

until he findeth that he hath but r87 on his roll, and then the language he useth would never be heard from a minister's son.

He hath on his nominal roll a total of ninety non-coms., but when he desireth the assistance of one corporal he findeth him not. He starteth an investigation and learneth that the corporals have stripped their stripes and standeth in the ranks with the private and again he useth language which hath no place in church.

He eateth his meals on the run and he sleepeth not till late. The steps he taketh during the day are many and at night his legs are weary. He getteth snugly tucked in and thinketh to sleep when the bugle again bloweth and he rusheth to answer. Again he heareth himself condemned and when he sayeth that he heareth not the silvery notes, the R.S.M. sayeth unto him, "Dig out the ears."

He becometh angry and returneth again to his quarters, but again the bugle soundeth and he goeth forth for another cussing. He becometh angry and tradeth his blankets for a lantern for the nights are dark and he resteth not. Yea, verily, his lot is hard to bear.

PURELY PERSONAL.

In walking about the camp the other day we were more than pleased to bump into George Mitchell, who helps to make the thunder in the heavy descriptive selections rendered by the band. His old smile was evident and he had a grin on his face a yard long when he mentioned his recent vacation, during which he went to London. The smile faded when we recalled the recent issue

of kilts, and George went his way muttering sounds which sounded curiously like the old days in Lethbridge when he conducted a school in swearing.

A little further along we met Sergt. Fraser, and stopped to ask him the news of his unit. He incidently told us of dropping his name from a train and of the scores of letters he has received since. Fraser never appealed to us as much of a ladies' man, but when he asked us to help him answer the letters we quickly reversed the opinion. The problem was finally solved by writing to the newspaper of the town from which the letters hailed and thanking the writers publicly.

Then we ran into Sergt.-Major Abrough, who had been ill for several days but would not neglect his duty. He informed us that he had been granted a week-end pass and was going home for a couple of days. We congratulated him, and then

We met about thirty of the fellows making their way to the train for a six days' trip. All were highly elated and it is surely not too much to expect some wonderful stories of jolly good times when they return.

Pte. Sam Nuttall was the next man we met. Sam was just coming off pass and wore an expression which was a combination of pleasure and sorrow. He had not been home for fourteen years, and was thoroughly appreciative of the opportunity which had been granted him for making the visit. He told of the good times he had enjoyed, but his face again darkened when he referred to his final leave taking.

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