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important (in his own estimation) than the O.C. on Monday morning. Swells up all over for about a week after getting his stripe, and during that period tries to inspire the Sapper with a fitting spirit of veneration. On occasions he is permitted to display his Military genius by calling the roll on Parade or by officially conducting common sappers to the Q.M. Stores. Has also been referred to as the "missing link" connecting Sappers, Drivers and such like, with the human race.

"Corporal"

Wears two stripes. The profound fund of varied knowledge of a properly trained Corporal should easily enable him to push most of his work on the newest lance-jack.

"Sergeant"

Is paid for what he knows (?) rather than for what he does. In

any case he never does anything he can get out of. His chief object in life seems to be to get to the gate at the earliest possible moment A.D., and to travel due North and a little West. Sergeants are given separate quarters apparently with the sole idea of preventing junior N.C.O.'s from acquiring all the old soldier tricks before they get their third stripe.

"Quartermaster Sergeant"

Three Stripes and a Crown. Easily identified by his Sleek well-fed appearance. Lives well and juggles with the Depot's rations. It is said that many years ago, the depot voted one day's pay for a monument to be erected to the first Q.M.S. killed in action. The Paymaster still has the money.

"Company Sergeant-Major"

Three stripes, crown, and a red nose. You can nearly always identify this species even without studying their official insignia. They are usually to be found occupying a strategic position not far from the warm side of the stove in the Company Orderly Room. The red nose so often regretfully noted, is said to be due to incessant worry over the welfare of the Sappers for whom they are responsible. Gawd! What a war!

"Regimental Sergeant-Major"

Also known as the "The Terror of the Depot". When he opens his mouth something is likely to happen, and the wise ones execute his orders at the double. Can say "Shun, Left Turn, Quick March, Halt, Right Turn," in a manner that leaves a lingering memory behind even in the heart of the most hardened Orderly Room Fan.

"Lieutenant"

A well intentioned but much misunderstood individual who wears two stars, a ring and a Sam Browne Belt. As a matter of fact it is an open secret that he does most of the real work about the Depot. As a result of this, and also owing to the fact that his keen military genius, not infrequently evolves new and original section and Company Manoeuvres, he is abused by all ranks above and below. His work is his real reward and he derives a simple child-like joy in drawing his pay, chiefly for the benefit of others.

"Captain"

Wears three stars and two rings. Usually commands a Company

(when he can get one) but sees that subalterns do all the work. On the march he rides a horse and, all in all, is a most inscrutable personage. He does not carry a pack, but his principal function is to see that every one else does so.

"The Medical Officer"

Ranks as Captain and is a necessary adjunct in diagnosing the many strange and baffling troubles peculiar to Sappers. Real Specialists in this work are wont to acquire certain mannerisms which would not ordinarily greatly advance their chances in a popularity contest. All the same, we would have a hard time without them.

"Lieut.-Colonel"

Crown, stars and three rings. Is the whole cheese around the Depot. Hands out C.B., 28 days, and other salutary discipline without batting an eye. Is popularly supposed to be endowed with supernatural powers. It is this which causes Sappers' knees to knock together when he speaks to them.

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A MAJOR'S QUALIFICATIONS

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A major's job is sometimes regarded as a sinecure, and a humorous exchange hits off the idea by this story of an ambitious colored trooper: "I figgahs I'se going' to get a majah's commission soon," said he, "'cause I overheard de kunnel talkin' to de adjutant about somebody and sayin': 'He won't do foh a lieutenant, 'cause a lieutenant doan know nothin' and does everythin'; he won't do foh a captain, 'cause a captain knows everythin' and doan do nothin'; but he suttinly would make a majah, 'cause a majah doan do nothin' and doan know nothin'."

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