

To a Sodger's Louse.

Wee scamperin' irritatin' scunner,
Hoo daur ye worry me, I wunner,
As if I hadna lots to dae,
Blockin' the road to auld Calais.

Withoot ye.

Ye'll hardly let me hae a doss
For you paradin' richt across
Ma back, ma neck, and doun ma spine,
Thinkin' nae doot ye're dain' fine
Sookin' ma bluid.

When at ma Country's ca' I came,
To fecht for Beauty, King and Hame,
I read ma yellow form twice,
But it said nought 'bout fechtin' lice,
Or I had gibbered.

When "Little Willies" skiff ma heid,
Or me aboot to draw a bead,
I fain would stop to scart ma back,
To shift ye off the bitten track,
Afore I fire.

When through the shirt o' Sister Sue,
I search maist carefully for you,
I smile to think the busy wench,
Ne'er dreams her seams mak' sic a trench
To gie ye cover.

Whit Labyrinthine dug-out too,
Ye're makin' in our kilts the noo.
Ye're reinforcements tak' the bun,
Encouraged by the Flanders sun,
To keep us lively.

Gott Strafe ye, little kittlin' beast,
Ye maybe think ye'll mak' a feast
O' me, but no, ye'll get a had
When next ye try to promenade
Across ma kist.

The mixture in the bottle here
Is bound to mak' ye disappear.
Nae mair I'll need to mak' ye click,
Ane dose, they say'll dae the trick
As shure as d'ath.

We Want to Know—

IF we will ever get that Web Equipment?

WHY a certain officer always calls an ambulance a "bus?"

IF Captain Donaldson is going to tour Canada with his collection of trophies apres la guerre?

WHAT is the lowest temperature experienced by Captain Pringle? 118 degrees below zero is surely mild for the Yukon.

IF a certain N.C.O. has given up riding until he has learnt to swim?

WHEN the next re-union of the Engineers is to take place?

IF it is really necessary for the Orderly Officer to inspect the horse lines so frequently during his tour of duty?

WHEN the Minstrel Show is being produced at the London Coliseum?

Literature Received.

TALES OF THE YUKON (By Dr. John Pringle).—This book, an advance copy of which is just to hand, provides most interesting reading. The writer's long sojourn in the Far North entitles him to speak authoritatively on the many subjects that are dealt with. The incidents he relates of the faithfulness and sagacity of his canine companions could only be accepted *cum grano salis* were it not for the fact that we know the doctor so well. Although somewhat lengthy, there is not a dull page between the covers of the volume.

LEAD SWINGING (by C—).—A perusal of this handbook, covering a subject with which "C" is a past master, is well repaid. As a guide to the art it is invaluable, and can be recommended to recruits and reinforcements.

PORTABLE LIGHTING SYSTEMS (By A.P.D.).—This little pamphlet, the second of a series, deals in non-technical language with the many ills that portable lighting systems fall heir to, and the attention of the Tent Subdivisions is directed to it.

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