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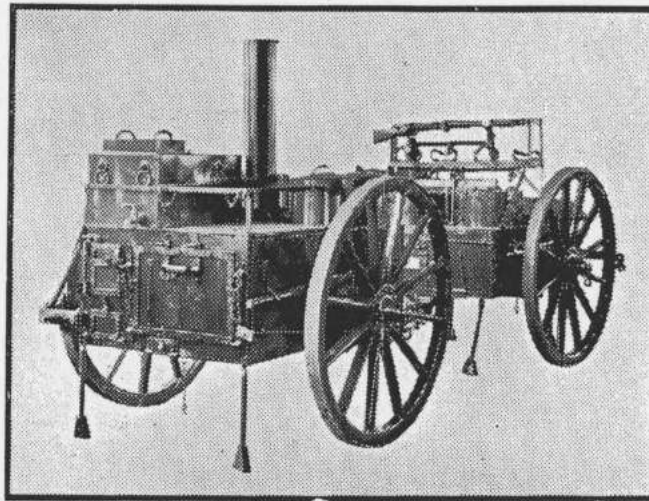
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### A Bit of History

Many splendid acts of heroism on the part of Canadian soldiers have already been recorded, and many others have yet to be told. In future years, these deeds of courage and valor will serve later generations to form their opinions regarding Canadians and their part in the Great War. Sir Max Aitken, M.P., the official Canadian Eyewitness at the front, has published his first volume of "Canada in Flanders," the official story of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. The little book contains an introduction by Sir Robert Borden and a preface by The Right Hon. A. Bonar Law, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Appended is a paragraph in which Sir Max pays tribute to a well-known Brantford hero in the person of Private W. Errol F. Hart, who has since been given a commission in the 4th Battalion.

"The 4th Canadian Battalion was under continuous fire at Festubert through ten days and eleven nights. On the morning of May 27th all communications wires between the fire-trench and the Battalion and Brigade Headquarters were cut by enemy fire and at nine o'clock Pte. (now Lieutenant) W. E. F. Hart volunteered to mend the wires. Hart was with Major (now Lieut.-Colonel) M. A. Colquhoun at the time, and they had together twice been buried by shell fire earlier in the morning. Pte. Hart mended eleven breaks in the wire, and re-established communication with both Battalion and Brigade Headquarters. He was at work in the Orchard, under shrapnel, machine-gun and rifle fire, without any cover for an hour and thirty minutes. Hart, who is now signalling officer of the 4th Battalion, is a young man, and the owner of a farm near Brantford, Ontario. He has been with the Battalion since August, 1914."

### Our Title

"The Brant War-Whoop" is the name selected for the Battalion newspaper. For its appropriateness as a title for the 125th news-sheet, the men in the ranks are responsible. Several days ago a request was put in orders for suggestions of a suitable name for the proposed paper and about twenty names were sent in. From this list the committee selected seven names which it considered the most likely and by a vote of the battalion "The Brant War-Whoop" was received with the heartiest favor.

As a wartime edition of a battalion, officered and manned by men of Brant County which is indissolubly linked with the Six Nations, the 125th news dispenser could have no more suitable name.

Canteen tickets were offered by the committee to the man proposing the accepted title. "The War-Whoop" was suggested by two N. C. O.'s, Sergt. J. A. Patterson and Sergt. W. Wallace, to each of whom strips of canteen tickets were given. Sergt. W. Wallace also suggested our motto: "We carry on."

Below is a list of the suggestions.

Brant's Best—Sergt. E. Winyard.  
 The Periscope—Corp. Buskard.  
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 The Scout—Pte. H. R. Fisher.  
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## THE C. O.'s. GREETINGS

"May the greatest success crown the efforts of the committee who have in charge the publication of our 125th Battalion paper to be called "The Brant War-Whoop." Congratulations are due to Captain Sager from whom the suggestion came and to Sergt. J. A. Patterson and Prov. Sergt. W. Wallace for proposing the most suitable names.

This paper, to be published fortnightly, will I am sure, be most interesting, not only to every N. C.O. and man in the Battalion, but to every citizen, as it will contain all the items of interest in connection with the daily life of the "Brants."

In organizing the 125th Battalion, I was confident of the support of every officer and man and we resolved by united effort to make it as efficient as possible, no one sparing any pains to have a battalion that would reflect the greatest credit on our city and county. Every one has done his duty, and the result has been a splendid body of men recruited from Brant County alone. For that reason, I feel that every man, woman and child has an interest in us and will also have an interest in the Battalion paper.

That the 125th has been popular from the start is proved by the splendid results of recruiting both in numbers and men.

Before closing, I wish to tender on behalf of the officers, N. C. O.'s and men our sincere thanks to those citizens who took such an active part and worked so hard in bringing the Battalion to its present strength, and also to the merchants and civilians who have so kindly donated goods and cash to enable the Battalion to have some comforts while on active service, and finally for the very enthusiastic reception we receive at all times from the citizens of Brantford and Brant County and for the interest shown by all in our 125th Brant Battalion.

I know I speak for all when I say that every man will do his duty."

M. E. B. CUTCLIFFE, Lieut. Col.,  
125th O. S. Battalion, C. E. F.

"STAND EASY, MEN.—SMOKE, IF YOU WANT TO."

### FROM THE BATTALION'S ARCHIVES

One evening late in August, 1915, a few senior officers of the 38th Dufferin Rifles, had gathered in the O. C.'s room, to discuss the fall training of the regiment. Although practically all had handed their names in for overseas appointments, their desire was nearer realization when Major Cutcliffe, the O. C., said. "Why not form a Brant County Battalion?" The suggestion was most heartily approved, and to this end, steps were immediately taken, and a deputation headed by Mayor Spence, with W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., John Dowling, S. P. Pitcher, Major C. W. Brooks, now O. C. of 2nd Mounted Rifles, C. E. F., and Major Cutcliffe and others waited on the Minister, Sir Sam Hughes, at Niagara Camp, who, much to the disappointment of all, did not approve of the scheme, stating that the present method of recruiting quotas from the cities and towns, to form Battalions was satisfactory.

It might be stated here, that the idea of recruiting Battalions by counties, was first suggested to the Minister of Militia, by this deputation.

However, in October an announcement was made in the daily papers, that

another county had been given authority to raise a battalion. Immediately W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., now our Honorary Colonel, was interviewed, and he wired Sir Sam Hughes, offering to recruit a Brant County Battalion. The Minister replied as follows:—"Raise a Brant County Battalion if you like."

On November 11th, Major Cutcliffe was appointed Lieut. Colonel to command the "Brants," and soon was in receipt of numerous applications for appointments as officers and N. C. O.'s, to serve under his command. He at once selected his staff of company officers, most of whom were associated with him in the 38th Regiment.

Although our Colonel had many applications for appointments, from men outside the County, he took no one other than Brant's own boys. Often he has congratulated himself on securing such a splendid body of Lieutenants and N. C. O.'s, who, through their hard work, have brought the corps up to its present state of efficiency.

At the time of receiving his appointment, there had been recruited, about 250 men, through the 32nd Battery, 25th

Brant Dragoons, and 38th Regiment; the Brantford Recruiting Depot, under Capt. Henderson, being in charge from October 1st. Of these men 100 were drafted to the field artillery, Toronto, thus leaving a nucleus of 150 men to start off the Brants. Active recruiting did not commence until the end of November, and the strength of the Battalion was increased to over a 1000, in three month's time.

Much praise is due the Citizen's Recruiting League, under charge of Lieut. Col. Harry Cockshutt, now commanding our sister Battalion, the 215th, in assisting the recruiting of our Battalion. Special mention should be made of the labors of Mayer J. H. Spence, W. N. Andrews, now Captain in the 215th, and A. E. Watts, County Clerk (who claims to be our Rear Rank Private), in bringing the recruiting to a successful issue.

Just a word to the men in the Battalion. We want to make our corps one of the best, if not the best, in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, and if all ranks will play the game, and stand by each other, this will be obtained.

H. J. G. McLEAN, Major.

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MAJOR H. J. G. McLEAN

The senior major of the 125th has a capacity for detail and organization which has been invaluable in bringing the battalion to its present state of efficiency.

### Newsy Battalion Briefs A WELCOME ADDITION

Amongst the officers taken on the strength last month is Sergt. Major, (now Lieutenant, and soon to be Captain) Oxtaby, from England. "S.M." left here as B.S.M. for the 36th Batt. and was promoted to Brigade Sergt. Major. After acting in that capacity for several months he was transferred back to our battalion and is now second in command of "D" Co. "S.M." should prove a tower of strength to the 125th, his genial disposition and wealth of practical experience being decided assets.

### A LOSS TO THE BATTALION

The officers of the 215th Battalion made no mistake when they secured the services of Lieut. Duff Slemin. Although Mr. Slemin's military career has been comparatively short, it has been proportionately successful. From his subaltern's rank in the 125th, Mr. Slemin will take command of a company and while his departure will be generally regretted, the best wishes go with him for continued success in the Second Brant Battalion.

"Duff" set an enviable reputation for himself in conducting two very successful N. C. O. classes in the battalion. Capt. C. R. Young, of the Canadian Officer's Training Corps, remarked that the last class was the best he had ex-

amined in this military district. He also remarked that the class was even better than the recent one held in Toronto, a higher percentage getting sergeant's certificates.

Corp. L. H. McLellan, of No. 1 Platoon, carried off the honors of the last class obtaining an average of 96 while Sergt. J. McNaughton, also of No. 1 Platoon, passed head of the previous class.

### SPORTS

With the fine weather setting in, the sporting thermometer has taken a high jump. Elsewhere in this issue appears a list of the different sports committees which have been formed and it is hoped that everyone will join in and make our sports a success.

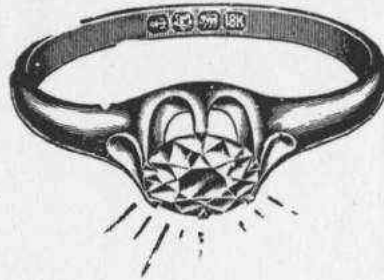
On the 7th of April our officers played the 84th officers at basketball on the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium and defeated them to the tune of 51-9. The battalion soccer team on the following day met the 84th and succeeded in trimming them by the score of 4-0. This makes a good start for the spring cleaning (up)

The following team represented the 125th:—Goal, Pte. S. Tigwell, Right Back, Pte. McCann, Left Back, Pte. Alexander, Right Half, Corp. A. Maich, Centre Half, Pte. H. G. Marshall, Left Half Pte. White, Right Wings, Sergt. Martin, Sergt. Howell, Left Wings, Sergt. Goosh, Pte. Dixon, Centre Forward, Pte. Plant, (Captain.) Reserves, Pte. J. Small, Pte. A. Baker, Corp. Elison.



MAJOR W. F. NEWMAN

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The regular meeting of the 125th Sergeant's Mess was held Thursday, April 6. The sergeants are taking great interest in their mess and some time in the near future are planning to hold a social evening and dance.

A few days ago, Sergt. Howell was marching a squad of men along the street, when he spied four shining quarters lying on the ground. He commanded his squad to mark time, while he attempted to pick them up. One of the men from the ranks quickly joined in the harvest, and he received a proper calling from Sergt. Howell for breaking ranks.

The Battalion's "COOP" is lacking tenants these days, thereby testifying to the good behaviour of the Battalion and to the keenness of Sergt. Carruther's eagle eye.

The boys will be pleased to learn that Pte. A. Hurrell, pioneer, will soon be with his unit again after quite a long illness.

## Why - The BRANT Battalion ?

The BRANT BATTALION is named after a county, it is true, but back of the county is the warrior, whose name is perpetuated in Brant County and Brant's Ford or Brantford.

He was an Indian chief of the Mohawk tribe and was born in 1742 on the banks of the Ohio river. In his thirteenth year, he attracted the interest of Sir William Johnston, the Indian agent, who gave him valuable instruction in military affairs. He took part in the victorious Battle of Lake George which, in 1755 Sir William conducted against the French; and was with the same commander throughout all the campaigns of that war. It will thus be seen that from the first the fighting that this red man knew was for the British flag and under British leadership.

Several years of peace enabled Chief Brant to lay aside the tomahawk, and in addition to marrying a daughter of an Oneida chief, he assisted in improving the condition of his tribesmen. After 1775 stirring times were on. The Colonists and the English were soon in deadly combat. The attitude of the Six Nations was all important, and Brant in his strategic position, definitely and at once, declared for the King. He was appointed principal war chief of the Indian confederacy.

Like many other men, Brant's story and history are hard to separate. Whenever possible he restrained his savage kindred, and in his intense devotion to the English crown, spared nothing to prevent the American Colonies from severing their connection with Great Britain. But the Americans were successful and among other results of the war was the loss, by Brant and his men, of all their domains. In place of these, however, a large tract of land along the Grand River was given to them by the Crown. The balance of his life, Brant spent chiefly in the place from which Brantford has grown. In 1807 he died, his body being buried at Mohawk church, Brantford.

By all Canadians his memory will ever be honored because of his unswerving devotion to the British crown. The Brant Battalion will now, a century later, carry the great chief's name into another and greater struggle for the same flag.

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### THE STAFF:

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Scouts .....	Pte. H. R. Fisher
Machine Gun Section .....	Pte. Wm. Wood
Stretcher Bearers .....	Pte. Geo. Humble
Signallers—Headquarters .....	Pte. C. R. Anderson
Company .....	Pte. W. Cook
Brass Band .....	Bandsman C. Tood
Bugle Band .....	Drummer A. T. Baker
"A" Co. ....	Pte. A. Vansomeren, Pte. A. Churchward
"B" Co. ....	C. S. M. Withers, Pte. A. M. Spence
"C" Co. ....	Sergt. W. Wallace, Corp. P. Brydges, (Paris)
"D" Co. ....	Pte. Geo. Day
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## Editorial

### OUR PURPOSE

With befitting modesty and with fear and trembling at the prospect of its reception by the officers and men of the 125th Battalion, The Brant War Whoop makes its initial appearance today. Probably crude and unpolished as a newspaper, and not purporting to be a journalistic classic, the Brant Battalion semi-monthly news-dispenser has an important mission to perform, one which it shudders to contemplate.

To be a factor in the greatest war the world has ever known is a period of one's life not soon to be forgotten. In later years, when some of us at least are enjoying happy days of peacefulness, when war's ravages have faded into the past, our thoughts will often turn to the "ups and downs" and the "twists and turnings" of military life, as it was experienced in the 125th Battalion. Many happy hours of tranquil recollections will be enjoyed, and still greater will be the happiness of those idle moments if it should be possible to turn over the pages of some little paper which in a general way has recorded the numerous activities and inactivities of the Brant Battalion.

Briefly, that is the purpose of The Brant War Whoop. In after years, its worth will be especially appreciated, although now its value may seem fleeting and trivial. If in some measure, The War Whoop fulfils this purpose, those who have been responsible for its existence will have been more than amply repaid.

There is however one more immediate objective. With the Brant Battalion, there is associated a sentiment which is not known in like manner to previous

battalions which have been organized. In the 125th, the officers, the N.C.O.'s and men all come from the same community. Their surroundings are the same, and their daily walks in life alike. Our Battalion carries with it a warm bond of union between man and man. Nearly every person in the Battalion was acquainted with many other members at the time he enlisted, and since then his acquaintance has steadily increased. The Battalion newspaper, dealing with personal matters in abundance, will serve to widen and preserve this relationship. It should bring the officers and men into one large family circle, tending thereby to make the experience of all brighter and happier.

### CO-OPERATION NEEDED

In order to realize a paper of this nature, there is one absolute essential. Co-operation by every unit and member of the Battalion is necessary. The War Whoop is not an officers' publication; it is not alone the work of the N.C.O.'s or men. Good, bad, or indifferent, the 125th semi-monthly is the Battalion's effort. Correspondents have been appointed in each unit and their names can be seen elsewhere on this page. Each of these reporters will act as the official recorder or spokesman of his respective company or unit. It is the duty of each man in the Battalion to keep his correspondent well-supplied with pithy stories and acquainted with the numerous activities for which he may be responsible to The War-Whoop.

In addition, a correspondence box has been erected in the assembly room at the Old Post Office, and contributions or suggestions of all kinds are urgently invited. For obvious reasons, the name of the contributor, not necessarily for publication, must be attached to suggestions. Otherwise the matter may not be used. It is YOUR paper. Now get behind and PUSH.

### MONETARY MATTERS

In regard to the finances of The War-Whoop, with the sanction of Lieut. Col. Cutcliffe, the committee have decided to use any profits which may accumulate from our first few issues for a "Newspaper Fund." When the Battalion has departed from Brantford, and when advertising in the paper becomes less valuable to the local merchants who have patronized us royally, our sources of income will be greatly diminished, and any money on hand will be used to carry a portion of the cost of publication. The Battalion auditors, Capt. Bingle and Lieut. Coghill, will examine the books of The War-Whoop.

### MEMORY OF ST. JULIEN

Orders have been issued by the Federal Government at Ottawa that flags on all Government buildings in Canada should be flown at the masthead on April 22, the anniversary of the Battle of St. Julien, in which the first Canadian division "Saved the Day" and in which many Brant County heroes laid down their lives.

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## Who, How and Why With the Officers

(Written From Under Cover)

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Colonel Cutcliffe—(Interrupting)—"There's no hope, Captain, it's just the mud-turtle in us coming to the surface."

The officers held a mock company orderly room at one of their recent meetings. Pte. Woodyatt was charged with appearing slovenly on parade, Pte. Livingston faced the company commander, accused of imbibing too freely; Sergt. James was on the carpet to explain his reasons for telling his platoon commander to "Shut his mouth." Surely these things will never come to pass.

Prominent wholesale dealers in books are advertising the forthcoming publication of the following manuscripts:

BATTALION DRILL—THE SECRET OF FORMING FOURS—By the Adjutant.

ADVANTAGES OF CALLING THE MORNING PARADE AT 10.30 a.m.—By the Machine-Gun Officer.

SNAPPY SALUTES—or HOW TO STRAIGHTEN THE CAP—By Capt. Bingle.

TRAINING FOR WAR AS IT IS DONE IN ENGLAND—By an Officer recently returned from the 36th.

"DISCIPLINE," or "HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE"—Field Marshal P. A. S.

PHYSICAL DRILL MADE HARD or HOW TO GET EVEN WITH THE OFFICERS—By Lieut. Woodyatt.

TRENCHES or HOW TO MAKE OTHERS DO THE WORK—By General Wallace, just returned from the trenches, (in Toronto.)

THE GREAT WAR—MISTAKES I WOULD HAVE PUT RIGHT—By the Senior Major.

CARD GAMES AND HOW TO PLAY THEM—By the Musketry Officer.

Captain Bingle has recently acquired additional relatives. He speaks of K. R. & O., and The Military Law, as his "friends-in-law."

Morning instructions to "A" Company Officers—"The platoon commanders will 'carry-on' with the syllabus—syllabus being a contraction for 'silly business.'"

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Anonymous—"Now listen. What the H—'s the sense in issuing rubbers—?"

Interested Spectator—"I see they are drilling the prisoners from the detention room on the market square now."

Sergt. Carruthers (in charge)—"Oh those are the officers taking physical drill."

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Note from Pte. F. Martin, No. 14 Platoon, D Company, to M. O. "Pte. F. Martin, 772654, Rank 14. In command of "D" Company.  
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Sir:—I am home sick."

Whoever nicknamed the "Defaulter's Call" the "Angel's Whisper" had surely never had the privilege of hearing Sergt. Crowley's soprano command.

Two weeks from last Friday, a battalion competition in fancy marching will be held. No names will be published, but it is rumored that two officers commanding companies, and the senior N. C. O. of the Battalion are likely contenders.

In and out of the ranks, one occasionally hears that the Battalion "Quawtah Mastah Sawgeaut" will shortly issue rubbers for use in the trenches in the next war.

April 15. (Pay Day). Parade State is 1100 with all present and correct. Morning After—Parade State is 650; 200 are on pass; 150 sick; 70 absent without leave, and Detention Room filled to overflowing.

An anemic elderly woman, who looked as if she might have as much maternal affection as an incubator, sized up a broad-shouldered cockney who was idly looking into a window on Colborne street, and in a rasping voice said to him: "My good man, why aren't you in the trenches? Aren't you willing to do anything for your country?"

Turning around slowly, he looked at her contemptuously and replied: "Move on, you slacker. Where's your war baby."

Our little mascot went into the paymaster's office to sign the pay roll the other day. He was unable to make his signature but succeeded in leaving his mark. Ask the fatigue party.

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What Commander of the Guard stated in his official report that he was able to account for only three of the guard blankets, five having walked away. Live stuff.

Captain Bingle (To "A" Company, marking time)—"One pace step back, forward." It can't be did.

In the county's baby battalion, nearly everyone wears one, two or three stripes. Our Paris scribe writes down, suggesting that we nickname the 215th, the "Tigers". The Zebra is also a profusely striped animal.

According to those who should know, it might be advisable to use the Battalion's Mascot for equitation purposes. It is stated on authority that one of "D" Company's officers received an unexpected jolt during a ride a few weeks ago, and a revival of the ancient hobby-horse method of instruction might serve to prevent further accidents.

Pte. McCoy at Canteen—"Why didn't you give me some meat with this order of pork and beans?"

Corp. B.—"I did."

Pte. McCoy—"Scuse me, here it is, under a bean."

Mrs. J. (Looking up from the paper)—"I see they have got two more recruits in the 125th, but what a lot of Peters there are."

Mr. J.—"I don't get you."

Mrs. J.—"Well, Pte. stands for Peter, doesn't it?"

Lieut. Slein to promising candidate in last N.C.O. class—"Now take hold and put your men through some drill."

Nervous Candidate, (With loud command)—"Squad, drill."

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## Signallers' "Dots and Dashes"

The 2nd Class Signallers' baseball team and the Headquarters Signallers lined up in friendly combat last week, the company men carrying off the honors of a 23 to 13 score.

Pte. W. Cook appeared on parade improperly attired recently. One of his optics was noticeably blackened. "You should have seen the other guy," said he.

Corp. Pocock loves a certain junction point on the G. T. R. The G. T. R. allowed him two hours to look the place over a short time ago.

The Staff has had excellent practice in the Morse Flag and Semaphore on Station work recently. The Hospital, Crompton's store, The Cockshutt Plow Company's works and Bellview school served as stations. Binoculars and the telescope were used.

The Attachees have organized a Mouth Organ Brigade under the leadership of Sergt. McGratton, and after his return from Toronto expect to have it going in full swing.

Mr. A. O. Leitch kindly donated silk for flags for the Signalling Corps. The Women's Patriotic League were good enough to make the flags up and the boys appreciate them very much.

Lt. Corp. Kelly, softball pitcher for the Attachees, claims he has a Charlie Hoss, caused by vaccination. "Scotty" Angus says all the members of the team had something in the last game and that he had to play the game alone.

## Reconnaissance from the Scouts

Speaking about generosity, a touching incident was pulled off the other day. 'Twas a balmy morning and the Scouts were about to start off on one of their Sunday School picnics, when one scout handed over his lunch to another to carry in his haversack, thinking he was going on the same patrol. A few minutes later the first man was transferred to another party. The light-hearted scout had other things in his dome and forgot to get his eats. At dinner time, the rest of his patrol (all of whom were formerly local preachers, missionaries, etc.) were shocked to hear Pte. Ireland cuss everything he could twist his tongue around, while the guy who had his eats was two miles away devouring 'luxuries' till he couldn't see.

Pte. Staats showed considerable ingenuity recently when he disguised himself in a farmer's overcoat in order to get through the enemy's lines. He will kindly call at the jail tomorrow where a large number of stripes are awaiting him.

The Scouts desire to thank all farmers who leave vats of maple syrup and other dainties for our convenience. "'Tis true we don't ride in motors (not always) but we always live high on our trips over the landscape, especially so in the case of the pretty youths (like Ptes. Upthegrove and F. Miller) who generally make a hit with some heavenly rural maiden.

## Machine Gun Flashes

The section held its first theatre party on Thursday evening. A good program was provided for the evening's entertainment after the show and supper.

The men of the Machine Gun Section have heard that some one, whilst talking to a man in "A" Co., referred to certain men of the section as being a bunch of sore-heads." Whoever passed the remark would never pass the M.O. a second time.

The Machine Gun men are good losers, when they lose anything, which is seldom. They did lose a game of soft ball to the signallers, but that was merely to encourage their opponents. The section sports committee has forbidden any further sacrifices of such a nature, so that this will not happen again.

It is rumoured in the section that a certain member has just perfected an improvement on the Lewis Automatic Machine Gun. Full particulars cannot be disclosed at present beyond the name of the device which the inventor calls the "Nose-Mouth-Piece." The exact location and operation of the gun are probably government secrets.

The Machine Gun Section and Signallers of the 84th Battalion, have challenged the Machine Gun Section and Signallers of the 125th Battalion to a game of foot-ball. The challenge will probably be accepted.

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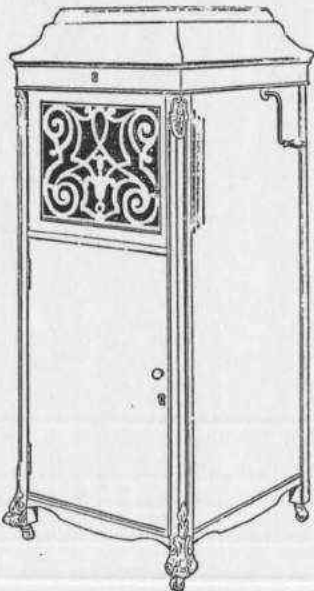
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We extend congratulations to Corp. Harry Briscoe and Le. Corp. Richards, recently connected with the Base. They left on the 10th inst., for Toronto to take a course in physical training and bayonet fighting.

Our old soldier is making a strong bid for a D. C. M. He has a firm hold on the sock. Stick to it, Martin.

Congratulations to our Sergeant on the good-showing made in the recent examination.

There awaits a hearty welcome for our Lieut. Hamilton whom we expect will be with us again shortly.

Martin, the old soldier, says he is strong in his religious faith, but has lost all faith in the physical stunts.

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Now that the different sports committees have been organized our section is getting busy, so that the Battalion will find us represented in nearly every branch.

Who is the man who is nursing a pair of bruised shins, the cause of which was his "Earnest" endeavour to hear the story of the "Butcher and his Dog."

WANTED—An invisible eye-lid prop to take the place of the finger-method now in prominence at all lectures, also a remedy to prevent snoring. Apply "Lefty Louie," S. B. Section.

We welcome to our section, Pte. Henry Hawley, late of the canteen, who will in future take up the method of Poultee Wallopping.

After demonstrating first aid to the different units during the past weeks, anyone doubting our ability in this line may have their minds set at ease by breaking a few bones and letting us convince them: "We Know How."

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## "A" Co'y. ACTIVITIES

To end the discussion as to who are the best walkers in "A" Company, No.'s 1 and 2 Platoons are willing to start one way around Tutela Heights, and let No.'s 3 and 4 go the other, and see which ones get back to the Market Square first.

Has Pte. T. D. Abbott's visit to the orderly room anything to do with the fellows calling him "Father?"

Oh! Yes. We are simply bugs about trench-digging.

Who, in No. 1 Platoon, was so anxious to get his part of the trench done that he broke a shovel in his hurry? "

"Scotty" Semple didn't know whether to use the pick on his teeth or the trench.

From the looks of some of the fellows in No. 2 Platoon, they are more accustomed to handling pens than picks and shovels.

On a recent route march, it was necessary to give No.'s 1 and 2 Platoons rifles to keep them from walking away from the rest of the Battalion.

Does Sage still want to join the artillery?

Pte. F. G. Wilson has just returned from staging Act I of his life, namely, his marriage. When is Act II to be pulled off?

Privates Matthews and J. O'Donohue are thinking seriously of getting married in the near future. We didn't know it had gone that far.

No. 2—We love our corporal, but Oh, for Mr. Andrews again.

How was it that Stuart sounded the retreat when he got hit in the eye recently.

A man came home the other evening and found his three children all busy on the floor with his box of cigars. "What are you doing with those cigars?" he cried. "Oh, father," said the boy, pointing to brown tobacco remnants on the floor, "we were pretending that they were khaki soldiers, and we took off their puttees and now we can't get them on again."

What private laughed aloud when he saw an officer of the 215th, formerly a school-teacher here, taking his hat off gallantly to some ladies in a motor?

Who was the corporal in charge of No. 4 Platoon at the shooting gallery who fired ten rounds and could only account for two rounds and then took a day off to look for the other eight which went wild.

## "B" Co'y. BREEZES

After very careful consideration, it has been decided that the N. C. O.'s in odd instances should remember that practice is much better than precept in regard to hair cutting regulations. Sergt. Crowley and Battalion Quarter Master Sergeant Mears, being present company, are excepted.

"B" Company was in the trenches on Friday afternoon of last week for the first time and came out of them without any serious casualties.

"B" Company's Punster has been busy on the last lap. Result—Why is "B" of the 125th C. E. F., the most healthy? Because wherever they go, the (Sea-go's). He also says the Scouts are trained by a Living Stone.

No. 5 Platoon—Allman was a Burley fellow who raised Cain with Catherwood, a Carpenter. Although he used Force and fairly ate Fish up, his conduct was not considered exactly Noble. So the Captain took a Redwood stick and gave him a Sharpe rap 'Edwards and Tol'Hurst to bury him Upt'grove where the Woodcock sings.

"Look here," said the sergeant to a very new recruit, "tomorrow the Colonel is coming to inspect you, and I hope you will answer the questions promptly."

"I will do my best, Sir," said Muggins.

"Now," said the sergeant, "the first question he will ask, 'How old are you, my man?' You will reply, 'Twenty-five, Sir.' He will then say, 'How long have you been in the service?' You will say 'Three months, Sir.' He will then say, 'Did you serve in the infantry or artillery?' You will reply 'Both, Sir'."

Muggins kept repeating this for the remainder of the day till he had it perfect for the morrow.

The Colonel arrived and Muggins was duly called out. "How long have you been in the service, my man?" was the Colonel's first question, slightly changing the order of his queries.

"Twenty-five years, Sir" promptly replied Muggins.

The Colonel opened his eyes very wide. "How old are you then?"

"Three months, Sir."

The Colonel foamed with rage, and yelled, "Are you a fool, my man, or am I?"

"Both, Sir," came the third and final answer.

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**LOST CHORDS  
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Cupid will not keep out of the ranks of the bugle band. Bugler Jack has taken his life long chum, and the boys showed their esteem for him by giving him a kitchen shower.

Corp. Maich is going to Toronto to take a three weeks course in Physical Exercise and Bayonet Fighting, so look out boys and get your joints well greased, be prepared for when he returns.

Corp. 772572 says it took the dentist and two men to pull that tooth of his out. It was three weeks long and no one would doubt it by the look on his face.

Drummer Luscombe has been transferred to the Base Detail because the base drum has more wind than he had, so we are relying on that well-known Irishman, Jack Frost. Great things are expected from him.

Who is the drummer who was given permission to get married (or buried), who has not yet got on long trousers, but is still wearing breeches?

There is a fellow in the band who is trying to get on the transport wagon. Well, he looks pretty queer on the ground and we will have to wait and see what he looks like on a horse.

**Brass Band Notes**

'Tis said that self-praise is empty compliments, so the Brass Band will not attempt to "BLOW THEIR OWN HORNS" because it would be impossible since half the band are using instruments loaned to them by the Dufferin Rifles. The boys are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the rest of their new instruments.

Just how our band compares with other battalion bands is at present hard to say as many of us have not had the opportunity of hearing any other except the 84th.

The social club in connection with the band is in a flourishing condition and have a nice sum in the bank.

The B. M. would like to secure a few more crackerjack clarinet players before we leave for camp.

"You don't wait until St. Andrew's Day to play Scotch music, or St. George's Day to play English music," said Bandmaster W. R. Bartram, at a band practice recently, "and I don't intend to wait until St. Patrick's Day to play Irish music."

Did you ever notice how the Bandmaster's eyes glisten and how one of the Trombone player's "RED NOSE" shines when the band plays popular Irish airs.

**"C" Company  
Cackles**

The members of No. 12 Platoon held their first pow-wow on Wednesday night, April 5, and certainly started things off with a whoop. After parading to the Brant Theatre and witnessing a splendid program they adjourned to the Tea Pot Inn where an elaborate banquet was speedily decimated in true military fashion. The menus were truly artistic productions from the pen of Pte. Laborde, and were termed "Athletic Menus," every item of the menu having a humorous allusion to our morning exercises. Pte. Laborde also provided elaborate invitations for the guests of the Platoon, in the person of Col. Cutcliffe, Major McLean, Capt. Cockshutt, Mr. Grobb and Mr. Wallace.

After the eats had been annihilated, the entertaining abilities of the banqueters were displayed. Mr. Grobb, our platoon commander, acted ably as chairman, and his comic reference to baldheads (including his own) convulsed his audience. Vocal number by Major McLean and Pte. Mears, and an instrumental selection by Pte. Hardy were thoroughly appreciated. Pte. Kemp brought down the house with an impersonation of Harry Louder, while speeches by Col. Cutcliffe, Major McLean, Capt. Cockshutt and Mr. Wallace were heartily applauded. Lieut. C. Slein kindly officiated at the piano.

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- 7.00 a.m. Breakfast.  
Meekly Wait and Murmur Not.
- 7.30 a.m. Swimming Parade.  
Shall we Gather at the River?
- 8.45 a.m. C. O.  
When He Cometh.
- 9.00 a.m. Physical Drill.  
Here We Suffer Grief and Pain.
- 9.30 a.m. Route March.  
Onward Christian Soldiers.
- 10.30 a.m. Fatigue.  
Go Labour On.
- 12.00 a.m. Dinner.  
Come Ye Thankful People Come.
- 2.00 p.m. Lecture by Officer.  
Tell Me the Old, Old Story.
- 3.30 p.m. Manouvres.  
Fight the Good Fight.
- 5.00 p.m. Supper.  
What Means This Eager Anxious Throng?
- 10.00 p.m. Last Post.  
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## "D" Co'y. DOINGS

We noticed that during the second lecture by the M. O. to "D" Company, three men were seized with fainting. During the third lecture and practical demonstration by the M. O. and stretcher-bearers on the treatment of fainting, etc., no one seemed willing to come across with the necessary fainting stuff, after seeing the sprinkler system at work.

Corp. Story's latest effort is to join the mouth organ band. We think he ought to make good at this judging from what we have seen of him.

Overheard on the Market, Saturday morning—"Waal, Waal. Gol dang me, if little Len hasn't joined the soldiers."

The football match between No.'s 13 and 14 Platoons did not draw a very big crowd at Tutela Park. The sports committee would do well to look some of these men over. The only accident of note was when Pte. Johnson tried to stop the ball, plus some mud, with his face.

A new drill movement, emanating from the 215th has been unearthed, and is as follows: To form column of fours from file, the leading file opens outwards, allowing the next file to come in between and so on. Some move.

Another one is: "The squad will retire, at the halt, about turn, quick march." Why, oh why, are we not issued with ammunition?

## PARIS PARTICULARS

Editor's Note—Evidently thinking the first issue of The War-Whoop was to be an encyclopaedia, our Paris scribe scribbled off enough dope for several chapters, but owing to the war-time necessity of practicing economy in space, it has been found impossible to print the bunk "in toto." A few lines however, follow.

Overhearing a discussion as to the relative merits of horse-flesh versus beef, the scribe would advise that the matter in dispute be left over until we arrive in camp. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating."

It is remarkable how different periods of the day affect certain people, especially soldiers. I have noticed that after 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 p.m. the command, "Right Dress", when drilling on parade ground, 75 per cent. of the heads go left, some left and a half. I wonder if the town clock has anything to do with this phenomenon?

It has been reported that Pte. W. Uren is under sentence (A life term, I believe) and that his execution will duly take place next week. Also Sergt. Smith, who has dodged the issue for at least ten years has at last been drugged, and will therefore be seen walking the plank also at an early date. Anyone wishing to join in the general lamentations in a tangible and convincing way, may do so by sending in their contributions to "Shorty," Paris, who has to attend to the last sad rites. (Compose yourselves.)

Having several sergeants on our hands up here, we can supply same at a very reduced figure. (Get in quick)

"It is an ill-wind, etc." Since the Canteen has been inaugurated the receipts of certain drug-stores are beginning to swell, mainly through the extraordinary sale of laxatives.

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## BATTALION ATHLETICS

During the coming summer the men of the Battalion will participate in 15 different sports. There is abundance of good material throughout the Battalion and some excellent teams should be made up for all these games. Arrangements are being made with other units in this military district, under the direction of Capt. T. Flannigan of the Sportsmen's Battalion. Co-operation is needed between the men and these committees to ensure success. It should be the wishes of all to see that our Battalion carries off the premier honors in the district as so much splendid material is available.

Major Newman is chairman of the Battalion Athletic Association; Lieut. F. Grobb is vice-chairman and Capt. A. E. Lavell is the secretary. The following committees have been chosen to represent the various sports and to organize the teams:

Soccer—Sergt. Howell, Corp. Stanley, Pte. Mears, Pte. Rogers, Pte. Mark.  
 Baseball—Lt. R. Brown, Sergt. McNaughton, Le. Corp. Field, Pte. Moore, Pte. Stewart.

Cricket—B. S. M. Shaw, Capt. Vansomeran, Sergt. Turner, Corp. Elliott, Pte. Richards.

Basketball and Handball — Lieut. Thorburn, Lieut. Preston, Lieut. Verity.

Boxing and Wrestling—Pte. Sims, Sergt. Smith, Pte. Donaghy, Pte. R. Wood, Pte. F. Downs.

Track, Field Sports and Cross Country—Lieut. Grobb, Sergt. Lyburn, Sergt. Unsworth, Pte. McFarlane, Pte. H. Lockley.

Swimming — Lieut. Smith, Pte. Healey, Jr., Pte. L. Wright.

Tug-of-war — Corp. O'Heron, Corp. Tyrrell, Pte. Mayes.

Quoits—Pte. W. Bowden.

Bayonet Fighting — Sergt. Gooch, Lieut. Woodyatt, Corp. Wolstuncraft, Corp. E. Matthews.

Bombing—Lieut. C. Slemin, Sergt. Skelton, Pte. Midgeley.

Miniature Range—Lieut. Seago, C. S. M. Miller, Sergt. Crowley, Sergt. Fitness, Corp. Dewar.

### Honors for Bombers

Honors are rapidly falling to the lot of the 125th. Recently in Hamilton, Corp. C. T. Nicholls and his class of bomb-heavers kept up the good reputation of the Battalion by passing their test with the highest percentage of marks, outclassing the bombers from the 86th, 120th, 84th and 98th Battalions. The Brants were awarded 716 out of a possible 800 points, the next highest being the 86th men who secured 632 points. Before their departure for Brantford, Major Buchanan praised the local men very highly for their work. The following Brant Battalion men participated in the test: Corp. Nicholls, Lance Corporal Wickens, Privates Street, Short, Whitta, Midghy, Sneath, Lamb, Johnson, Johnstone, Coxhead, Raynor, Ramsay, Elliott, Wright, Bennett, Gunner, Daiken, Rising and Cooper.

### Unsung!

While poets sing of halcyon days,  
 Of childhood days and May days,  
 We must regret  
 That they forget  
 Those happy days—the pay days.  
 Though pay days come and pay days go,  
 There rarely is a sad one;  
 The poets, too,  
 Would tell it you,  
 But perhaps they never had one.

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### Brass Band Score Success

The massed band concert which was held in the Grand Opera House on Wednesday evening, April 5th, by the combined bands of the 84th and 125th was pronounced by all, one of the best and most pleasing concerts ever held in Brantford. Those present were more than delighted with the program and did not hesitate to tell their friends about it. The band played: "O Canada," followed by the March "Carry On." The overture, "French Comedy" elicited loud applause.

Corporal Munny of the 84th recited "Gungha Din" and was loudly applauded.

Major McLean was in excellent voice and sang "The British Bull Dog Waiting at the Door," and for an encore, sang Mr Higgin's song: "The King Needs You."

Miss Vera Redding's song, "The 125th Battalion", was most pleasingly given by Bandsman Clifford B. Todd, who was forced to acknowledge three encores.

Mr. James T. Whittaker sang two patriotic songs in capital style, as did Dr. E. Hart and the audience applauded loud and long.

"There is a Land" was sung by Miss Hilda Hurley, Brantford's popular vocalist. She was called back and presented with a handsome bouquet of roses.

In his humorous sketch, Pte. Gus Hogan made a great hit especially in his local song when he sang a verse about a member of the Military Police, known to all the soldier boys as "Cock Robin". The applause afforded "Gus" was deafening.

The Misses Williams delighted the audience with a song "A Little Bit of Heaven" and for an encore gave an Irish Jig.

The boxing bout given by the Johnson Brothers, two little lads, was one of the best numbers on the program.

As a fitting climax to the concert a banquet was held in the Tea Pot Inn on Thursday night, April 6th, when the musicians of both the 84th and 125th bands gathered around the festive board and partook of an excellent spread prepared by caterer Crumback.

### *A Parting Word*

Now that you have finished reading the paper, there is one last word we would like to say to you. The merchants of this city have been very kind in buying advertising space. It was the original intention to make the first issue of The War-Whoop only 16 pages but the merchants supported us so royally that we were obliged to increase this number to 20 pages. The men of the Battalion, their wives and families can show their appreciation to those who have backed The War-Whoop by—  
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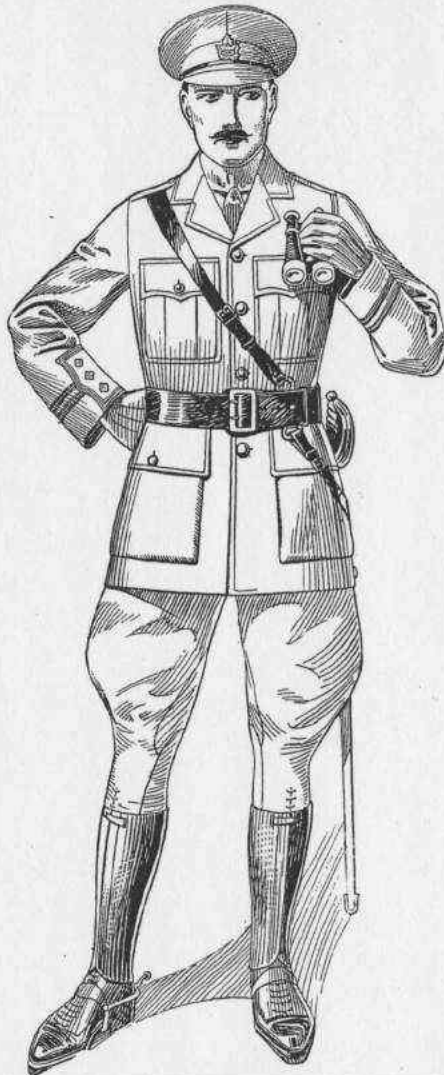
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