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## EDITORIAL

The honour of Knighthood which His Majesty the King has been pleased to confer on Major General Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence will receive the commendation of all Canadians, particularly those of the Canadian Contingents on active service. It is the merited recognition of the zeal and energy shown in the work of organising the first men sent overseas, a task, the accomplishment of which, in the time given and in view of the circumstances, is not yet fully appreciated.

In one week Canada has voluntarily given the money necessary for the purchase of all Machine Guns available. This will be cheering news for Canada's soldiers in the firing line where the urgent need for machine guns is only too well known.

### Dug out doubts

Pte Inquiz. "How did you get on with Paymaster, Bill?"  
Pte Slimpurz. (who has just received 28 days N<sup>o</sup> 1.) "No good - He asked me what I wanted the money for, and when I told him periscopes and field glasses, he said he couldn't see through it."

1st T. C. "Where is the insect powder?"  
2nd T. C. "Over in that box."  
1st T. C. "Which can is it?"  
2nd T. C. "The small one."  
1st T. C. "Gee Whizz: I thought that was pepper and put it in the stew this morning."

Officer (to platoon crossing the Douve River). "Form two-deep."

Private (front rank). "We are already too - deep."

### Hints to young Soldiers

(I Guess Not)

Never obey an order from an Officer.

If you do not like the orders given by your Sergeant strike him.

Never clean your rifle, it makes it shine too much in the trench.

When relieving a company in the firing line make as much noise as you can, when going up the communication trench.

If you want to make some tea, get some nice damp wood or straw it makes a nice cloud of smoke.

If you are a sentry keep your head well above the parapet.

Its safer.

If you feel tired go to sleep, it does not matter if you are on guard.

If you see an enemy aeroplane, make as much movement as possible and look up at it.

If you are a sentry and see a stranger in the trench who asks questions, tell him all you know about the movements of troops, how many men in reserve, or any other little bits that might be of use to the enemy.

Always drink water from wells in deserted farms or streams, before the M.O. spoils it.

There will be bags in the trench for empty tins, do not put your empty tins in them, they look nice on the parapet, they also help to drive the blue bottles away.

Always leave half empty tins of jam where the M.O. can see them, he likes throwing them away.

In passing orders always try to alter them as much as possible.

Always eat your "Iron Rations" as soon after receiving them as possible, it makes less to carry.

At night always sleep in the middle of the trench to make it easier for persons on duty going up and down the trench.

By counting the spots in a pack of cards; counting the ace as one, deuce as two, etc. jack as eleven, queen as twelve, king as thirteen, and the joker as one; you will find there are 365. The number of days in the year.

There are four suits the number of weeks in a year.

There are twelve picture cards the number of months in a year. There are fifty two cards in the pack, the number of weeks in a year and the joker for the extra day.

So that way a pack of cards may be used as calender.

### Will some one tell us

Where the printer of "The Listening Post" learnt to spell.

How many N. C. O's are equivalent to one man on a working party?

Why the M.O. doesn't issue a dose of pain-killer, just by way of variety?

Who was the man who put in for a commission in the Army Ordnance Core?

Where the second Canadian Contingent is?

How chances are to get a job on "The Listening Post" staff?

What the 1st Battalion would like to do to a prominent member of our regt. police.

Who is going on leave next week.

When our reinforcements are coming?

Who is N<sup>o</sup> 1 Co's scratching post and is he available in the trenches?

If any of the subscribers to the tobacco fund ever smoked an 'Arf a Mo'?

Who told the "Drone" he was formerly a picked white man?

Why the sencor dosent issue more green envelopes?

Printer's note;

Where the contributor of the above article learned to spell?

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