

CHIN-WAG Newsletter

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As those at the front and those at home prepare for a third Christmas at war, the tone in the letters from club members this month is slightly more hopeful as they try to make the best of the festive season.

Dear CHIN-WAGGERS

Just a few lines to let you and the Club know that I am still in the land of the living. You must have nearly forgotten me, it is such a time since I wrote to the Club, but better late than never.

Well, I suppose that the Club is thinking about Christmas a good deal now. We are aboard ships learning a few songs, etc., to make the most of a quiet time, it is rather quiet waiting for the German fleet to come out again, I expect they will find us a little too lively for them, though, when they do come out.

The same thing day after day, I have not much to write about. So closing with all good and pleasant wishes for you and all at the Club for Christmas and New Year.

I remain yours sincerely,

F. W. Morris



Dear CHIN-WAGGERS

I am afraid I have been very uncommunicative lately, but when you live in a desert as I do there is not very much to write about except sand and Bedouins and camels and 'pi dogs' – these are not very interesting subjects.

I had two or three days' leave not long ago, and I spent them at Cairo. The Nile in flood (as it is now) is a very remarkable sight viewed from the hill up above the town.

The best of wishes to all those members at the various fonts and the best of luck.

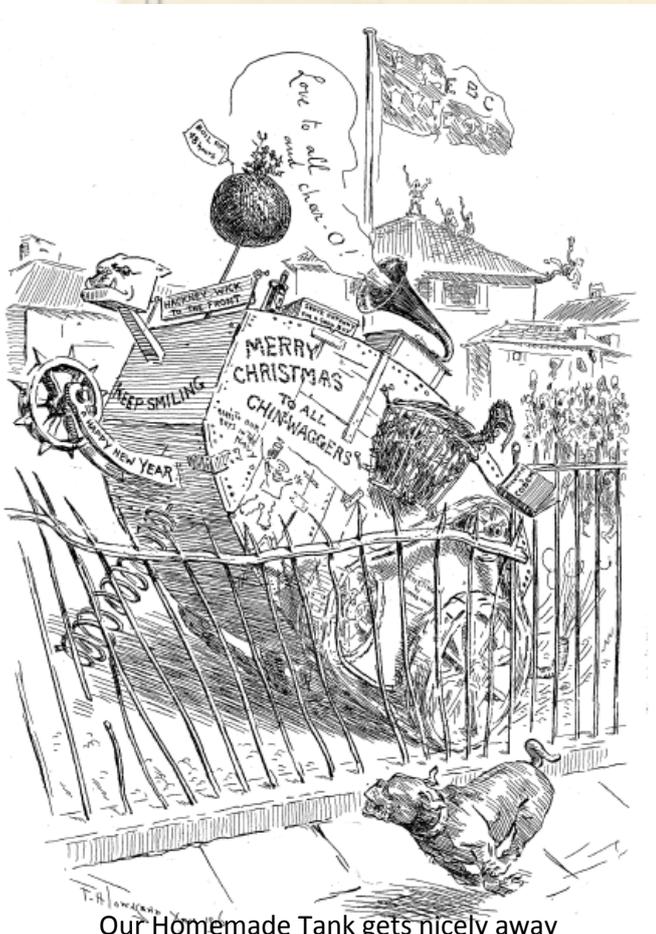
Edward Cadogan

Dear CHIN-WAGGERS

I have received your parcel OK and I thank you very much indeed for it, and also for the numerous other parcels you have sent me; they are excellent for the trenches.

I sincerely hope that the Club is still as great as ever. I wish everyone who is serving abroad the very best of luck, and as happy a Christmas as it is possible to have under the circumstances. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and every success for the New Year. I remain, one of the lads.

William Mills



Our Homemade Tank gets nicely away

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