

"NUTS AND RATIONS."

The German General Staff has demonstrated that it can lie and run at the same time.

Perhaps the Kaiser could put his warships on wheels and use them as tanks.

When the Kaiser boasted recently about "Our victorious arms," he quite forgot to say a word about victorious legs.

Wonder if the next German war loan will be for the running expenses of the army.

Anyway things are looking much brighter since the British took Lens. With Bulgaria down and out, and Turkey soon to follow, all this talk about peace is just Bosche.

The unkindest cut of all is to ask some men in military uniforms,— "When did you get back?"

Now we are beginning to realize why they called them "Czars of all the Russians".

Save your dollars. The nickels which wont buy anything can now look after themselves.

The British authorities are publishing the names of 150 ex-commanders of German submarines to prove to the German government that they know that this number of U-Boats have been destroyed. The number is large enough to explain the fact that the "menace" has been diminishing of late. Germany with all its organization and skill can hardly build submarines at that rate.

Somme battle, Aisne't it?

Colonel (looking up from charge sheet at Scotch prisoner):—"Who are you?" Prisoner:—"Fine, Sir, an' hoo's yer-sel'?"

We were under the impression that Spain was neutral. At any rate we did not expect to come to Grippe with her.

We feel that the Cap and Bells fits us ill in the presence of the Grim Horseman who has visited our Camp and thrust in his Seythe to gather to himself some of our best comrades.

At the hour of going to press we regret to report the serious illness of Lieut. S. A. Lang of the E. T. D. Mr. Lang has been for some time assistant editor of this paper and his contributions have been of great value. This great epidemic now visiting our Camp is no respecter of persons, Officers, N.C.O.'s and men alike have felt its dire effects.

We cannot let the opportunity pass without expressing regret at the death of one of the best and finest of Sergeants who have been in our Depot. Jimmy Boyd was respected by everyone, and although, sometimes, the subject of the caustic wit of his mess-mates, he took it all in good part. Personally we have lost a good friend. His demise is greatly regretted by

PAT.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor

"Knots and Lashings".

Sir:—

Why not get up some inter-company sports? Are we Sappers a lot of parlour-athletes and feather-bed sportsmen that we have to sit around like dead-ones while we could have regular leagues for baseball, field sports, field hockey, basket ball, etc., etc.

That's the kind of stuff that promotes good fellowship and friendly rivalry. Why not wake up and shake off the dust?

Yours for sport,

Sapper Pepper.

To Sapper Pepper we must say that in a depot of this kind, where

the duration of the stay of any man is an uncertainty, it is nearly impossible to organise along the lines he has suggested.

We have had some good football and baseball games this season, and the tennis courts have been available although not much used.

Ed.

"SCRAPS OF PAPER"

We all know what Kaiser Bill and his legions called the "Treaty with Belgium" and wonder if they have changed their Hunnish ideas since their "treaty" or arrangement with Bulgaria has gone the same route? Keep it up, Bill! Everything comes to him who waits.



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