LIFE IN TRENCHES
AS SOLDIERS TELL IT

Little Paper Published at the Front by Canadian Scottish
a Human Document.

DAILY TOLL OF CARNAGE

But Stout-Hearted 'Johnny Canuck,' Despite the Nerve-Racking Strain, is Cheerful Through It All.

Military authorities on the western front of the European war seem to be encouraging the publication of regimental journals by the men in the trenches. At any rate, these little papers are increasing rapidly in number.

Judged by journalistic standards, they are "trifles light as air." Yet they are, mainly to the chronicling of regimental gossip and persiflage, but they serve to lighten the gloom of the great war by consoling the old world, and render more bearable the lot of the men who, day after day, go into and out of the inferno of cataclysm.

These publications began to spring up in the sea of days of war. Even on the 'dash for Paris' German soldiers found time to commandeer newspapers or to do what they did out regimental publications. One can imagine what they must have been doing on the German seat in respect of the old world as well enough as a makeshift. Since then the custom has spread, and now the chances are that every regiment on each side on the western front has a publication of some kind. Not too much is known of conditions on the other fronts, but it is probable that the soldiers there also have their little papers.

Pew details have been received about the journalistic activities behind the lines of the Canadian Scottish. Of course, the difficulties of communication, but comparatively full reports have come in on the goings-on at the trenches. The Canadians seem to have their full share of the nitty-gritty of trench life. The Battalion publications includes The Dead, The Belle, The Goat, The Old Man, The Goat, The Glorifier, The Twentieth Gazette, The Trench Echoes, and The Daily Field Ambulance papers. The Canadian Scottish are published on a Frontier, New and Now Then.

The Bavarian is Lighted.

And now comes The Bavarian, a new publication, the first number of which has just reached New York. This is the organ of the Sixteenth Battalion, the 'Bavarians.' Its origin is said to be established by permission of Lieut. Col. J. E. De Witt, C. B., who is connected with the battalion. The Bavarian explains, "We are 'A Bavarian of the barracks and German of the heart.' Some are printed in England and others in Canada. They have a large office in the front, while The Bavarian has an added advantage of being printed in Canada by regimental employees. Prices of these journals range from 5c to 10c per copy."

The police of The Bavarian is twofold. It is a four-page weekly, the paper being printed in England. It is not badly printed, and it is illustrated, but the writing is better than the illustrations. The latter is evidently the truth of the matter in the Russian trenches. One of the illustrations is in the first section, and it seems to be the Christmas season. It is a little picture of a soldier with a Christmas card, with the word "Edward" on it, posted to his wife by the postmaster general of the Canadian Canadian. The Manitoba paper presents a figure of John D. Hind, bull-dogger of the 85th Regiment, pressing the files in Kilts, who is handing over his compliments to the season, that at first glance looks like a smoking Christmas pudding, but on closer inspection, turns out to be a picture of an English soldier.

The Brazier is introduced to the world with a letter from the commander of the battalion, which he describes as the "Brazier" of the Eighteenth, which is "primarily..." a vehicle for regimental news and comments, and occasionally for extracts that are not necessarily" such as verse, joke, or sketch," and yet the Brazier is a welcome sight. The heartily support of all ranks in making the enterprise successful is also expressed, which will probably be the esprit de corps of the Canadian Scottish. The Brazier is Private Percy F. Goodwin, with the help of Lieut. G. A. Goodwin, Adjutant of the battalion, who recently had been decorated in black gaiters, a distinguished Service Order for gallantry at the battle of Flanders. He had been wounded in this engagement and was still suffering from his injuries so severely as to be unable to make himself heard, so the Brazier "whispered" his speech to Capt. Heaton, who repeated it word for word to the audience—a grim reminder of the realities of war. Major General Godfrey, who has been complimented for the uniform publication of the battalion on "the magnificent way you bore your part in the Yeomanry" and "the Yeomanry" and "and subsequently at Festubert," he has been thanked "for the splendid exhibition of courage and discipline." The battalion has received the gift of four machine guns to the battalion from a grateful nation. Another is devoted to the sports of the battalion, and another to "The Canadian Hour of Baseball. Still another item tells of the gift of a "Halifax" to the Canadian Telephone Brigade. The long list of "Thanks" to those who have given in barns where troops are billeted.

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Daily Deluge of Missiles.

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