

THE C.R.O. CANADA.

BULLETIN

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EDITORIAL.

We have been informed by many of our readers that they were very disappointed with last week's "Bulletin," and that there was a lot of room for improvement. With these remarks we can say we agree, but our best reply is this week's issue, without fear of contradiction that this week's "Bulletin" is better in every way. This has been brought about in various ways, but the point we want to bring home to our readers is, though we are keeping the price at 2d., the cost to us is much greater, and even selling 500 copies will not cover our expenses. We HAVE GOT TO SELL 750 COPIES PER WEEK to clear ourselves, and still be able to send a donation to the prisoners of War Tobacco Fund. A change has been made in the various duties of the Staff: Lieut. Candy still remains as treasurer and Pte. F. S. Turner as Editor, but Mr. Low takes over the duties of Business Manager as well as the Cartoon work, while Pte. F. Boshier becomes Secretary, and will in future receive all subscriptions, etc.

We have appointed about twenty correspondents all over the office, so that our readers should have no difficulty in finding some one to take their "copy." If there is, and they will call and see the Editor (R2A Cent. Sect.), he will be pleased to see them.

F.S.T.

FOUND.—A volume entitled "Tubby Haig, Detective—The Music Hall Mystery." Price 3d.

Any person having the temerity to claim ownership is requested to remove the above at his or her earliest convenience, as the Officer, i/c R.II B4, is desirous of checking his Secondary File.

AFTER THE WAR THIS PAPER WILL BE ONE OF YOUR MOST VALUABLE SOUVINERS! SAVE ALL YOUR COPIES AND HAVE THEM BOUND.



THERE IS A CORRESPONDENT IN EVERY SECTION NOW. SEARCH HIM OUT AND GIVE HIM YOUR MATERIAL FOR NEXT EDITION. IF YOU DON'T KNOW HIM GIVE IT TO THE EDITOR.

CHEVRONS.

We want to reach every corner of the Office with this little paper; we therefore think it worth while this week to occupy this space by letting you know how you can help us.

In the first week of every month we propose to publish the number of copies sold, the full expenses for publication, and the cash balance in hand for the past month, with the amount we intend handing over to the Prisoners of War Tobacco Fund. The books are open for inspection.

We go to press on Thursday, and a copy for the following Tuesday's publication must be in the hands of the Editor not later than 5 p.m. that day.

All lady contributors are kindly requested to hand in their copy for "Ladies' Corner" to our "Lady Correspondent." The ladies have a column all to themselves, and it is up to them to fill it.

"Things We Want To Know" may be handed in to the correspondent of their respective branch or direct to the Editor, who will be found (sometimes) in R.2A. Central Section.

Enquiries of "Aunt Maggie" should be addressed to the Editor under cover, and "Aunt Maggie" written across the envelope. Strict confidence will be observed regarding the enquirer's name and Branch.

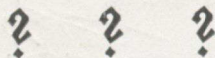
Sporting items should be handed in to the Editor not later than 12 o'clock on Monday.

Suggestions for "Advertisements" will be welcomed by Mr. G. F. Low.

All copy MUST BE SIGNED AND THE SECTION OR BRANCH STATED (not for publication); otherwise it cannot be considered.

Pte. F. Boshier will distribute all copies every week, and all subscriptions, either monthly or weekly, will be paid direct to him. He will also act as Secretary and keep accounts.

In future this column will be occupied by items of interest to our readers.



THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW ?

Who is the prominent member in R2.A.5 of the Baseball Team Committee who is losing heart?

Does Charlie Muirhead now realize how much truth there is in that old maxim—"A rolling stone gathers no moss"?

Will Sergt. M. Andrew be an expert in machinery once he gets that pocket "Lighter" of his in working order?

Or is he trying for a part in "Ole Bill's Show" at the Oxford Theatre?

The exact measurements of Sgt. Charman's chest since he started to become a P.T. Instructor?

Who is the man who, after partaking of dinner at a friend's home, accosted his hostess with—"Well! what's the damages?"

If Cpl. Wallace intends to keep his promise to the girl, and who will be "Best Man"?

Will Sgt. Lovette promise to umpire another cricket match?

If S.Q.M.S. Steel spent his week's leave at the Khaki University?

Why did Cpl. Menary resign the captaincy of the Ball Team?

And is there any truth in the report that Sgt. Fowler, the Cricket Secretary, has got his eye on him as a prominent Cricketer?

Is the Corporal in R2.A5 really suffering from Water on the Knee, or is it "Anti-Jerkites"?

Were the messenger boys put in the Post Office Square the other morning to show us up?

Is it true that Tpr. Andy Anderson bought 4 lb. Plaster of Paris for White Flour?

Is it true that the Orderly Room Staff do not attend any M.O. Parades or Physical Jerks?

Who is the Private in A.M.S. Branch who thinks it very extravagant to subscribe to the Bulletin? and is he not above taking a peep at his chums?

If Pte. Wright is going to present his newly acquired 8-day clock to R.1.B. Branch?

If Cpl. Jackson (R.1.B.) was heard to affirm that Tpr. Withey would have to cut out that "Bull Stuff" whilst he was "in charge"?

If the fact that we are now being treated like civilians and "bomb-dodgers" as far as Railway Season Tickets are concerned will have any effect on the much desired (and necessary) increase of billeting allowance?

Why a certain L.-Cpl. has been so anxious to "beat it" on the stroke of 5.30 just lately, whereas previously it did not matter nearly as much?

Whether a certain young Officer would like to become "better acquainted" with a certain dear little lady, and whether the rest of the branch think that he is wasting his time?

The name of a perfume that a certain Cpl. uses, and if he thinks it attractive?

Would it not be a good idea to have a few copies of "Canadian Daily Records" posted up on the order boards in order to allow a few Privates to read same?

Who said the stores are getting a bacon slicing machine?

How does S/Sgt. Savage like his nicenew leather leggings?

Who was the Cpl. in R2.A1 who gave a brilliant salute to R.S.M. Mills on Muster Parade.

OUR PARLIAMENT.

CASUALTIES.

Scene in the House—

Cast.—The Speaker, Mr. Lowther Robertson, Mr. Lloyd Hewitt, Mr. Bonar Ruddell, Mr. Billing Rouse, Mr. Ramsey MacHenderson, Mr. Pringle Ferguson, Mr. King Rodenheiser, Mr. Asquith Cutler.

Mr. Bonar Ruddell: In the interest of the public it has been decided not to furnish a monthly statement dealing with men "Previously reported married now for various reasons presumed not married."

Mr. Billing Rouse: Will the Rt. Hon. Gentleman state whether it would not be better for the public to know the full details of this scandal? (Cheers.)

Mr. Bonar Ruddell: The answer is in the negative. (Cheers and counter cheers.)

Mr. Billing Rouse: Yes, but—

Mr. Bonar Ruddell: If the Hon. Gentleman has any further questions regarding the matter he must make them in the usual way.

Mr. Billing Rouse: I think it a damn

Mr. Bonar Ruddell: I must have notice of that question.

Mr. Pringle Ferguson: Yes, it's a D—

The Speaker: It is not in the interest of the dignity of the House that the Hon. Gentleman should continue to ask questions in this way, and if he persists I shall call the Sporting Editor.

Mr. Billing Rouse: If the Speaker will meet me in the basement, I—

(Cheers.)
The Speaker: If the Hon. Gentleman persists he will be removed. (Cheers.)

Mr. Bonar Ruddell: I will endeavour to continue my speech.

Mr. Lloyd Hewitt: Any more cables?

Mr. Pringle Ferguson: Where's the Sporting Editor? (Cheers.)

Mr. King Rodenheiser: Will the Hon. Gentleman state why he refuses a monthly statement at all? (Cheers.)

Mr. Bonar Ruddell: I have already stated that—

Mr. Billing Rouse: No, you have not.

Mr. King Rodenheiser: Let's quit; it's 1230!

Mr. Ramsey MacHenderson: If peace is declared we shall not want any monthly statements. (Uproar and cries of "Sit down.")

Mr. Bonar Ruddell: No we shall require burial reports. (Laughter.)

Mr. Pringle Ferguson: Yes, and 104-93's.

Mr. Asquith Cutler: Might I suggest that we wait and see? (Loud and prolonged cheers, above which was heard the click of typewriters.)

Mr. Ramsey MacHenderson: Bah, bah!

Mr. Pringle Ferguson: Bah, yourself.

Mr. King Rodenheiser: What about checking envelopes?

Mr. Lloyd Hewitt: Any more cables? Let's get on with the war.

At this stage the House was in an uproar, and Mr. Billing Rouse was seen to walk over to the Sporting Editor. Seeing this, Mr. Ramsey MacHenderson and Mr. Asquith Cutler slid through a side door. The Speaker here intervened and threatened to make every Member get his hair cut. This had a remarkable effect on the House, which quietened instantly. The House then adjourned till Tuesday.

"TOBA."

THE C.R.O. BULLETIN.

THE PAPER WITH THE LARGEST
CIRCULATION IN THE OFFICE.

[Advt.]

OUR PARLIAMENT (continued)—

LATE NEWS.—Mr. Billing Rouse's condition is satisfactory. Mr. Lloyd Hewitt arrived at his home late last night.

LADIES' CORNER.

BY OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.

PERSONAL.

Several of our girls seem to think that they should get physical training for a half hour in the morning too! as well as THE BOYS. Will the Editor take the matter up through the medium of the C.R.O. Bulletin?

Bathing seems to be the evening passtime of a certain clique of our girls, and there is some talk of starting a Mixed Bathing Club. Any gentlemen?

Several of our girls have been "Off Sick" during the past week, we are sorry to say! It is such lovely weather to be "Sick"!

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW ?

If Pte. Ferguson proposes to become a candidate for the position of P.T. Instructor to the members of "C.C.I."?

Why a certain Private has stopped whistling in his Branch?

Is it because Bird-seed is so scarce, or because he was told by a Superior to "Cut out the Bird Stuff"?

Who was the young lady in this Branch who was heard to remark that Canadian girls were "Very Stand Offish," and does she think it a fault?

HEARD ANY TIME IN THE "C.C.I."

"Less noise there!" "Anybody got the C.P.R. Book?" "Bother Fergie and his Tracery lists." "All letters, please!" "Has anyone seen Sgt. Cutter?" etc.

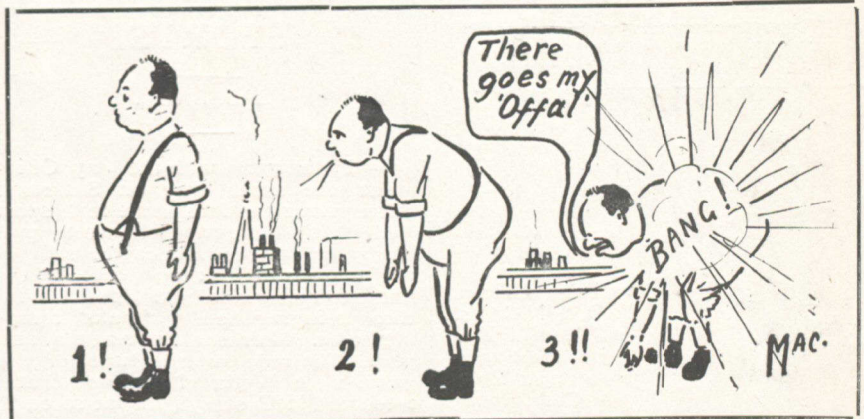
What did a certain lady in this branch say when she found one of "Tommy's Friends walking across a letter she was trying to trace, and did it have "Yonkers," N.Y., written across the back?

RECORD OFFICE GEOMETRY.

DEFINITIONS, POSTULATES AND AXIOMS.

- 1.—All Muster Parades are the same Muster Parade.
- 2.—An Acting Corporal has position without magnitude.
- 3.—After the monthly Medical Board, a bee line may be made from the Record Office to the Regimental Depot without touching a Paymaster at any point en route.
- 4.—In the same Record Office, and on the same side of it, there cannot be a Police Sergeant and a Depot Sergeant-Major, one of whom is greater than the other. For let it be supposed that the side of the Police Sergeant is greater than the side of the Depot Sergeant-Major, then shall the side of the Depot Sergeant-Major be less than it might have been, which is absurd.
- 5.—Billeting allowance is such that both ends do not meet, however far they are stretched in either direction.

"ONE OF THESE MORNINGS —"



BULL COMPETITION.

Last week we were unable to award the prize for best "Bull" yarn, and the same thing has occurred again this week. After due consideration the Committee has decided to award the prize next week; if no outstanding "Bull" is sent in then the prize will go to the best sent in since the Competition started. In an Office with 700 Canadians there must be some rare "Bull" yarns, so send them in, boys, and collect the prize.

The best attempt this week is as follows:—

During my summer furlough I thought it would be a good idea to have a day's fishing. Next day I started off up the river, and it was not long before I found a good spot and threw in my line. I had not been fishing long when I felt a tug at the line, which nearly pulled me into the water. I could tell by the feel that it was a fish, and a big one, so instead of "playing" it I gave it a mighty jerk over my head and out came a 20-lb. trout. As the trout was in mid-air it came in contact with a wild duck, stunning same and bringing it down. As I ran to pick up the trout and duck I fell over a hare and killed it, and, to my amazement, when I picked up the hare, there lay a £5 note. Not a bad day's fishing.

FAMOUS SAYINGS BY FAMOUS PEOPLE.

- "Now then, 'urry up—its fer Hottawa."—S./Sgt. Ellis.
- "D'ya know that."—Cpl. Chipperfield.
- "It's only 26 minutes past 5, you lads."—S./Sgt. Halford.
- "What's that, Mac?"—Cpl. Ford.
- "Smoking time's up."—All S.Q.M.S.'s.
- "Hold that match!"—Cpl. Bender.
- "'Shucks! Why in the ' Peg'!"—Cpl. Jackson.

MONEY GIVEN AWAY!!

APPLY MRS. SMITH,
4, ROSS AVENUE,
ICELAND.

CURRENT WIT OF THE OFFICE.

About seven o'clock one evening, a certain man was standing immediately outside the pay-box of a "Picture House," holding in his hand a revolver. The cashier in the pay-box, thinking something might be wrong, spoke to the man, asking if he wanted to go inside. "No," he said, "I believe my wife to be inside here, along with another man, and when they come out there's going to be trouble." After a few moments interval the young lady went to see the manager and explained matters.

The manager, fearing there might be a scandal which would bring his "House" to ill-repute, went on to the stage and announced that there was a suspicious man outside the front of the theatre, brandishing a revolver, and believed that his wife was here with another man. In order to avoid any unpleasantness, he suggested that the party concerned, if present, could make a safe exit by way of a side entrance through his office. Thirteen couples made a rush for the manager's office.

M.O. (to man about to be returned to his Unit in the Trenches): Well, what is the trouble to-day?

Man: Me rheumatism is bad to-day, sir; pains all over me body.

M.O.: How many Huns have you killed?

Man: About fifty, sir.

M.O.: Up you go with the best of luck, and see if you can make it a hundred. Next please.

M.O.: How's your eyesight to-day, Smith?

Smith: Much worse to-day, sir. I can only see about fifty yards.

M.O.: Up you go with the best of luck; the trenches are only about 25 yards apart where your Unit is.

LOST!

Key to Flat, between 1.30 a.m. and 2.15 a.m. Finder please return to PRIVATE "B,"
Box 41H, R 2, A 1,
c/o EDITOR.

ENQUIRY COLUMN.



Three "Unattached and one Non-effective" female staff write as follows:—

Dear Aunt Maggie, Having received invitations from various Officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s., and Men of R.I.I. to join the Swimming and Rowing Club, may we be informed if it is permissa-

ble for to do so?

And if not, WHY NOT?

ANSWER.—Am delighted to hear from anyone unattached on the female staff. Yes you can, certainly, join the Rowing Club, and should you be clumsy enough to upset the boat you will have all the "Mixed Bathing" you require, and probably more. Always glad to hear from you.

AUNT MAGGIE.

Harry writes:—

I am in the habit of using the telephone for business purposes, and am captivated by the voice of the young lady at the other end. Would it be right for me to ask her out to dinner?

ANSWER.—Oh, Harry, you are a gay dog, I'm afraid. A little bird tells me that you are not the only one who has been captivated by that voice. Certainly ask her out to dinner, but don't be surprised if she refuses.

"B" writes:—

I am engaged to a private soldier, and he is in France. A certain officer pays me much attention with his eyes. Should I break off my engagement in the hope that the officer will pay me attention with his mouth?

ANSWER.—Before you break off your engagement, "B," try and sit next to your officer at the pictures, and should he pay attention to you with his feet you can break off your prior engagement.

Margery writes:—

My cousin, who is just twenty, is going to be married to one of your Group Clerks. I am seventeen, but look older. Do you think I might be one of her bridesmaids?

ANSWER.—Yes, dear, but leave your doll with the Verger.

"Phyllis" enquires: Two years ago Jack and I met, and for six months he came to see me every evening. One day he left me, and I have not heard a word from him since. I'm sure he loves me, though. What do you think?

ANSWER.—Evidently he is *raging* about you.

Aunt Maggie

SPORTS.

BASEBALL.

Well, the game with the Pay Office went the usual way on Saturday. After giving the fans some real sport and having a fighting chance to pull the game, the best that can be said of the team is that they THREW the game to the winds. Edmunsen's wild throw bringing the Pay "ginks" romping home. Muirhead also made a dud play. The redeeming features of the game were Wetlauger's one hand catch and McCoskery's play at second.

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CRICKET.

On Saturday 15th inst., at Norbury the 1st. XI beat the Duchess of Connaught Red Cross Hospital, Taplow, by 29 runs. Going in first, we hit up a total of 101, the chief contributor being the captain H.R. Orr with 44 not out S.M.T. Stewart, the only other member of the team to get double figures, his score being 19.

In the bowling Jamieson and Slade took 5 and 4 wickets for 23 and 26 runs respectively. Orr taking the remaining wicket for 8.

The fielding did not quite come up to the standard shewn in our last match, some of the ground work being muffed at times. However, the match was interesting to both players and spectators and afforded good practice to the former in view of our present position in the league.

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SWIMMING.

The Khaki University Swimming Club will meet at the Buckingham Palace Road Baths, Victoria, at 6 P.M. sharp, every Thursday evening.

All interested are requested to attend. For further particulars see S.Q.M.S. Seaman R2.A3.

AGONY COLUMN.

Pte. B 4 MEET, ME FLAT 8. FOUND KEY. REMOVE BOOTS. Warmest Love till death, ALICE.

T. T. T. ADS. Drink our T. instead of Medicine (2d.)

LATEST BOOKS.

"WORK," by S.Q.M.S. RUELLE.
Bound in Calf, 3s. 6d.

LATEST CHESTNUTS.

Teetotal Gent: Do you really think the rum ration does you any good?

Old Bill: Well, we had a tame mouse in our dug-out once. We gave him a small crumb of biscuit soaked in rum; he ate it, and then sat on his hind legs and said: "Now show me that d— cat."

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This week's chestnut concerns an Irishman who was riding in a cab when the bottom fell out, and he had to run. After a mile or so, including the turning of several corners, he reflected: "If it were not for the appearance of the thing, I might as well not be in the damn'd cab at all!"

OFFICERS' INDICATORS.

NOW SELLING IN GREAT NUMBERS.

Without CLOCK - - 2/6
With CLOCK - - 3/9

Pay Day last Wednesday.

ANOTHER one on — —
unofficial.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

3 A.M.

LATE CPL. W. E. FERGUS.

The whole Office extend their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Fergus in her great bereavement, which has come at a time when Mrs. Fergus herself is also very ill, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Miss White, our Enquiry Clerk, on hearing that her fiancée, (referred to last week), is reported missing.

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Just as we go to Press we hear that the C. R. O. Tug of War team which competed against the Can. Ry. Trps. at Norbury the other week, has not yet returned. They were last seen being pulled down the Edgware Road and are expected back any moment.