an air raid warning?

Who is the lady in RIE whose work no one else can do, and is it so important that it gets left when she is sick?

Whether the married ladies who are not wearing their wedding rings (as referred to last week) have reasons for not wearing them?

And if a certain inquisitive Private would like to be taken into their confidence as to the apparent breach of the Marriage Laws?

If any of the handsome Scotchmen in the office have lost their kilts? If so, will they apply R.I.C. for them?

How the Lady in Blue became possessed of the "costly" pearl necklace, and should she not be patriotic and send it to the Red Cross Pearl Fund?

### FAMOUS SAYINGS.

"But you must have one, dearie."—Miss Blanshard.

"Well, I be d—jiggered."—Miss Theroe.

### WANTED.

Husband; must be clean shaven, dark, eyes blue, a good sportsman, musical, very affectionate, fond of bathing, good figure, domesticated, and willing to darn his own socks.—Apply "Lonesome," R.I.C., by letter, enclosing photo.

## FESTINE LENTE.

Verily it came to pass that on a certain Tuesday, one of the Tribe of Records, remembering at the stroke of the hour his handmaiden's instructions with respect to the drawing of the portion of bullock allotted weekly to the Tribes by the Highest of the Exalted Ones, beset himself unto the task of gaining admittance to Phoenix Yard, wherein is housed small and sundry packets of bullock and the offal thereof, proportionally laid out for those of the multitude who enter. Being only of the Tribe and not an Exalted One, he passed but slowly into the part that is set aside for the exchange of small pieces of silver for parchment which entitles the holder thereof to fraternise and approach the King's Servant behind the barricade with a stout heart and clean conscience having strong knowledge at this time of his righteousness.

And thus it so came to pass that after waiting almost unto the shades of night-fall, this one of the Tribe was at last summoned to have speech with the King's Servant, and approached with light footsteps, bearing his parchment in a soldier-like and orderly manner. But at that time there came a voice from the darkness, saying "I am an Exalted One, and according to the laws that are written in the Scriptures am privileged to have counsel with the King's Servant, before them of the Tribe, I who am clad in this raiment of authority, with chevrons and crowns adorning my person—providing I have in my possession the necessary parchment." So saying, he forthwith procured counsel with the King's Servant, leaving him of the Tribe standing in the shadow alone with his conscience, and spent much time selecting from the packets a goodly portion of bullock, worthy to receive a place at a king's feast. Thus on being satisfied he went his way in great haste, saying as he did so, "There cometh another mightier than I after me, who is also in a great hurry." At this the one of the Tribe held counsel with himself, saying to the King's Servant, "If a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself," but knowing well the King's Regulations, refrained from passing this speech to the one that was about to enter; instead, he look unto himself the allotted portion of bullock and departed without further manifestation, trusting that the portion obtained would pass understanding.

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## SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTIONS RUN OUT WITH THIS ISSUE AND IT WILL FACILITATE THE RUNNING OF THIS PAPER IF AS MANY OF OUR READERS AS POSSIBLE WILL BECOME MONTHLY SUBSCRIBERS. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO GIVE EIGHTPENCE AND YOUR NAME TO YOUR DEPT. SUPT. CLERK, OR TO THE SECRETARY, PTE. F. BOSHER, CENTRAL SECTION R.11.A.

## Correspondence.

[A *Nom de plume* may be used in this column if desired, but in all cases the correct name and section must be stated, otherwise the correspondence can not be published. In cases where no *nom de plume* is given the INITIALS ONLY will be published unless the correspondent particularly wishes his full name to appear.

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

We have received the following letter from one of our readers:—

To the Editor, "C.R.O. Bulletin."

Despite the fact that the "Bulletin"—even in its infant stages—called upon the staff of the C.R.O. to support the various sports in connection with the office, all ranks seem to have more or less turned a deaf ear.

As far as "supporters" go, the C.R.O. bunch certainly are a joke, and the people that say that a "little bit of Fluff" or a pair of "Silk Stockings" happens to catch the eye of a fellow on the way to a Ball game, he straightway loses his sense of direction and follows the "stockings," with very often disastrous results, financially and otherwise.

The C.R.O. fellows are inclined to look upon the Pay Office fellows as poor sports, etc., but you have got to show me where the C.R.O. crowd will approach them.

FAIRPLAY.

[It is hardly fair for us to pass an opinion on a matter like this, but we invite our readers to express their opinions.—Ed.]

### CURRENT WIT OF THE OFFICE.

Sergt.-Major: "Any of you men got a dirty pair of slacks?"

Pte. Jones (with an eye to a new pair): "Yes, Sir, I have."

Sergt.-Major: "Right you are; parade at 2.30 for coal fatigue."

M.O. (to Private): "Well, my man, and what's the matter with you?"

Private: "Pain in the back, Sir."

M.O. (handing him a few number 9's): "Take one of these half an hour before you feel the pain coming on."

Some time ago a certain saloon near the once notorious Burlington Arcade was out of bounds to officers and in bounds to N.C.O.'s and men. Now it is out of bounds to N.C.O.'s and men but in bounds for officers. Funny, isn't it?

Amongst the correspondence received by a well-known doctor who guarantees to cure warts was found a letter which read:— "Dear Doctor,—I had a wart on the back of my neck which I used as a collar button, but since taking two doses of your wonderful wart cure, I can now hang my coat upon it."

OUR CIRCULATION LAST WEEK EXCEEDED  
HUMPTEN HUNDRED.

**SPORTS.**

**BASEBALL.**

**U.S. NAVY 9. RECORDS 3.**

Records were up against a strong aggregation in the Navy Team. After an unfruitful 1st innings, the Navy then started the fireworks by bringing three men home on the 3rd on an easy fumble by Edmunsen. Records then brought Doyle home in the 3rd. Nothing happening in the 4th and 5th, the Yanks sending Egan around in the 6th. During the 7th and 8th our boys held the Navy down well—the yanks in the 9th found the ball and started a circus, while two of our men also reached home. Records fighting an uphill game did well in holding down the score—the Navy could boast of such well known men as Lee, Pinnock, Hayes and McNully. Inability to hit Pinnock, the well known Washington Pitcher, and costly errors around 2nd, losing them the game.

**CRICKET.**  
1st XI.

On Monday 1st inst, playing 12 a side we had a good game with Bramshott Hqrs.

Going in first Bramshott put up 100 runs all out. Records knocked up the winning run between the 4th and 5th wicket but continued the innings right through. The skipper, H.R. Orr, put up 52 (highest individual score this season) allowing himself, like the sportsman he is, to be run out rather than retire. Our usual wicket keeper S. M. Stewart, being unavoidably absent through sickness, Wilbraham donned the pads and did very well. The fielding on both sides was good but undoubtedly the best team won.

**HEADQUARTERS, BRAMSHOTT.**

Sgt. Bainbridge, c Wood, b Smith	9
Sgt. Potts, c Smith, b Parkin	9
Sgt. Tuck, b Smith	0
Sgt. Andrew, c Randell, b Parkin	9
Pte. Parker, b Smith	6
S.Q.M.S. Murray, lbw b Fowler	2
Sgt. Turner, c Cameron, b Parkin	5
Cpl. Darrant, b Fowler	30
Major. H G. Deedes, b Fowler	0
Capt. J.C. Broome, c Fowler, b Orr	7
Pte. Wright, not out	11
Lieut. F.V. Burgess, b Orr	0
B 9, 1—b 2	11

Total ... 100

**CANADIAN RECORD OFFICE.**

Pte. H.R. Orr, run out	51
Gnr. Randall, b Deedes	5
S.Q.M.S. Slade, c Durrant, b Bainbridge	32
S.Q.M.S. Wilbraham, b Murray	0
Sgt. Fowler lbw b Bainbridge	11
Pte. Parkin, b Parker	14
Cpl. Wood b Broome	5
Pte. Jones, b Parker	6
Sgt. Cameron, c Wright b Broome	6

Pte. Smith, not out	8
S.Q.M.S. Roger, on b Murray	1
Pte. Cowan, b Broome	3
B 23 W 1	24
Total	167

Our congratulations are due to S.Q.M.S. Yeomans of C.A.P.C. for his 22 not out made against England on Saturday.

**ROWING.**

The K.U.B.C will hold a Regatta on July 6th 1918 at Putney. There is every indication of this being a bumper affair Great interest being centred on the Eights which will be between the C.R.O. and our old opponents The Pay Office. The C.R.O. Eight who have been practising five nights a week are shaping in excellent form and should put up a stiff fight. In the Fours the C.R.O. have good material and for the Singles there are numerous entries

The following is the Program of Events:—

- 1 Mile Single Sculling Race
- 1 Mile Double do. do.
- 1 Mile Fours do. do.
- 1 Mile Eights do. do.

Ordinary Rowing Boat Races (Distance 1 Mile or under, open to members who have not competed in Racing boats Prizes for all events, all roads lead to Putney so come and have a good time: 22 Buses pass the Club: trains: Wimbledon train to Putney Bridge.

**SWIMMING.**

**K.U.S.C.**

Don't forget the date Friday 5th July at St Georges Baths Buckingham Palace Road. Sealed Handicap 30 yards Send in your name to the handicapper Cpl Wood E., R.2.A 4., not later than 1. p.m. Thursday.

**DOMINION DAY SPORTS AT NORBURY.**

**CANADIANS AT NORBURY.**

Under the management of the C.M.A.A. a highly successful Sports gathering was held at Norbury on Dominion Day. Not only did the attendance exceed the expectations of the promoters, but the weather was ideal. Below we give the results in detail:—

**LACROSSE.**—Witley v Bramshott. Witley beat Bramshott in a very interesting game. Witley showing better combination and individual play, pulling well together, their combined play always told. Result: Witley 9, Bramshott 3.

**BASEBALL.**—Pay Office v Northolt. Northolt brought an inferior aggregation to play this exhibition game and the result was never in question, the game from a spectators standpoint was very poor sport. For some reason best known to the Sammies Rickart, who has proved himself during the season a catcher of no mean order was put in to twirl, resulting in a very inferior Battery. Considerable loose play on both sides was shown, and the game was badly umpired; undoubtedly the best that can be

said of the game is, that the best team won. The curtain rung down on the score: Pay Office 14, Northolt 4. It seems a pity that this game was advertised as U.S.A. v. Canadians as neither team could by a long chalk be called representative.

Throwing the Discus—QMS F L Lukeman, CFC, 82ft 2in, 1; Sapr H Fordham, D of GA, 82 2in, 2; Sapr H W Ross, CRT, 57ft 4in, 3.

100 Yards—Final heat: Sert G. W. Fox, HQ, Sapr H Bartosiewich, CRT, 2; Corpl A J Gilbe, CFC, 3. Sapr T J Corder, CRT, also qualified for the final. A splendid race, Fox getting up on the tape and winning by inches. Time, 5.11sec.

One Mile—SQMS H M Williams, D of GA, Pte H Kneen, CFC, 2; Pte H. Chambers, HQ, S. Williams, who is a strong runner, drew out almost at once, and making all the running, won very easily by 40 yards; a good race for second place. Time, 4min 51sec.

Putting the Shot—SQMS H Butt, 39ft 7in, 1; Sapr E F Quinn, CAPC, 36ft 6in, 2; QMS F L Lukeman, CFC, 33ft 10in, 3.

1-Mile—Sapr H Bartosiewich, CRT, 1; Sert G W Murray, CADC, 2; Sert H F Peller, CRT, 3. Won by about four yards, after making all the running. Time, 57.5sec.

One Mile Walk—AM W Hehir, RAF, 1; Corpl A Folkes, CAPC, 2; Capt W Bonshor, DCM, 3. Pte G F Balme, CRT, and Sapr T Morgan, CRT, also started. Hehir had matters all his own way; and won just anyhow; a bad third. Time, 8min 9.4-5sec.

High Jump—QMS L L Lukeman, CFC, 5ft 1in, 1; S-Sert A E S Morrison, CAPC, 5ft, 2; Pte G J R Moffatt, Headquarters, 4ft 5in, 3.

100 Yards Veterans—Final heat: Corpl T W J Dunbar, ECLC, 1; Pte G E W Barnes, Headquarters, 2; Capt A Fleet, D of GA, 3. Also ran: Lt E Cooper, CAPC, Capt T R Wheadon, CAPC, and Sapr Morris. Won by 1 1/2 yds. Time, 12sec.

Long Jump—QMS F L Lukeman, CFC, 17ft 9in, 1; Sapr S. Johnson, CRT, 17ft. 8in, 2; Sert G S Murray, CAPC, 17ft 3in, 3.

Departmental Relay Race (880 yards)—Canadian APC (A team), 1; Headquarters OMFC, London, 2; Canadian APC (B), 3. The first men to start from Headquarters and CAPC (B) collided and came down, and this made the race a gift for the A team of the CAPC, represented by Col Regan. Major Ridout, Capt Whedon, Sert J R Ross, and Pte Bjornson.

220 Yards Regimental Dress Race—Corpl F R Tugnet, CAPC, 1; S-Sert W Alderton, GACP, 2; Gilbert A J, CFC, 3; Sert W H G Payne, CAPC, 4.

880 Yards (open to HM and Allied Forces)—Lec-Corpl G P Sweet, late Gloucesters, 1; SQMS Williams, D of GA, 2; Sert H Jeffris, 30; Lab Co. 3; Pte W H Chambers, Headquarters, 4. Sweet drew out from his field very early in the race, and making all the running won with a good deal in hand. Time, 2min 8 1/2-5sec.

**OWING TO WANT OF SPACE, "AUNT MAGGIE'S COLUMN" IS UNAVOIDABLY HELD OVER.**

**FAMOUS SAYINGS BY FAMOUS PEOPLE.**

"I don't want no remarks from you: see."—*Fish Grady.*

"This is the best one yet."—*Pte. J. W. Campbell.*

"Say, old timer, you've got to hand it over to 'em."—*Tpr. Withey.*

"Nah! luk here."—*Cpl. Woods.*

"Cut it out."—*S/Q.M.S. Steel.*

"I say, listen here."—*Sert. Hood.*

"Nothing doing."—*Pte. L. E. Jones.*

"Is that a fact?"—*Pte. Morris.*

"Say, young feller."—*S/Q.M.S. Wilbraham.*

"Sufferin' cats."—*Pte. Peters.*

"Shut that d— door."—*Cpl. Meadows.*

"I'll brain you."—*Miss Smith.*

"Well, hang it all, isn't that what I said?"—*Cpl. RIF.*