

Mounted Section Wants to Know

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Why a Driver was blamed for the episode under "Push" in the last edition?

Would the Orderly Officer for the night of the 24-25 be giving too much away to "Who let you in, Sapper Mc——?"—no, we want tell!

How many Mac's are there in the Mounted Section?

Overheard in Stables:—C.S.M. calling the roll and receiving no answer to a name called:—"Nar, then; just think of the nime yer jined up wiv."

SQUIBS AND CONUNDRUMS

Forged by Jimmy Barr, Staff Farrier Sergeant, E. T. D., at his own forge in his own time nigh to the good drinking water.

We are the mounted section:—We mount pickets;—We mount horses;—We DON'T Mount Johnson!—get that, flat feet!

The horse is a man's companion: a sapper's aversion. Eh, what?



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How does a recruit ride differ from a route march?

The driver falls OFF. The sapper falls OUT! The driver commingles with the stars: the sapper, with the MUD!

The horse is fed on real oats; the driver only on mush!—which I think accounts for the fact that the horse less frequently overstays his pass than the driver.

CHRISTMAS IN HALIFAX.

Halifax, Dec. 26, 1917.

Editor "Knots and Lashings".

Dear Sir:—

In spite of the fact that duty holds us to our work in Halifax, and we are unable to spend Christmas with our friends, we have to report a very pleasant Christmas in old Halifax.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of the Canteen Committee the men of the Halifax draft enjoyed an excellent dinner on Christmas eve in the banquet hall of "The Tally-Ho".

Lt. Young, as master of ceremonies, played "dad" to his big family in a very able manner. The boys were very glad to welcome Lt. Stewart back into the family. Capt. Davis, O.C. of the 4th Co., R.C.E.'s, was the guest of the evening and enjoyed himself so much that he gave us an extension of leave that he might prolong the pleasure.

After the good things to eat had been safely stowed beneath the khaki, the remainder of the evening was very pleasantly spent in song, music and smoking.

Spr. Cormil delighted all with his well rendered songs. Spr's Graham, Andron, Smith, Dick and Underhill all held forth in their ablest manner. Care was forgotten and like a big family of boys we gave ourselves up to the enjoyment of the evening.

Capt. Davis extended the season's greetings to the boys. Lt. Stewart gave us some wise-words of counsel.

Sapper Harrison, being called upon, had nothing to say but took a long time to say it. For once within the memory of A.I. he had nothing to kick about.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the Canteen Committee for their thoughtfulness, and the passing of a resolution to wire the season's greetings to Lt. Col. Melville and the men of the Engineer Training Depot at St. Johns, the evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Spr. A. MACKAY.

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