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## A Cover of Concrete to protect against Shell Fire!

### THE USE OF CONCRETE IN WAR.

By Lieut. E. T. Adney, C.E.

The extent of the use of concrete in this war is incredible, as is true of other materials which enter into construction of the field positions of the contending armies. While in the early stages of the war field defenses remained merely temporary defenses of a mobile army, concrete hardly entered into construction at all; but when the armies settled down into so called "position warfare", with flanks terminated only by natural or other impassible barriers, the contending lines became comparatively rigid and permanent. Then concrete, both plain and reinforced, came into use.

Naturally the Germans were the first to employ it on a great scale, when, after the Marne, they withdrew to positions selected beforehand, embracing the whole industrial part of France, which they meant to hold and which they believed they had made impregnable. The British did not so soon nor so extensively employ concrete, for while the German braced his legs apart and said "Here is where I mean to stay", the British and the French too, did not plan to stay where they were. They planned to beat through the German defenses, and they showed that they could hold, too. Unconsciously perhaps, this will explain why our trenches were not so elaborately finished for comfort and protection as were those of the Germans. The German general staff selected their de-

fensive line so that the British in particular and the French in many places had to occupy low lying, water logged ground which alone made elaborate trench provision almost impossible. However, for more than a year, the Allies have gained and occupied ground where they can construct deep dugouts, and have put the Germans (in many sectors) where they must occupy the mud and water which we had to exist in during the first years of the war.

A glance at the German "Manual of Position Warfare for all Arms. Part I. The Construction of Field translated and issued by the

Positions (Stellungsbau.)" 1916, British General Staff, May, 1917 (alas! in vain was it "verboten"—"Not be taken into the front line—SECRET") will give an idea of some of the uses of concrete. The "document" shows also numerous working plans of trench furnishings, such as, Shelters under parapets, Entrance galleries into deep dugouts, Machine gun emplacements, Infantry Observation posts, Searchlight emplacements, Shelters for signallers, Dressing stations, Trench mortar, ammunition shelters, Elaborately planned battle headquarters for Battalion and Brigade commanders, Command

posts for same, Shelters for reserve and for supports, Covered battery emplacements with command posts, telephone and ammunition stores.

Attention is called to the facts that, the weak parts of deep dugouts having, say, 20 ft. head cover, are the entrances, especially those leading down from trenches. These will be covered by broad thick belts of concrete; and both sides and top of the descending gallery will be thickly sheathed, growing thinner toward the bottom. A typical shelter for two or three men under a parapet will have cover and walls 2 ft. 8 in. thick, using 32 cu. yards of concrete; (this appears to be

## THE CAPTURE OF PALESTINE



General Allenby receives the city notables in the barrack square.

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## Theatre Royal

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standard wall thickness,) and further protected by rails on top and earth in front; and the structure to be only enough above ground level to give observation out. The front wall will be carried ten to twelve feet below the surface. Such would be a battle headquarters, a blocked-in room ten feet square, with a lower story under. Reserve shelters are of "elephant corridor" (arched steel) completely surrounded by a belt of concrete. These, at the top, may have only a few inches of earth over them and nothing except sometimes a very small ventilating shaft will indicate that there is anything there.

Where there are difficulties in the way of making concrete in the front line, concrete blocks are made in the rear and carried up.

The British also use blocks three or four inches thick by two feet long and a foot wide. These are used as bursting courses over semi-deep dugouts. Thus, over a dugout two feet of earth, then a mattress of logs, two feet more of earth, a concrete bursting course, covered with five or six inches more earth, will protect against a 5.9 H.E. shell.

The British also employ a portable concrete observation post. It is a hollow, low dome of 5-inch concrete, about two and a half feet in diameter, resting on a rectangular concrete block having an opening, and is set upon a series of plank "box-like" cases at the front edge of shell hole or recess, so that the observer inside can look out at the ground level through a slit between the dome and its supporting block.

Iron and steel rods or rails greatly increase the resistance against shell fire. Concrete alone, plain or reinforced, is not, when possible to avoid, exposed to direct shell hits, but "cushioned" with courses of earth above and below.

The German "Manual" gives detailed directions for the use of concrete in field works. The proportions recommended are—cement 1, sand 2, stone 4, by volume. The sand and stone must be hard and sharp, with no dirt whatever. Generally, sand and stone found on the spot is rejected as unsuitable. The "manual" continues:

"If there are no concrete mixing machines available in the Engineer Parks, the sand should be spread for mixing on a large board in a thin even layer, and cement scattered over it. The two materials should first be mixed together dry by means of a shovel and then sprinkled with water until the mixture has a uniform colour. It

should be just wet enough to "ball" in the hand. The ballast (stone) after being cleaned and dried, should be spread out carefully on another board and the sand and cement mixture divided over it. The whole mass should then be turned over two or three times with a shovel. It should then be taken at once to the place where it is to be used, and applied in layers 8 to 12 inches thick, each layer being carefully rammed before the next layer is put on. To attain its full strength, concrete should be allowed several weeks to set.

"Hand mixed concrete rarely has the strength of machine mixed.

"It is sometimes advisable, e.g., when concrete must be made in the front line, to mix it dry, somewhere in rear and to add the necessary water at the place where it is to be used.

"If concrete has to be made during a frost, the ballast, sand, and water should be warmed, and the amount of water decreased. Freshly made concrete should be protected from the air. Concrete additions should not be made to frozen buildings. If there is no necessity for the structure to be dry 2 per cent of salt may be added to the water. If the temperature falls below 10 degrees of frost (fahrenheit), concreting should be stopped.

"Frost that occurs before the setting of the concrete is complete, is more injurious than frost after setting, that is, during the period of progressive hardening.

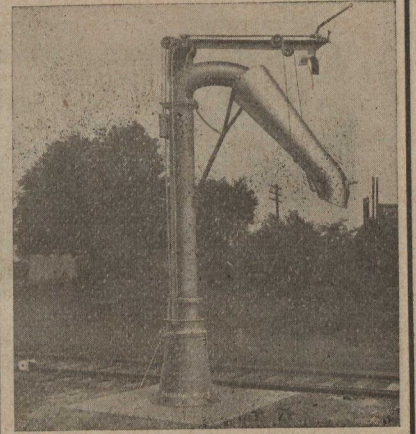
"Ferro-concrete (reinforced concrete) is made by laying iron in concrete, generally in the form of a network of round iron rods. If these are not available, rails and joists, in layers applied crosswise, can be built in. The rods must not be so close together that careful ramming of the concrete is made impossible. To ensure that the iron is completely covered, the proportions of the concrete should be 1:2:2 instead of 1:2:4, and more water must be used than with plain concrete.

"The materials for a cubic yard of concrete make about 69 man loads."

In all concrete construction within the shelled area, it is essential that a cushion of earth or an air cushion formed by cavity walls be provided. In the British type of construction of "Pill Boxes" the air cushion plan is adopted with marked success.

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Sir Editor:—

You will probably have noticed same's myself that that 'ere team as called themselves the N.C.O.'s paid no attention to the advice we gave them in our last number and had the nerve to try and come back. They never had any come back in them. And did you notice the camouflage (i.e. C.S.M. Estey) just like trying to mend yer old pants with a bit of cloth as old as the pants. Tain't no use! They got the wrong idea altogether instead of changing the one man as they did, they should have changed all the team except one man. There was no argument this time so far as the game went. They got what was dished out to them, good and thick, all this not taking a bit of real advice as was well meant, but unappreciated. We are glad they lost, as our money was on the Officers, and maybe after Payday we will see some of our dough—maybe. Jimmy Boyd says, given the opportunity that the N.C.O.'s got, with 'Big Mac' in goal with a shovel and Teddy with the lid of a soap box, and Evans with only what the Lord gave him, and a little less advice from the Royal Box he'd have had 15 to 0, and we believe it. What do you think of it? Even that quorum of girls in the upper right box wot rooted for the N. C. O.'s quit at the end of the 2nd session and backed the O's. We heard one lady bet an Engineer pin as wot a N.C.O. gave her and a handful of hair pins, on the Officers. A certain M.O. offered 25 to 1 on the Officers to Sergt. Henson. Nothing doing! He said his pocket had just been picked and the N. C. O.'s know who did it. We, thats us as should have been on the team, being sports, will back the N.C.O.'s to our last dime (we have 3 left) if they play a team of their own weight, and in doing so would strongly recommend a match with the 2nd team of the High School girls, and we will double our money if they play the "Bull Nuns" seein they had a practice on Thursday afternoon. I'm beginning to think this N.C.O.'s team better try a little P.T. of a morning seeing as indoors is beginning to tell on them. But Mr. Editor, what about the supper at the Windsor ordered by the N.C.O.'s and paid for by the Officers' team, backers of both sides to participate, outsiders 5 bucks a head? Ye gods and shell fish, some supper! Whole oysters, half oysters, and no oysters at all! Speeches! Here's where the N. C. O.'s scored every goal! One N.C.O., the only one of his kind audibly dreamed he scored all the goals,

and if given sufficient encouragement from his team he'd have knocked the end off the G. T. P. station. We know it, but a puck is a good thing to practice on; but to go back to the game as the supper only concerned a few. Mr. Editor, can you find out what team a certain N.C.O. (wot keeps the ice clean) played in? Because if it was a team with any reputation (which we doubt) and not a Cavalry Regiment (as we suspect, judging from certain strokes, cuts and several other Hun stunts which he more or less tried to pull off). We like his style for anti-conscription meetings but we really think in a friendly game it should be left out. That is of course unless both sides agree; them's our sentiments, and Mr. Editor boost up any of the two games I spoke of as we hear the ice won't last long now and any of the two would give them good practice for the last match of the season which we are advised is to be played between the N.C.O.'s team and the Physically unfits of St. Johns, Iberville, and Napierville, and our money is on the unfits judging by the local representatives we saw at the rink on Thursday evening and see every evening at the pool room.

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## THE RETURNED SOLDIER.

We are naturally hopeful that the greater number of our comrades overseas will, after the war is over, return to Canada. In any case, and if our hopes are not realised to the full extent, there will be thousands of our boys return to us, enough to affect the labour market materially.

The country, during the war has been "carrying on" in spite of labour shortage caused by enlistments, and in the face of increased demand on production for munitions. It is true that maintenance has been neglected in favour of production and a great deal of repair work, necessitating labour, will have to be undertaken at the close of hostilities. We must also realise that our manufacturers, faced with labour shortage during the war, have adopted woman labour to a large extent and have created machinery to minimise labour, thus cutting down to a minimum the demand for men.

The combination of circumstances caused by the war bring us face to face with a problem as to the returned soldier. He must be provided for; and if improved machinery, woman labour and conservation methods, adopted during the war have brought about a condition whereby the returned man cannot return to his usual employment, then some other work must be provided; and it is only his due that provision be made so that he can take his place again as a proper citizen.

The returned soldier must not however be pampered, he does not wish it. He must not be pauperised by any method or provision that will give him the "bulge", on any consideration, his wish is not along these lines, but if he finds that conditions have changed to such an extent that it is hard and perhaps impossible for him to fit into his old groove, then he is right in demanding that a prospect be open to him whereby he can properly and adequately support himself and his dependants, and take up the burden of citizenship.

We, as soldiers have very little to fear on this score. The Great War Veteran Association, with headquarters at Winnipeg we believe are working along lines which will be, we think, productive of good results. This organisation has for one of its objects the proper care of and provision for the returned soldier; and it has already placed before the Federal Government proposals dealing with the question of land and money grants, with certain privileges as to freight rates, stock, agricultural implements, etc. This spring should see the commencement of the returned soldiers land scheme, the sooner the better.

We cannot all go on to the land of course, but if provision of this kind is made for a large number of men it will make the problem of labour less acute in the manufacturing industries.

We have, at present very little information to hand as to the real work the Great War Veteran's Association is doing, or attempting to do. Any constructional work, towards bettering the lot of the returned soldier is commendable but we reserve until a later date our remarks as to its work as a whole.

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The Depot is all the brighter, St. Johns more livable and the weather much easier to bear, now that we have a piper on our 8.30 parade. You could tell at a glance on Thursday morning by watching the feet, where the Scotch were. How our R.S.M. ever expects us to stop that shuffling in the ranks is beyond our comprehension. My, but the music was gr-r-r-r-and! As Para Handy would say, "Chust sublime". Lord knows what would have happened had our piper friend come round here this summer when we had a glorious collection of hillanmen in captivity. Something would have happened we are sure. Just imagine the joy of bounding out of our tents to the tune of "Johnny Cope", having lunch to "Mrs. McLeod of Rassay" and taking our evening tipple like little gentlemen with he of the pipes outside the local hostelry—a habit of pipers we believe—to the stirring strathspey of Neil Gows "Farewell to Whuskey"!

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Prayers—Capt. Powell.

Opening Address—Maj. Milne—of course.

Burlesque Parade Taking—Mr. Mott—very comic.

Highland Fling—C.S.M. Evans—without boots.

During this period R.S.M. hands out oranges to troops.

Selection. Band.

Proceedings to conclude by a dog fight.

We saw our friend Wooley yesterday resplendent in Bandolier and Spurs making his way to town to give the ladies a treat. He'd better keep his weather eye on Sims as the bold lad who ties the officers class in knots intends to call his bluff and put him on a horse one of these days. We vaguely suspect that the only thing our orderly room friend ever rode was the blind baggage but all the same, should he seriously intend taking up equitation in those brief periods when he allows the typewriter to cool off—why—the staff will be right up in front to see him canter and take the rear.

## WE WANT TO KNOW

What kind of a noise annoys an oyster? (Ask Mr. Gallaher, O.C. Class 34.)

## SURVEY AND ASTRONOMY.

## Practical Hints to Observers.

Many of the men at the E. T. D. have in other—and possibly happier—days swung a transit or a level as a means of gaining a hard but honest livelihood. Among these the following anonymous contribution may perhaps strike a responsive chord.

If the instrument refuses to transmit, grasp the telescope with both hands and force it as far as possible. Then tap gently with a boulder, assisted where possible by the application of a crow-bar. Should this prove ineffectual, talk gently to the theodolite while an assistant approaches quietly and hooks the six inch tackle of a steel gin under the horizontal cross hair, and assist as before with the crow-bar and boulder.

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If the legs appear to be unsteady, lean the instrument against a tree and continue to observe.

On a dull day the cross hairs may appear dim. If so remove them and substitute a boot lace.

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When returning the instrument to its box, the lid will probably not close. In this case the offending parts should be unscrewed and thrown away, and the lid closed and locked.

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"We determine the altitude angles

At noon when they fire the gun,  
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### CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Editor:—

Ye'll be glad to hear from me again, and my reason for writing is to try and explain why I'm back at the Barracks again. I must say I was surprised, but the queer thing about it is I was dreaming the night before that I was back again, so I wasn't just quite so surprised. Ye'll maybe not believe it but I had a wire frae the Minister of Militia himsell saying tae gang back tae the barracks at once. I couldna just make the thing out at first reading, but after about an hour I just sat down and roared and laughed aboot it. I'm thinking I'm aboot the only one up till now that had any idea how important I was round about the place, but mind ye sir, that wire I got frae the Minister of Militia fair made me think. Ye ken? The first thing that came into my mind was the police and that missing woman but I had just read yer last copy of "Knots and Lashings" so the thought didna worry me very long. I think it's maybe Prince thats needing tae be shod again as he was a wee thing slack about the hind shoes when I left. Mind ye Mr. Editor Guid Smiths combined and being a bit handy at the Horse doctoring end of the business are damn ill tae get and as far as I know I'm about the only one of any standing in Canada, so its maybe a guid thing for Canada, leave oot the Barracks, that I hadna been on the boat. There's one thing I'm sorry aboot

and that is when I saw the Paymaster in Halifax I willed over my Black horse tae him an' am just wondering how much its going to cost me to get it back again. I think, seeing that I'm back again that he should gae me back ma horse.

Ye maybe think I was sore at you and your paper when I went away, but you was just camaflouge and there never was any woman in my shop. So the Barracks will be all right again and if you leave me out of your joke column, I'll maybe let you send one of your stenographer, or what ever you call them, over to the shop and interview me about Halifax an what's doing there. I left the boys all well but very dry. That's another reason I am glad to be back to St. Johns. Halifax is an awful place for sore throats.

(Signed) Staff Sergt. Barr.

Editor's Note:—We are indeed glad to have the opportunity of welcoming Staff Sergeant Barr back to Barracks. There is no boast when he says his particular line of business is at a premium. Such men as Sergt. Barr are both indispensable and not procurable; and we feel certain that Barr's return is indeed welcomed 'higher up'.

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### A NEAR TRAGEDY.

Officers Undisputed Champs of the  
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Finish of Officer-N.C.O. Series.  
—Sgt. Gibson the Heavy Villain  
of the Piece.

Once upon a time, not so very  
long ago, the N.C.O.'s became ob-  
sessed with the idea that they were  
some exponents of the great winter  
game. In order to clearly demon-  
strate this somewhat peculiar  
theory, it was decided to make use  
of the Officers of the Depot.

At the same time the N.C.O.'s  
must be given credit for having the  
courage of their convictions, and  
the manner in which they backed  
their team is a tribute to their  
real sportsmanship rather than to  
their good judgment. It is said  
that, as a result, unredeemed laun-  
dry checks are now accepted as  
legitimate currency in certain busi-  
ness transactions at the Sergeants  
Mess.

The results of the initial en-  
counter between the rival teams  
have already been briefly alluded  
to in these columns. But as the  
gentle reader will remember, the  
first defeat was carefully explained  
by the fact that the ice was too  
slow, and that all that was required  
was fast ice. Possibly the fact that  
the moon was at the full or the sun  
at its apogee or some other dis-  
concerting circumstance had some-  
thing to do with it. Anyway the  
N.C.O.'s were going to "shew em  
up" next time.

On Saturday afternoon the  
"shewing up" process was staged.  
The ice was fast; the weather per-  
fect. At 2 p.m. the teams skated  
out before one of the largest and  
most fashionable audiences that  
had ever assembled at the E. T. D.  
arena. The "youth and beauty"  
were all there. Each team, as it  
came on the ice, was greeted with  
tumultuous applause by their en-  
thusiastic backers. It was evident  
that all parties concerned, com-  
batants as well as non combatants  
were very much on edge.

From the first toot of the whistle  
it was hockey all the way. Each  
man watched his cover warily and  
close checking rendered any at-  
tempt at combination almost im-  
possible. As a result, during the  
first period, there was little to  
choose between the teams.

The second period had only  
started when Gervais, who starred  
throughout the game for the  
N.C.O.'s, sent a long high shot  
from centre ice. It was a difficult  
shot to stop and sagged the net  
behind Baldwin. Shortly after  
this Gallagher and Gibson went to  
the side for two minutes. In this

instance both were equally to  
blame, but throughout the game  
Gibson showed a strong tendency  
toward heavy checking and a gen-  
eral disposition to 'rough it up'  
with the Officers forward line. In-  
deed on two other occasions he was  
fortunate in not catching the  
referee's eye. Just before the close  
of the period, Captain Powell was  
sent to the side for two minutes  
for alleged tripping, a penalty  
which was entirely unwarranted by  
the circumstances. With one of  
the most effective players off the  
ice, play was at once carried to the  
Officers' end, Gervais scoring on a  
beautiful side shot just before the  
close of the period.

The 3rd and most critical  
period opened with Captain Powell  
still in the penalty box and the  
N.C.O.'s again rushed the play to  
the Officers' end. With Captain  
Powell's return however matters  
took on a different aspect and half  
a minute later Brewster scored on  
a pass from Armstrong. Shortly  
afterward, following a pretty run  
through nearly the whole N.C.O.  
team, Brewster again found the  
net, evening the score amid  
tremendous enthusiasm. Shortly  
after this, Walklate, who through-  
out had played a most effective  
game, carried the puck up the side  
of the rink and by a fast shot from  
the corner, put the Officers in the  
lead. The N.C.O.'s worked desper-  
ately to again even up the score,  
but all attempts were broken up  
by fast checking back and a steady  
defence. Finally Armstrong broke  
away, carried the puck by a sen-  
sational rush almost the length of  
the ice and was only prevented  
from scoring by Fletcher falling in  
front of his goal. With three  
minutes to play, Walklate secured  
the puck in mid-ice, dodged thro  
the N.C.O. defence and slammed  
the puck past Fletcher. Time was  
called without further scoring by  
either side, the final tally being  
4-2.

The line up was as follows:—

| Officers      | N.C.O.'s        |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Lt. Baldwin   | Goal Fletcher   |
| Lt. Brewster  | Point Gibson    |
| Lt. Gallagher | Cover Sellery   |
| Lt. Armstrong | Right Beauchamp |
| Lt. Walklate  | Left Estey      |
| Ct. Powell    | Centre Gervais  |

What the N.C.O. hockey team  
wants to learn is how to play to-  
gether. Individual play may be  
good but it does not win games.

Perhaps if they took a course of  
instruction under C.S.M. Sims it  
might benefit them.

Sims has learned a lot about com-  
binations lately.

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**OBITUARY.**

We regret to announce the death of No. 2006487 Sapper John Scott Dickson at the Military Hospital, Halifax, N.S., on his way overseas with Draft 28.

The deceased was born on the 27th June 1881 in Selkirk, Scotland. He enlisted in the Canadian Engineers in Toronto on 2nd August 1917.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife and three children.

The body is being taken to Toronto, where a Military funeral will be held.

Sapper Dickson was very well liked throughout the Depot and amongst many of the townspeople. He was an accomplished organist and was an Associate of the Royal College of Organists; and his recitals at St. James Church are to be considered some of the bright spots in our sojourn in St. Johns.

A memorial service will be held in St. James Church tomorrow.

**CADETS GET LECTURE.**

Lieut. E. T. Adney, C.E., has just returned from Kingston, Ont., where he has been lecturing to the Army Class of the Royal Military College on Trench Construction with the aid of the model, several of which he has completed for instruction and record.

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If KNOT BUTT GYN  
Ere touch his LIP  
The TASK seems very light  
He'll LASH and WHIP  
Nor stop to sip  
BUTT BATTER, BAY and BIGHT  
He HURDLES TRENCH  
His thirst to quench  
Perchance a FALL brings grief  
A STRETCHER near  
Our ENGINEER  
Responds to his RELIEF.  
Poet Lowrate.

**GET IN ON THIS!**

Three Guesses Allowed!

There was a breezy young sub,  
With a head as large as a tub;  
By the nine gods he swore,  
I shall study no more  
I'm fed up on this stuff since the flood.

He managed one of the teams,  
Though he couldn't play hockey for beans;  
But he won on the score;  
And then what is more,  
He stuck all the stakes in his jeans.

He formed a committee of one,  
To arrange at the Windsor, for fun  
(For oysters and beer,  
And music, and cheer)  
But he fell down—the "son of a gun".

They call me a 'nut'—quoth he,  
That I probably grew on a tree;  
But within my tough hide,  
I'm a 'kernel' inside,  
Though no one suspects it but me.  
BRUTUS.

**NIGHT LINES**

A humble admirer would like to know if Gadsby, (in Toronto Saturday Night), was referring to the esteemed editor of "Knots and Lashings" when he wrote:—"Oft does the stilly Knight, when slumber's chains have bound him, moan in his troubled sleep and draw the bed-clothes round him," or if he only got mixed in his quotation.

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“NUTS AND RATIONS.”

The thermometer is working overtime these days. We suppose it would be useless to remind the mercury there is lots of room at the top. Surely there is no need to keep down below all the time.

“It’s an ill wind that blows nobody good” is an old saying. During the past week we have had plenty of sport watching others in their endeavours to cross the parade ground in the face of a fourty mile an hour gale. They have either to go down on their hands and knees to reach the Mess Hall, or turn back and go hungry.

Our tubby Caledonian Caretaker was surprised the other day as he came around the corner by the Sergeants Mess. The wind took his hat and threatened to carry it across to Iberville; but Tommy chased it, determined on its rescue. It came to a temporary stop beneath the Yacht. This is where our friend miscalculated the power of the wind behind him. The ice here, being in fine condition for toboganing, greatly assisted his flight, but not in the manner he wished. The only reason for him not continuing his journey indefinitely being that the Yacht was frozen fast in the ice. Whether it is damaged or not, where he collided with it, we have not undertaken to ascertain. He got his hat all right, and stuffing it down the leg of his pants, crawled on his hands and knees back to the mess.

What on earth happened to the Compositor last week? He left out lines here and there which made our Editor’s article on the “League of Nations” read like a manifesto issued by the Bolsheviki. Our own little paragraph commenting upon the nearness of spring tempted him, no doubt, to drop a few more lines, and we can assure him the “warm days we had” will be nothing to the warm time he will have if he repeats the omission.  
—PAT.

WITH APOLOGIES TO THE G.O.C. CLASS 34.

He was just a long, lean Ottawa gink,  
From way up there where the “brass hats” blink,  
He was six foot six in his stocking feet  
He kept gettin’ thinner the more oysters he’d eat.  
But he was as brave as he was thin  
When the war broke out he got right in,  
Unhitched his steed and put him away  
And then his old folks heard him say.—

Good bye Maw! Good bye Paw!  
Good bye steed with your old hee haw;  
I don’t know what the war’s about  
But in two or three years I should have found out;  
Good bye wifey, don’t you fear,  
I may get there as an Engineer,  
Or a sapper, or driver or roustabout,  
But the N.C.O.’s will get me if I don’t watch out.

H. S. Mc C.

(Gone but not forgotten!)

A DISCOVERY.

We have often wondered where the Paymaster learnt that tilt of the head with the knowing and winning smile. Now we know! He told us the other day that when he was a wee youngun he kept a Jackdaw.—Everyone is familiar with the attitude of that bird, and can see the imitation.

WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW

If a certain officer remembers a wee green gate?

If he thought, seeing the 12th of July was coming that it would look better painted yellow?

If he remembers a fair squaw down East?

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