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to the ceiling, and here lies the interesting point, that is, that the ceiling of this emplacement must be 1 foot plus 18 inches or 2' 6" above ground-level, and therefore, for a strong roof which is 6 feet thick we have our crest 8'6" above ground-level.

When you consider that an average permanent trench has the crest of the parapet about 3 feet above ground-level, how are you going to hide this lump that you have created at this point, and concealment is a large factor in its safety. In the case of a breastwork, which is a trench, the majority of which is built above the ground line and which will have an average of about five feet of material thrown up as a parapet, the problem is much easier.

In any case, unless your dimensions are very great and a great quantity of material is used, the emplacement will not accommodate a gun crew who are just as important to protect as is the gun. And a second point is, that however strong your construction may be, you cannot protect your loophole, which is always a vulnerable point, and if it should receive a direct hit the emplacement is probably entirely out of action.

ATTEMPTED SUSANSIDE.

"Knots and Lashings" need never lack copy while Staff Sergeant Barr is around, but we regret to learn that he has made an attempt to defeat our ends in bringing about his own.

We threaten to expose his tendencies if he continues in these attempts, and will tell our readers how he chased a poor wee doggie with murder in his eye, a hyponeedle in his hand, and a sword bayonet between his teeth. How, after many miles of chasing and dodging, he made a jab and broke the needle in the doggie, pressed the squirt arrangement and found to his horror the stream of poison had landed on his arm-previously scratched in the scuffle.-All the available medical help was at once summoned, and in breathless haste headed by Rags arrived in time to advise the Staff Sergeant that he had a really good chance to live. He is still alive at the time of going to press and still able to sit up and take any nourishment anyone likes to pay for.

What hardy men these Scotchmen are.

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PICKLED NUTS.

We have it on reliable authority that the Pickle factory is to be opened up by the E. T. D. Preservation Section. Only those qualified in the art of self-preservation are to be appointed to the staff of which Jimmy Boyd is to be O.C.

The first vat is to commence operations as soon as the walnuts on Sergeant Locke's canteloupe plants are ripe. To Sergeant Boyd we are indebted for this information and also that the appointment of C.S.M. Evans to the post of O.C. Pickle factory was considered but met with disapproval owing to the fact that he is in vinegar most of the time anyway. Too many 'pickled's' spoil the brew.

We saw C.S.M. McLaren in the vicinity of the orderly room too about the time the scheme was mooted, but probably for reasons as stated in the other connection he was Barr'd also.

HEART THROBS.

In my dreams again I know St. Johns and all those cheery souls:

Who jested as the wine did flow, And pranced around like 'two year olds'.

- who in those happy And Rhours

Before the break of dawn Made merry with the blushing 'flowers

And laughed the world to scorn.

Dear old T- the cheery chap We saw so gaily saunter by Returning with a strained back We did not 'wonder why'.

And G—— the little man of fame With the curly head of hair He was not found to be so tame When he danced with the Y. C. 'fair'.

And Pom-Pom, you who shared our joys

In fair weather and in foul A boy yourself you stuck to the boys

And ne'er let out a growl.

And all those others in the set Who know life and its worth; There is that which none of us forget

That brighten this old earth.

So here's so that again we meet, If not our parting was well made; And forever we will greet Past memories, that ne'er can fade. "En Avant".

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