

That's a Good One for the "Bulletin"!

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EDITORIAL.

No man who wishes to be considered moderately sensible will dogmatise as to what will, or will not, happen after the war. The loss of life has been grievously great. An immense number of men have been wounded. To judge from casual conversation, there is, amongst the troops, somewhat of a distaste for the "old life." Everyone will admit that the old order of things has changed and that we will on the cessation of hostilities return to find a new business state filled with great possibilities.

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The army develops the body, but pays little attention to the mind. As a result we find ourselves, after four years of war, in an intellectual rut. Some of us have forgotten how to think for ourselves. The tendency in the Army is to do what one is told, even if the reason, for so doing, is not apparent. The mind of the average soldier, like any disused organism, has become dormant through disuse.

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At this time when the dark clouds of war seem to be passing away and the dawn of peace is visible on the horizon, those who would look to the future with any desire to fill an important place should stir themselves. Set, as we are, in the midst of so many educational advantages, it behoves us to shake the cobwebs from our brain and indulge in greater mental activities. The best periodicals and books are procurable at a minimum of cost. The finest libraries in the world are at our disposal, and we have access to lectures by the foremost scholars and orators of our time. Our environment abounds with opportunities. Will we avail ourselves of them? Every man should think it over.



"EVERYONE
WILL HAVE
TO WORK
SUNDAY"

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CHEVRONS.

We wish to remind our new readers that back numbers can still be obtained, if they should wish to keep their copies for binding. Fifty will make the first volume—if the war lasts long enough!

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"Mac" wishes to state that should anyone—who has already been caricatured in the *Bulletin*—wish to secure the original drawing, he will dispose of same at 3s. 6d. each, and hand the proceeds to our P. of W. Tobacco Fund.

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Pte. Boshier—our late Secretary—has kindly consented to audit our accounts for us once a month.

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We should like to hear from those Sections who, so far, have hardly ever contributed to the *Bulletin* yet.

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In the event of any readers having No. 5 issue of the *Bulletin* on hand, and not requiring same any longer, we shall be glad to receive copies.

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Our monthly balance-sheet appears on another page. We regret that owing to the suspension of the paper for several weeks and to a number of our regular readers leaving us, the sales dropped down a bit, but we hope—as new readers come along—that they will soon pick up again.

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Next month we intend sending our first donation to the P. of W. Tobacco Fund.

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The next time we organize a River Trip we shall go by ourselves.

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R.2.B.2. is losing two old members in S./Sgt. Traylen and Pte. Neilson. We wish them luck wherever they go, at the same time reminding them that they can have the *Bulletin* sent on to them.

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THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW ?

Is Lce.-Corpl. Muirhead giving up Baseball, as we saw a Jersey last week which was to be raffled?

If it is true that this Office was originally intended for a cold storage? We have every reason to believe it.

In the event of an alarm being given for a real fire—starting in the basement—and an air raid warning being given at the same time—what do we do?

If R.I.B. is not the warmest room in the building, and is this due to the flow of "hot air" in that department?

If there is any truth in the rumour that the female staff are going to have "jerks" on the roof, and if this might not be developed into games of "Ring-o'-Roses" and "Oranges and Lemons" with the Military Staff?

If the King of Bulgaria does not look like losing those pants of his?

If the "Smoke all day" order would not prevent colds in the same way as it did the Spanish flu?

Whether the oldest members of the Staff are going to receive the Meritorious Medal?

If we are to wait until the end of the season before inter-section football gets started?

If the correspondents of the *Bulletin* ought not to have some protection, as one has been threatened already?

If the ladies ever tell any interesting stories over their afternoon cup of tea?

If R.I.B. have found out how many days there are in September?

Who is the Pte. in R.2. who at one time did buy the *Bulletin*, and occasionally a piece of soap, but now prefers to devour it (the *Bulletin*) when the lawful purchaser has left it unguarded for a moment, and does this apply to a Corporal in the same Branch, and why???

Has our Concert Party ever thought of approaching Pte. Jennings R.2.A., Pt. 11 Order Section with a view to using his extraordinary vocal abilities? We are sure his abilities would be highly appreciated.

Did our — spend his early days on a Dairy Farm!

If any of the Military Staff consumed a certain portion of the rat poison distributed around R.2.A.2, would they get a wound stripe? If a larger portion still, could a wife claim a pension?

If Sgt. Jackson R.2.B. is ever going to stop making those promises when the war is over, and what is the latest attraction in China's besides the Waitress?

If the "Open Door" was closed to prevent the rats from getting in?

If it is got too bad that one of the Casualty Clerks in R.2 during the rush had to carry in a few typewriters, and if the said clerk would rather see one of the fair sex do the work?

Does Corpl. Ware R.2.A.4. find his duties more congenial lately?

If certain members of a very well-known Branch could not keep their opinions about Englishwomen till after office hours? May they soon get broadminded.

Whether R.2.A.4. is feeling very bucked in these days of Confectionery Shortage?

Where Mr. Burrows dug up the information that Ottawa was to be moved to Winnipeg?

We heard that Winnipeg had requested Ottawa to have them removed there, but Ottawa replied by saying that they had no suourds left!

If the rest of the office were as elated as R.I. "E" were on the day Bulgaria resigned, and is it a fact that most of the Military Staff have written to their former employers asking if their pre-war jobs are still open?

When are the Tommies going to receive a War Bonus?

Is it a fact that the Military Staff are being issued with Language Filters?

If it is against the law for an allotment holder to give a potato bug a Paris green bath on Sundays?

If there is anything in the wind when a certain young and dark lady of R.I. "E" rushes off at 5 p.m. after an enjoyable week-end, every night, and comes in all blushes and smiles next morning! and, if her week-end runs into a week?

If the sweet young lady, named Phyllis, of R.I. "E," has raffled her ton and a half pot of Marmalade yet, and if so, who won?

If the tea-lady put a certain Corpl. of R.I. "E" in mind of home, sweet home, the other afternoon, when she said "all ladies first"?

If there will be a divorce in the hitherto peaceful home of Mr. Ingram, of R.I. "E," through a certain lady of that branch treating him to too much scent!

When walking-sticks were invented, and was it when Eve presented Adam with a little cane?

What S./Sgt. Laing, Corpl. Brookes, and Corpl. McNeil look like when Quebec is mentioned!!

Whether Corpl. Wildman and Pte. Newcombe have yet settled the argument as to who saw the £30,000 Australian Widow first, taking tea at the N.K.?

And whether it is true that the one who wins out is to refund the loser for the coupon they loaned her!!

Whether a certain Corporal in R.2 Branch Office is doing the JAZ walk on his rounds?

RECORD REGISTRY.

There's a commotion just now in our Office,
But mostly down in R.R.
The Steno's are making more copies,
In our room, we're busier by far.

The girls on the tables are checking,
Old Jones has three sheets of B.F.'s,
And what with charging with papers
The pink sheets are in a mess.

But those on the 9's have it easy,
They have almost nothing to do!
The girl guide is showing old Holleley
Her badges, and what she can do.

Olga seems to be busy,
Miss Wilson is drinking her tea,
Miss Dodd a file is still nursing,
They all look to be working but me.

Mrs. Atkinson, the rag keeps on chewing,
And Seggie looks round in a dream,
McGregor on the Cabinet keeps working,
The S.M. is looking, it seems.

Ambler is not working, but bluffing,
Tunbridge is still holding her own,
But I hear a bell that keeps ringing,
I'll go and answer the 'phone.

(To be continued.)

(We should be glad to receive verse similar to the above from other Branches.
—Ed.)

SOCIETY ITEMS.

Major General Sir John Byrant, B.S.O., is stricken with the flue, contracted on a Saturday afternoon whilst explaining to his wife how easy it was to clean the flues without the aid of a chimney sweep. He still wears a respirator.

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Governor General Sir E. R. Johnson was nearly buried alive last week through unquenchable flow of requests from above—such a flow was unprecedented in the history of the Great War.

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Count Richard de Huckstep's Aunt has arrived in Town, as a result of which there was a great show of button-cleaning in R.2.A.2. on Tuesday evening last.

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The Hon. Fitzhugh Montgomery Doig has changed his staff on his Document Ranch three times in three days. We look to him to produce a good article now.

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Baron de Rothschild Haire is saving Petrol and using a bicycle these days. His chauffeur rides in the rear in case of tyre trouble.

Rich old aunt: "Robert, I am going to make my will. I think I shall leave you—"
(Pause.)

Nephew (eagerly): "Yes, aunt."
Aunt: "Before long."

WHO WAS IT?

And it came to pass in the fifth year of the Great War that a lamentation and wailing went up from the men of the land of the Beaver, who toiled as Scribes in the City of Lon.

And they said, "Behold that which we receive for our labours is not enough to buy that which we need to live, let us pray that they who have command over us, they whose hats are of brass, may give unto us that we may live."

And a certain man amongst them arose and prophesied, and many there were who hearkened unto him and believed his words, for that which he spake comforted them exceedingly.

And he said I speak that which I know is true, for a certain man who weareth the royal red around his hat hath told it unto me. They that rule over us have heard our prayers and will answer them with exceeding speed. We shall have by the next moon, added to that which we already receive, fifty and more a day.

And there was great jubilation among the Scribes, and many there were who said "Let us be merry and celebrate at the sign of the kitchen which is called 'Dutch.'"

And it came to pass that the first moon after this waxed and waxed, and the second waxed and waxed, and these words came not true, and moreover many of the Scribes received word to depart to the place whither they came, and their places were taken by the daughters of the children of Eng. Wherefore said the Scribes, where is the man that told us these things, "Bring him forth that we may rend him in pieces, for verily and indeed such an end is meet for so evil a false prophet." But lo! he that said these things lay low and held his peace, and when they looked for him he could not be found!!

NOTICE.

We regret to announce that owing to circumstances entirely beyond our control, the publication of the "Bulletin" will again be suspended until further notice.

OFFICE INSTRUCTIONS

(Unofficial).

HOSTILE FIRECRAFT.

On the alarm being sounded fire picquets will proceed to their stations (nearest stations Holborn Viaduct, Post Office, and Blackfriars), and all tables, chairs and queries will be deposited in the waste paper basket. These will be placed in such a position as will be thought best by the Senior N.C.O. in charge, whose duty it will be to keep the fire going until the arrival of the Fire Engine.

Two men will be posted on the roof to watch for the approach of hostile fire engines, and it will be their duty to keep the Lady Supervisor informed as to the progress of the fire, and any signs of the fire dying out should be reported immediately.

All stairways, passages, entrances and exits should be removed and all blinds should be drawn at 6 p.m. for protection from shrapnel and broken glass.

All male and female civilian staff will proceed to the roof by the main exit and remain there until pay day.

In the event of the fire spreading the whole of the Military Staff will be granted leave for a period to be decided on by one of the firemen. The above instructions apply to all ranks. Anyone disregarding same will be dealt with by Dora.

OFFICE WIT.

From a Cas. Card.—N/K—N.Y.D. Q.

Casualty's Famous Saying.—"Has the *All Clear* gone yet?"

Heard in R.I.C.—A New Lid: "Gawd Blimy! I can't find these bloomin' sheets."

Pinched from the *Daily Express*.—At a meeting of the Church Missionary Society at the Kingsway Hall, last week, the Bishop of Jerusalem told a good story. When a Canadian was informed that the Australians had reached Bethlehem on Christmas Eve, like a flash he replied, "Then I bet the shepherds watched their flocks that night."

"What has become of your sister who used to sell flowers about here?" asked a philanthropic old gentleman of a news-boy.

"Oh, she can't come out, she's got a baby."

"What is her husband?" pursued the old boy.

"Garn! She ain't got one," replied the urchin. "She ain't old enough."

Austria is seeking to win her war Hun-aided.

Colonel: "Didn't you hear me give the command 'fix bayonets?'"

Private: "Yes, Colonel, but my bayonet is all right—there is nothing wrong about it to fix!"

HINTS TO NEW COMERS.

DON'T be afraid of the policeman on the door—come early.

DON'T forget your branch if the policeman does "cop" you.

DON'T tell us how they used to do it at your last place; we have heard it so many times.

DON'T tell what they did at the base, as the base has now moved over here.

DON'T tell us about the 2nd battle of Ypres—your Reg. No. might give you away. This is the Record Office.

DON'T joke about air raids until you have experienced one.

DON'T run away with the idea that the female staff are employed to make your job more congenial—the S.M. might find out.

DON'T think you could do the job better than the S.Q.M.S. (It was ever thus.)

DON'T miss your train too often, as many a miss has been missed from here on that account.

DON'T talk, remember silence is essential if the Office is to be run efficaciously.

DON'T growl or grumble (civil staff), leave that to the military—'tis part of their training.

DON'T quarrel amongst yourselves—this is a non-combatant unit.

DON'T go grazing on the floor for breadcrumbs in the morning; perhaps the rat catchers have been engaged again, and you will get poisoned. Take our advice and have breakfast at home.

DON'T get downhearted if you get bowled out, somebody has to have it, and it may as well be you.

If you don't get mentioned in the *Bulletin* put something in about somebody else, they'll come back at you next week.

Treat all the Military Police like brothers, and you will be all right.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN.

Orderly Sgt.: I am sorry, boys, but there will not be any jerks this morning.
The Boys: Oh!! what a shame!!
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1st Chap: Cheer up Sonny you look as though you were going to jail.

2nd Chap: Well! if you *must* know, I'm on duty Sunday.

1st Chap: Is that all! Well, let me do it for you!!

1st Speaker: Say, Bill, have you heard the story of the chauffeur who ran over himself?

2nd Speaker: No, Tom, cannot say I have.

1st Speaker: Well, you see the chauffeur was just ready to start on his journey, and wanted a packet of woodbines, so asked a little boy to go to the shop on the other side of the street and get some, but the youngster declined, so—the chauffeur had to run over himself.

LADIES' CORNER.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Now the river trip is at an end, do we get a *Bulletin* dance?
And will that go down better?

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Do the young ladies like working extra half-hour when only ten minutes late?

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And don't we think it would be better to stop A little pay?

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Who the young lady was that entered on casualty card—"Shell gas left square" and "Shell gas tea road"?

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Was it right that when the river trip was postponed a young lady in R.I.B. should say there are too many Scotchmen in the Office, and did she realise she was talking to a Man born in Edinburgh?

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They say that Cupid strikes the match Which sets young hearts aglow;
But where does Cupid strike the match,
That's what I'd like to know.

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Mable feared the girls would not notice her engagement ring.

Did they?

Did they? Four of them recognised it at once.

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The secret of health, says a contemporary, is the eating of onions. The trouble, of course, will be to keep it secret.

OUR BALANCE SHEET.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Up to and including October 2nd, 1918.

Dr.	Cr.
To Cost of Printing 2,800 cns. 16 0 0	By Net Sales—
„ C. st of Handbills for Bulletin Boat	2,479 copies at 2d. 20 13 2
„ Trip 0 8 6	
„ Printing B'ks. 0 14 0	
„ Sundries 0 8 2	
„ Net profit c/d. 3 2 6	
20 13 2	20 13 2

To Amt. carried to credit of P. of W. Fund 3 0 0	By Net Profit b/d 3 2 6
„ Reserve Fund 0 2 6	
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BALANCE SHEET.

Liabilities.	Assets.
Subscriptions paid in advance 4 14 8	Cash in hand and at Bank 14 4 7½
Amount standing to credit of P. of W. Fund 9 0 0	Sundry Debtors 0 5 6
Reserve Fund 0 15 5½	
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F. BOSHER
L. E. CANDY, Lt., Sec., Tres.

THE RIVER TRIP FAILURE.

(AN OPEN LETTER).

Owing to the fact that we had gone to press we were unable to comment on the *Bulletin* River Trip last week, which was cancelled at the last moment owing to lack of support, which was promised us but was not forthcoming at the last moment after all arrangements had been made.

Before this affair was undertaken—in conjunction with S.Q.M.S. Kapadia, of the Khaki College—we obtained the general opinion of the Military and Civilian Staff before making any arrangements, with the result that we not only had every reason to believe that it would be a success, but numerous promises to purchase tickets were given.

The fact is that the whole affair gave all connected with it a deal of trouble for nothing, but the main point is, that before the launch could be hired a sum of £5 had to be paid down as a deposit. This was paid for us by S.Q.M.S. Kapadia out of his own pocket, and it is unthinkable that he should bear the loss of what was, after all, done with the object of giving some of the C.R.O. Staff a day's outing.

It was therefore agreed that—providing any profits out of the Trip were handed over to the P. of W. Fund—we should stand the risk of a little loss in the event of insufficient tickets being sold, which at the time there was little likelihood of.

It is therefore proposed that the profits on the sale of the *Bulletin* for the next four or five weeks should go to make this loss good, after which we shall continue our donations to the P. of W. Fund.

We should like it to be borne in mind that in future the *Bulletin* cannot undertake the running or organization of anything to which there is any financial risk attached. We like to help, but once bit, twice shy!!!

Editor.

Correspondence.

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

The Ed. C.R.O. Bulletin.

Your cartoon of "Handsome Harry" is hardly as homely as the original. He was quite envious of your 'umble when he won the Booby prize in the Beauty Competition.

Yours, etc.,

J. A. PERRY, A./Corpl.
R.2.B.2.

The Ed. C.R.O. Bulletin.

Have we any Billiard players in the Office, as it has been suggested that we might be able to run a tournament? Will those interested in the game please give their names in to the Editor?

Yours, etc.,

BILLIARD PLAYER.

SWIMMING.

The second Gala promoted by the Khaki University of Canada Swimming Club, was held on Saturday afternoon at the Gt. Smith Street Baths, Westminster, in aid of the Maple Leaf Fund for Prisoners of War Fund, and was every way a great success. Over 50 entries were received for the Ladies' 88 yards Open Handicap, which was won in fine style by Miss Vera Johnson, S.C.A.S.C. 100 yards champion. Time 65 1-5 seconds. One of the most popular victories of the afternoon was that of Cpl. A. W. Barry, the Australian 100 yards ex-champion in the 44 yards championship of the Australian Imperial Forces. Cpl. Barry has lost a leg in the war, but put up a fine performance in covering the distance in 24 1-5 seconds.

The Record Office were successful in the 44 yards Membership Handicap securing both 1st and 2nd places. Cpl. E. Wood, 1st, Time 28 1-5 S-Sergt. Anderson, 2nd, Time 35 2-5.

Audits secured the interdepartmental Team race, and the Australian Team the Empire Team Race.

The ornamental displays by Miss Belle White and Miss Winnie Smith (Diving) Professor J. A. Jarvis (ex-champion of the World) and Master Harold Tilton (the phenomenal boy swimmer) were well worth watching.

The Adjutants race was won by Capt. J. G. Rhys (Audits). The Ladies' Diving Championship by Miss M. Flatto. The Water Polo match resulted in a win for the Royal Naval Depot against a Colonial Team by 7 goals to 1.

The Canadian Band from Epsom contributed largely to the success of the afternoon which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience.

FOOTBALL.

The first C.M.A.A. league game of the Office was played at Orpington, on Saturday afternoon the 5th inst. The result was a win for Orpington by 3 goals to 1.

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FOOTBALL.

C.R.O. V. GENERAL AUDITS.

A match will be played at Chiswick on Saturday 12th inst. between the C.R.O. and General Audits. Kick off at 3 p.m.

Does EVERYONE in your Section BUY THE "BULLETIN"? IF NOT—WHY NOT?