

# THE DUMP





[Extract from W.O. Letter.]

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## FOREWORD.

WELL, boys—here I am at last—very out of breath and dishevelled, but still going strong and always Merry and Bright. I had a devil of a race with Father Christmas, but am glad to say I upheld the traditions of the good old 23rd Division and won, getting here not only just in time to wish you all a jolly

good Christmas and the best of luck in the New Year, but in time for you to send me to convey these sentiments to your relations and friends at home. That is, if you'll only keep still; of course, if you *will* try to do a walking tour round the world don't blame me if I'm a bit late. You must excuse me if I have arrived a bit untidy this year, but really I have been through the most trying times, and had an awful rush to get here at all. The first blow was my popular Editor of last year got what I am told is a better job, though I cannot imagine a better job than being in the "Dumps" or, rather, with the "Dumps." My new Editor had never done the job before, which was rather a blow, to say the least of it, and at first he seemed ridiculously busy with little details which had nothing to do with me. Luckily, a very good-natured chap who dressed in funny coloured breeches and wore a thing on his head called a 'Glengharry, was attached to my Editor's Office, and when we came out for a rest he kindly took on some of the jobs which had been interfering with my appearance, otherwise I really don't think I would ever have got here. Then soon after I had begun to grow and get really important, I was worried with horrible weather by day and beautiful fine moonlight nights, which Fritz made good use of—most unpleasant, as my cover is not shell-proof. However, I won't bore you any more with how I arrived. I am here—" 'nuf said"—I only hope you will like me.

Before I close I must congratulate you all on your splendid achievements during the past year—no wonder your General is so proud of you and you walk about with your tails up!

Lastly, when that long-looked-for day arrives, and the 23rd Division, assisted by the rest of the British Expeditionary Force and our Allies, have smashed up the Boche so badly that he asks for peace on our terms—it is thought that while we are waiting for our war bonuses and for a boat to take us home, you might like a War Final Dump. To enable this to be born nice and quickly, I want you all to start right away sending my Editor your contribution for the next "Dump." Whenever you can find time to do a sketch or write anything, do not hesitate to send it along at once.

Many thanks to all the kind friends and contributors who have made me what I am this Christmas.

Yours very sincerely,

"THE DUMP."

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Since arrival in France on the 24th August, 1915, the following Decorations have been bestowed on members of the 23rd Division:—

	1915 & 1916.	1917.	Total.
VICTORIA CROSS	.. 4	1	5
K.C.M.G.	.. —	1	1
C.B.	.. 1	—	1
C.M.G.	.. 4	3	7
BAR TO D.S.O.	.. —	3	3
D.S.O.	.. 12	33	45
BAR TO MILITARY CROSS	.. 2	12	14
MILITARY CROSS	.. 84	160	244
BAR TO D.C.M.	.. 2	3	5
D.C.M.	.. 57	90	147
BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL	.. 8	45	53
MILITARY MEDAL	.. 596	784	1380
MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL	.. 9	2	11
FRENCH DECORATION	.. 1	14	15
ITALIAN DECORATION	.. —	4	4
BELGIAN DECORATION	.. —	1	1
RUSSIAN DECORATION	.. 3	—	3
MONTENEGRIN DECORATION	.. 3	—	3



