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### ERRONEOUS ADDRESSES CAUSE DELAY.

HERE, as in Canada, one hears many complaints as regards the delay in mail delivery, yet many of these delays are due to the inaccuracy in addresses which cause the postal clerks endless work as well as delaying the delivery of letters and packages. Some delay in the handling of mail from across the seas is naturally to be expected, yet if you will advise your friends to use greater care in writing the addresses it will be found that the delays will be reduced to a minimum.

When next you write your correspondents ask them to use greater caution with their letters. Have them write your number and name across the centre of the envelope; on the next line give the name of the unit to which you are attached and in the lower right hand corner give the postal address of the camp where you are stationed; *then in the lower left hand corner give the number of the company to which you belong.* The latter detail will often mean the saving of a day or two receipt of mail.

In writing to friends in neutral countries, great care should be exercised in the giving of addresses. Any information which will lead to the location of a training camp or the quarters of a unit of the army will be held up and returned by the censor. If possible, it is better to have your mail from these neutral countries sent to some friend in a city and forwarded from there. If

such is impossible have your correspondent write your name and number across the centre of the envelope, then the name of the unit to which you are attached and send the letter to the Army Post Office, at London. It will be forwarded from there with but a short delay. The observance of these rules will save much time and trouble.

With the Christmas season coming on, every precaution should be used which will eliminate unnecessary trouble in the postal service, and every rule, carefully observed, will be an added means of helping to get the Christmas boxes through in time for enjoyment during the holidays.

### SMILE, DARN YOU, SMILE.

WHEN your legs are getting weary and your muscles all are sore, and you swear you'd give a dollar for an hour's peaceful snore; when the rifle chills your fingers when you stop a little while, and your teeth begin to chatter, smile, darn you, smile.

When they rouse you in the morning before the break of day, and send you with a party where the work is far from play; when the sergeant takes a shovel and with a look of guile, tells you to get busy, smile, darn you, smile.

When you've been on a vacation and overstayed your leave, and a big, red-faced policeman takes you by the sleeve; then you know you're up against it and you'll have to stand

your trial—then's the time to grin and bear it, and smile, darn you, smile.

When they take your comrades from you and send them cross to fight, and you must stand in silence as they pass from out your sight; when the band starts playing in a forceful, stirring style, and though your heart is yearning, you must smile, darn you, smile.

So you always should be cheerful, no matter what may come, try not to drown the sorrow in flowing gin and rum. So when you get down-hearted just get out and walk a mile; come back on the double, and smile, darn you, smile.

### THE ORDERLY SERGEANT.

YEA, verily, the lot of the Orderly Sergeant is a hard one. He riseth at an ungodly hour in the morning and chaseth himself over the lines. He routeth the men from peaceful slumbers and receiveth many hearty cussings therefor. He maketh out his parade states and findeth that one hundred men cannot be accounted for. He waxeth indignant and useth much strong language.

He becometh imbued with the desire to shave and getteth his face covered with lather, when the bugle bloweth. He goeth to answer the call on the double and getteth bawled out for being late. He standeth at attention and heareth the R.S.M. give an order for 200 men on a fatigue party. He sayeth nothing