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THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW ?

If it is true that a certain gay young private spends all his evenings on his allotment, and if he realises what "a lot it meant" to his health.

Whether the two new "sergeants" in R.I.F. Branch "celebrated" last week.

If S.-Sergeant Savage is trying to live up to his name?

What kind of a clock a certain young private keeps to get him to the office a half an hour before time, and if there is an attraction on the early train?

Why a certain young lady in R.I.C. is visiting Wimbledon on Sunday, and is her Uncle really stationed there, or is it the "Young Soldiers' Battalion" she is visiting?

Why is Private Morley (R.I.F.) so happy these days, and is it because he manages to find solutions to all his queries?

Whether a certain Corporal in R.I.F. (who is a Scotsman) has spent his leave among the bonny, bonny heather, and if he donned Kilts. If not, why not?

Who is the corporal in R.I.E. who is always broke when requested to subscribe to a deserving cause?

And is it true that he was desirous of changing half-a-crown a few minutes before the collection?

How did S.-Sgt. Oliver like his "taxi" ride to Brixton?

If Sgt. Bob Berryman knows the difference between a taxi and a motor lorry?

Did Pte. E. A. Williams like his "Irishman's" rise, and is he always "orderly"?

Is it surprising that a "Seaman" likes the water?

Can "Coles" float as well as "Wood"?

Where S.-Sgt. Gill was taught his "fairy-like" movements, and is he aware that they won't work on "jerks" parade?

Is it true that S.-Sgt. Mellis really "knows" which side of the horse to mount?

And does he wear his spurs when "riding," or only at the office?

How much longer, in this age of education, it will be before that superior person who stands for hours waiting for the procession to pass, while he criticises the rest of the crowd for waiting, will take a tumble and ask himself why HE is there?

Who is the corporal in the office who used to be a commercial before the war, and does the junk he now pedals round the office come from Woolworth's?

If Sgt. Mason (R.I.B.) is a telephone linesman by profession, and did he try to "fix" Lieut. Coleman's buzzers?

What did Pte. Hill mean when he said "I HAD to look the OTHER way, but I KEPT my eye on you"?

If it is true that the P.T. Instructor of Class 1 (the old soldiers' squad), in exasperation at their colossal denseness, threatened to knock their "blocks" off,

and that, in the absence of that Oatmeal, Savage Jock Eadie, no one had the pluck or guts to accept the challenge?

Did the aforesaid instructor say on another occasion, "It's all in the head you 'se fellows is supposed to have superior intelligence, that's why you 'se is working here"?

Whether Cpl. Easy's opinion of Pte. Giles is fit for publication?

What was Pte. King, R2 A, CS, doing in Holborn at 3 o'clock in the morning?

Why Cpl. Littlebury was not picked for the second eleven cricket team?

And will he still be able to have bread and cheese for lunch now he has had an addition to his family?

Why is S.-Sgt. Seggie always sleepy after lunch?

How many bridges are there across the Thames, and is it possible to walk the lot in one night? Will the Berryman—Whitey combine enlighten us?

When does Cpl. Page intend to draw the \$100.00 Victory Loan sweep?

Is it right that the C.R.O. is going to instal shower baths on Cpl. Easy's recommendation?

The reply a certain S.Q.M.S. made when a lady gave him an affectionate dig in the ribs, with the remark "Now how are you to-day"?

And what his wife would think of this form of popularity.

What university did Pte. C. Bell graduate from?

What brand of tobacco does Harry Easy smoke, and did he bring that pipe over with him in 1914?

How much money did a certain private make when he raffled several sacks of Bull Durham a short time ago?

Has Aunt Maggie got an attack of the 'flue?

If Cpl. Halmshaw of R2 B1 is ever going to stop grumbling and smile again?

If it wouldn't be better for a certain S.-Sgt. on the third floor to shave before coming to the office, instead of performing operations after he arrives.

If anyone was displeased with the rain because it kept them off physical jerks?

If a certain private in R2 B1 will stay at home next time the "Soldier's Friend" condescends to visit him?

If it takes the shoemaker three months to look at a pair of boots, how long will he take to finish them?

Does Pte. Young know that "Light" will not improve sugar?

How many sleepless nights Pte. C. T. Beech has spent figuring up the total amount of that back-pension, which he anticipates receiving in the near future, and whether he is waiting for the said pension to get some soap which he is always buying in the morning?

CURRENT WIT OF THE OFFICE.

Two little boys were discussing the affairs of the family, and Johnnie said, "Oh, say! my father has a new set of false teeth." "Has he?" said his little friend, "what is he going to do with the old set?" "Oh!" said Johnnie, with a look of pride on his face, "they are going to cut those down for me."

An Englishman, Irishman, Scotsman and Jew were all out on a travelling expedition in America. The Jew and Scotsman, by the way, were very fond of their money, and looked after it well. After a few days the old Jew took sick and died, so the Irishman and Englishman got together and decided they would each put a sovereign in the coffin as a token of respect to their old friend. When the Scotsman came, they told him what they had done, and asked if he would follow suit. "Auch Aye!" said the Scottie, and immediately sat down, wrote out a cheque for £3, placed it in the coffin, and put the two sovereigns in his pocket.

Staff Officer: What is your disability, my man?

Staff Sergeant: Loose cartilage of the knee, sir.

Staff Officer: Yes, and does that prevent you from shaving in the morning?

Staff Sergeant (looking round for his horse with the object of bolting, but as the horse could not be found) remains 'shon, but blushing.

Now the war has come to stay,
 Things get shorter every day;
 Shorter boots our girls have had,
 Shorter frocks—but let's be glad,
 If their dresses get much shorter,
 We shall see more than we oughter.

The use of steel in corsets is to be restricted. The WASTE must be STAYED before the WAIST.

A widow's veil is not so much a veil as a spider's web.

One of the brightest experiences of this durned war is to hear a bunch of hard-bitten fighting men in khaki roaring out the grand old hymn:—

Do we ever get a furlough?
 Do we ever get a pass?
 Do we LOVE our Sergeant Major?
 Yes, we do—Pom-pom-pom-pom.

The other day a Tommy met an American soldier, and in conversation the big Bertha that shells Paris came up under debate.

Says Tommy to the Yank: "What do you think of Fritz's new gun?"

Yank: "Oh, not much."

"But come," says Tommy, "it's a pretty tidy gun that can put a shell over 70 miles."

Yank: "Oh, that's nothing. We're making a gun in Chicago that can put it in the shade. The first time we fire it, all the gun crew are getting a fortnight's leave to wait for the recoil."